

**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 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 David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge

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, Neil Martin, Rich Brontoli, Tommy Clark

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and unanimously approved, the agenda was revised to add item No. 4 under Contracts Committee Report. By Motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, and unanimously approved, the agenda was further revised to delete items No. 1 and 3 under the Ports Committee report. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered. By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the revised agenda was unanimously approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the minutes of the September 28, 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 September, 2016 were unanimously approved.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Consideration of KCS Land Lease Agreement/St. Maurice Asphalt Rehab - By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved the lease agreement with KCS for the purpose of the St. Maurice Recreation Area Access Road Asphalt Rehabilitation project with cancellation of the agreement immediately following the completion of that project.

Consideration of Change Order No. 11/Grand Ecore RV Park/Excess Adverse Weather Days - By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 11 of the Grand Ecore RV Park project for an additional 31 days due to adverse weather.

Consideration of Change Order No. 1/Teague Trails Extension South - By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 of the Teague Trails Extension South project for an increase of \$12,592.00 in the contract amount for retaining wall modifications and an additional 6 days due to adverse weather.

Consideration of Cost Alternatives/Stoner-Teague Dock Rehab - By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved Option No. 2 for the Teague Dock replacement project at an estimated cost of \$1,260,000 and Option No. 2 for the Stoner Avenue Dock Replacement project at an estimated cost of \$1,700,000 for a total of \$2,960,000 for both projects.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Consideration of Proposals for Access Servitude Maintenance/Westdale Realignment, Tract 2/Access Rd. "A" - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved accepting the proposal from Byrd Ventures, LLC, at a cost of \$7,912.33 for the Westdale Realignment, Tract 2, Access Road "A" rehabilitation project.

Consideration of Cancellation of Land Lease Agreement & Authority to Readvertise/Pool 3, Tract 70 - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved cancellation of the land lease agreement of Pool 3, Tract 70, with Stephen Cameron due to non payment and non-responsiveness and authorized staff to re-advertise for lease of the property with a minimum bid requirement of \$30 per acre.

Consideration of Leaseback Renewal Request/Lock & Dam 5, Tract 4 - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved the renewal of the leaseback agreement of 10.4 acres at Lock & Dam No. 5, Tract 4, to Mr. Jimmy Ray Martin, Jr., at \$18.00 per acre for a total of \$936.00 for a five year term.

c) Recreation

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting

packet, noting that there had been 118,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of September, 2016. Mr. Boydston also gave a brief update on dredging activities on the river.

d) Ports

Consideration of Revised Guaranty Agreement/Cool Planet - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved the revised Guaranty Agreement with Cool Planet.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Eric Gilmore also gave a brief overview of up-coming events.

f) Personnel - No report

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget - No report

h) Legislative - No report

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Ken Guidry noted that the staff has been working on 2017 Budget proposals and requested a Revenue, Banking & Budget Committee meeting for Tuesday, November 15, 2016, commencing at 6:00 pm to discuss this matter. He also took this opportunity to note that the Caddo-Bossier Port Customer Appreciation Event is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2016. Since this date conflicts with the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association (MVFCA) Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, which many of the Commissioners attend annually, Mr. Eric Gilmore, Marketing Director, will be cutting short his attendance to the MVFCA conference in order to attend the event at the Caddo-Bossier Port. Commissioner Randell Fletcher stated that he would not be attending the MVFCA conference and, therefore, would also attend the port function.
8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown gave a brief update on the status of active projects.
9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - No report
10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - No report
11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - Mr Rich Brontoli gave a brief update on Appropriations activities in D.C.
12. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None
13. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - Mr. Tommy Clark took this opportunity to thank the Commission for the invitation to attend this meeting. He also commented on the activities of the Office of Multi-modal Commerce and the governor's consideration of raising the fuel tax in Louisiana in an effort to raise additional revenue. However, he encouraged the Commissioners to contact him should they have any alternative, multi-modal related options or ideas for consideration in increasing revenue for the state.
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.


JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER


MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
CHAIR DESIGNEE