

**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
July 20, 2016
10:00 AM
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Red River Waterway Commission was called to order by Chair Designee, Murphy J. LeDoux, Jr., in the Board Room of the Red River Waterway Commission Office located at 5941 Highway 1 By-Pass in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

2. ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, AND CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roll was called and a quorum was present. Others in attendance were asked to identify themselves and offer any comments they may have regarding the agenda. However, no comments were offered.

Present: Chair Designee, Murphy J. LeDoux, Jr., Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens

RRWC Staff Members Present: Mr. Ken Guidry - Executive Director, Mr. Mike Boydston - Operations & Maintenance Director, Ms. Cathy Rushing - Executive Assistant, Mr. Colin Brown - Assistant Executive Director, Mr. Ryan Ingles - Staff Engineer, Mr. Eric Gilmore - Marketing Director, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

Others Present: Kathy French, Rich Brontoli, Robin Cosenza, Marvin Collins, Katy Breaux, Cherrie Collins-Burke, Ray Cheramie

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, and unanimously approved, the agenda was revised and approved to add the following items:

- ▶ Item No. 6 under the Contracts Committee Report
Consideration of Dredging Contract
- ▶ Item No. 2 under the Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action Committee Report
Consideration of Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the LCA for Mitigation

Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the minutes of the June 15, 2016, meeting were unanimously approved.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, & Fund Balance Report for the month of June, 2016 were unanimously approved.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Consideration of Approval of Change Order No. 5/Ft. Buhlow & Boyce Asphalt Rehab/Final Quantities - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 5 for the Ft. Buhlow & Boyce Asphalt Rehab project/final quantities for an increase of \$1,564.82 and an additional 138 days of contract time for delays due to inclement weather.

Consideration of Bids/Teague Trails Extension South Project - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and unanimously approved, the Commission awarded the contract for the Teague Trails Extension South project to Integrity, Inc., at a bid amount of \$1,100,127.95.

Consideration of Change Order No. 11/Shreveport Riverview Phase II - By motion Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 11 of the Shreveport Riverview Phase II project with associated budget amendments for the following:

- ▶ Additional \$25,688.00 for silt removal due to high river stages
- ▶ Additional \$1,589.21 to compensate the contractor for owner furnished/contractor installed items as required by the contract.

Consideration of Award of Professional Services Contract - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission approved award of a professional services contract to the law firm of Pettiette, Armand, Dunkelman, Woodley, Byrd & Cromwell, L.L.P., as general counsel for the northern portion of the Red River Waterway District at rates as specified in the contract. Commissioner W. David Jones abstained from voting on this matter.

Consideration of Change Order No. 10/Grand Ecore RV Park - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 10 of the Grand Ecore RV Park for a time extension of 8 days and a net reduction of \$217.55 for the following items:

- ▶ Addition of welded wire reinforcement in the utility pads.
- ▶ Upgrades to fiberglass door frames in the wash house.
- ▶ Addition of a stand-alone dryer with associated electrical in the wash house laundry room.
- ▶ Elimination of the dumpster pad at the rear of the site.
- ▶ Incorporate changes in the water main alignment to reduce costs.
- ▶ Modifications to the striping at the control station entrance.

Consideration of Dredging Contract - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, and unanimously approved, staff was authorized to enter into an as-needed dredging contract with Crosby Dredging, L.L.C., on a stand-by basis, and instructed staff to closely monitor the river for dredging

needs, paying particular attention to the Westdale site.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Consideration of Proposals to Cut Timber/Ft. Buhlow Recreation Area - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved acceptance of a proposal and award of a contract to TLC Forest Management to cut and remove timber from the Ft. Buhlow Recreation Area.

Consideration of Approval of Amendment No.3 to the LCA for Mitigation - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved Amendment No. 3 to the LCA for Mitigation to allow for the acquisition of additional acreage in Avoyelles Parish.

c) Recreation

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 119,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of June, 2016. Mr. Boydston also gave a brief update of operation and maintenance activities at the various sites.

d) Ports - No report

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Eric Gilmore gave a brief update of current port activities and river events.

f) Personnel - No report

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget

Adoption of 2016 Tax Millage Rate - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved a resolution adopting the 2016 Millage Rates to remain the same as 2015, which is 2.34 mills with 1.52 mills for Capital Outlay and 0.82 mills for operation and maintenance. (SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION)

h) Legislative - No report

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Consideration of Approval of Out-of-State Travel/Deep South Turf Expo - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved registration and the reimbursement of travel expenses for Louis DeWitt Daigre and Lauren "Allie" Cozad to attend the Deep South Turf Expo in Biloxi, Mississippi, October 11 - 13, 2016.

Consideration of Change for September 2016 Meeting Date - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved a change in the meeting date for the September Commissioner Meeting to September 28, 2016 with committee meetings on September 27, 2016, as may be required, in order to avoid a conflict with the National Waterways Conference schedule for the RRWC normal monthly meeting date of September 21, 2016.

8. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown also gave a brief status update of active projects.

9. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - No report.

10. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT - Ms. Katy Breaux reported on the following:

- ▶ COE has scheduled its low water inspection trip for the second week in August, 2016.
- ▶ Ms. Breaux thanked the Commission for approving Amendment No. 3 of the LCA for Mitigation. The COE has identified a tract of land in Avoyelles Parish and anticipates acquiring that property in the near future.
- ▶ The COE, Vicksburg District, has received some reimbursement funds for recreation cost-share and will be completing that paper work within the next month for Grand Ecore Phase II and the handicap boat ramp.

11. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION - Mr. Rich Brontoli thanked the Commission for assisting with dredging needs which fall under the responsibility of the USACOE but are delayed due to budget constraints. He also reported on the following issues:


- ▶ Update on river conditions and expectations.
- ▶ Upcoming scheduled meetings with Congressional members.
- ▶ An after action meeting scheduled for July 21, 2016 at 10:00 am in the RRWC Headquarters.
- ▶ Work will begin on a 12 foot channel study for the J. Bennet Johnston Waterway.
- ▶ Will be working to schedule the Red River Compact Conference to be held in the Shreveport/Bossier area for April, 2017.


12. OTHER BUSINESS - None

13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - Ms. Kathy French of the Caddo-Bossier Port took this opportunity to thank the Commission for its continued support and for assisting the COE with dredging operations during the current budget restraints. She also noted that the Port had processed 16 barges through the Port during the month of June, 2016. In addition, Ms. French noted that Dr. Loren Scott will be meeting with the CBPC at 9:00 am on September 30, 2016. Those interested are invited to attend.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct at this time, by motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.


MICHAEL SIMPSON
ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER


MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
CHAIR DESIGNEE