

**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2016
10:00 AM
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
NATCHITOCHE, 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 Doug Brown, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: 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. Luke Pearson - Real Estate Manager, Mr. Ryan Ingles - Staff Engineer, Mr. Eric Gilmore - Marketing Director, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

Others Present: Jessica Broadway, Robin Cosenza, Arlena Acree, Neil Martin, Johnny Martin

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the agenda was revised and unanimously approved. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the minutes of the July 20, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Consideration of Approval of Amendment No. 1/Contract RRW-648/EDKO, LLC - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved Amendment No. 1 of Contract RRW-648 with EDKO, LLC, adjusting the contract to reflect the requirement by the contractor of a minimum payment of 15 acres per spraying event at a cost of \$80 per acre, due to the mobilization costs involved when spraying smaller sections for Giant Salvinia.

Consideration of Approval of Amendment No. 1/Contract RRW-709/Blount Brothers Construction - - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved Amendment No. 1 to Dredging Contract RRW-709 with Blount Brothers Construction to add language so as conform to all applicable Federal Aviation Administration guidelines and to change the name of the contract to Helieye, LLC.

Consideration of Approval of Dredging Contract/Crosby Dredging, LLC - By Motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the execution of a dredging contract with Crosby Dredging, LLC

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Consideration of Request for Leaseback Renewal/Lock & Dam 2/Tracts 4 & 9 - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the renewal of a leaseback of 32.5 acres at Lock & Dam 2, Tracts 4 & 9 to Barry Ryland for \$21.00 per acre for a total of \$3,412.50 for a five year term.

Consideration of Request for Boundary Agreement/Lock & Dam 1/Tract 9 - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved a Boundary Agreement on lease property at Lock & Dam No. 1, Tract 9, based on a current survey which agrees with the original survey performed at the time the Commission acquired the property.

c) Recreation

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 188,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of July, 2016. He also noted that dredging operations are still currently underway, clearing silt as a result of spring flooding. All boat ramps except for the ramp at the Alexandria Levee Park in Alexandria, Louisiana, are open.

d) Ports

Commissioner Jones took this opportunity to note that Mr. Blake Copper had appeared before the Port Committee this morning and presented an update regarding port activities at the Central Louisiana Regional Port located in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Consideration of Amendment No 1-Natchitoches Parish Port Request/2015 Flood Damage - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, and unanimously approved, the Commission instructed the staff to prepare Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Natchitoches Parish Port for funding assistance relative to 2015 flood damages to the Ports docking facility,

raising the funding amount from \$120,600 to \$500,000. Staff was instructed to bring the amendment back for approval at the September, 2016, meeting.

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

NLEP Update - Due to a conflict in schedule, this update was postponed until a later date.

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Eric Gilmore reported that the U. S. Powerboat Nationals Grand Prix of Louisiana and the Louisiana Hydroflight Invitational is scheduled for Labor Day weekend, September 3-5, 2016 in the Shreveport-Bossier City area. He also noted that he would be attending the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Conference scheduled for August 22-26, 2016 in Point Clear, Alabama.

f) **Personnel** - No report

g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget** - No report

h) **Legislative** - No report

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Ken Guidry reminded the Commissioners of the National Waterways Conference scheduled for September 21-23, 2016 in Norfolk, Virginia, and urged any Commissioner planning to attend this event to contact the Commission office for registration and accommodations arrangements.
8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown gave a brief update as to the status of active projects.
9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - No report
10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - No report
11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - No report
12. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None
13. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None
14. **ADJOURNMENT**

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



JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER



MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
CHAIR DESIGNEE