

MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 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 Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

**Absent:** Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes,

**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. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

**Others Present:** Rich Brontoli, Jessica Broadway, Robin Cosenza, Katy Breaus, Barry Moore, Robert Breedlove, Kelly Wells.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, and unanimously approved, the agenda was revised. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered. By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the revised agenda was 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 Crutchfield, the minutes of the August 17, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

**Consideration of Approval of Coushatta Parking Lot Lighting Rehab Project Proposals** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved award of a contract to Stuart Electrical in the amount of \$26,477.03 for the rehabilitation of the lighting at the Coushatta Recreation Area parking lot, and amended the budget accordingly.

**Consideration of Approval of Name Change for Cobra Oilfield Services/Contract No. RRW-705** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved a name change on Contract No. RRW-705 from Cobra Oilfield Services, LLC, to Byrd Ventures with no further changes in the contract.

**Consideration of Dredging Budget** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved an increase of an additional \$500,000 for oxbow dredging from \$1.5 million to \$2 million, as well as, an increase to \$3.5 million for river channel dredging in light of the absence of USACE dredging activities due to current federal budget restraints.

**Discussion of Cost Alternatives/Teague-Stoner Docks Rehab Project** - There was no action taken on this matter at this time pending the receipt of additional information from the engineer and staff.

**Consideration of 2017 Contracts List** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the 2017 proposed contracts list as per Committee revisions.

**Consideration of award of Contract with Crosby Dredging to Include Use of Amphibex Equipment.** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved award of a contract with Crosby Dredging to include the use of Amphibex dredging equipment.

b) **Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action**

**Consideration of Approval of Lease/CEA Renewal/Red River Parish Sheriff/L&D# 4, Tract 1** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved the renewal of the lease agreement with the Red River Parish Sheriff for L&D No. 4, Tract 1.

**Declaration of Surplus Spoil Material and Authority for Disposal** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the declaration of surplus of spoil material located at the Alexandria Levee Park and instructed staff to dispose of the material in accordance with legal and RRWC policy guidelines.

c) **Recreation**

**Consideration of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Grant Parish Sheriff's Office** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Grant Parish Sheriff's office for funding assistance up to \$125,000 for the construction of an emergency equipment storage facility to be located at the Colfax Recreation Area.

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 134,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of August, 2016. He also gave a brief update on recreational activities taking place at various times and locations on the river.

**d) Ports**

**Consideration of Amendment No. 1/Natchitoches Parish Port/2015 Flood Damage** - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Maxey, the Commission unanimously approved Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Natchitoches Parish Port Commission to fund up to \$500,000 in costs for repairs relative to 2015 flood damages.

Commissioner Jones also reported that the Committee had taken under advisement, requests presented by Cool Planet relative to their Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and Guaranty to the RRWC, pending advice from legal counsel.

**e) Public Awareness & Marketing**

**Marketing Update** - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Commissioner Fletcher also commented on a presentation by Jon Whitehead from the Planet Aqua Group regarding their request for sponsorship. This matter was taken under advisement pending the receipt of additional information and advice from legal counsel.

**f) Personnel** - No report

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

**h) Legislative** - No report

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Guidry noted the December 21, 2016, monthly meeting and asked that the Commissioners look over their calendars for the month of December and consider changing the RRWC meeting date due to its close proximity to the Christmas holidays. No action was taken at this time.
8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown also gave a brief update of the status of active projects.
9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - No report
10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - Ms. Katy Breaux gave a brief update on COE activities and funding issues.
11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - Mr. Rich Brontoli gave a brief update on Congressional activities relative to appropriations and funding issues relative the Red River and COE funding.
12. **OTHER BUSINESS**  
**Kelly Wells Presentation** -
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 Crutchfield, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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JAMES F. MAXEY  
SECRETARY/TREASURER

  
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MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.  
CHAIR DESIGNEE