

MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
April 19, 2017  
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 Doug Brown, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Charles R. Greer, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

**Absent:** Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II,

**RRWC Staff Members Present:** Mr. Colin Brown - Executive Director, Mr. Mike Boydston - Operations & Maintenance Director, Ms. Stephanie Bonnette - Executive Assistant, Mr. Luke Pearson - Real Estate Manager, Mr. Ryan Ingles - Engineering Supervisor, Mr. Eric Gilmore - Marketing Director, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

**Others Present:** Robin Cosenza of RGC Consulting

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Greer, a revised agenda including the addition in Contract Committee's reports the consideration of contract status/Shreveport Riverview Phase II/RRWC Project 13-03/RRW-633 and in the Recreation Committee's reports the consideration of the alligator harvest program, and the agenda was unanimously approved. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the minutes of the March 15, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, & Fund Balance Report for the month of March 2017 were unanimously approved.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

**Consideration of Approval of Waste Disposal Contract** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously approved the waste disposal contract with Progressive Waste.

**Consideration of Contract Status/Shreveport Riverview Phase II/RRWC Project 13-03/RRW-633** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved placing the Carter CONSTRUCTION on notice that they are to provide, by the Commission's May 17, 2017 meeting, evidence of release of all liens filed against them, or the Commission will move to file a concursus suit.

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

**Consideration of Leaseback Renewal Request, Pool 3, Tract 80 & 81/14 Acres** - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved a 5-year leaseback agreement with Darla Dunn at the appraised rate of \$18.00/acre, for a total of \$1,260.00 for the 5-year term.

**Consideration of Award of Public Bid Lease Extension/Wilson Point Realignment/Parts of Tracts 10-15/69.7 Acres** - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved a 5-year lease extension with Mr. Jeffrey LaCombe, June 1, 2017 - May 31, 2022, at the specified 10% increase, to \$42.63/acre, for a total of \$14,854.84 for the 5-year lease term.

**Consideration of Award of Public Bid Lease/Pool 3 Tract 82/2.4 Acres** - No bids received. No action taken.

**Consideration of Authority to Obtain Permits and Install Culverts/Lock and Dam 3/Tracts 2 & 3** - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved the obtaining of permits and submission of cost estimates for consideration.

c) **Recreation**

**Consideration of Alligator Harvest Program** - By motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously agreed to there being no participation in this program by the Commission.

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 123,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of March 2017

d) **Ports - None**

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

**Consideration of Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission** - By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved the CEA to fund \$80,000.00 for the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission for the 2017 events on the Red River.

**Marketing Update** - Mr. Eric Gilmore highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting among other items information from the Critical Commodities Conference, the development of websites, as well as a RRWC recreation brochure.

f) **Personnel** - None

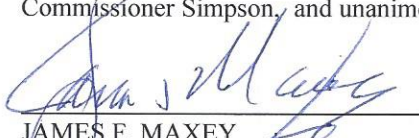
g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget**


**Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendment** - By motion of Commissioner Maxey, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the following in regards to overpayment issues: Amending the 2016 budget retroactively to pay Michael Gates \$10.00/hr; reimbursing Mr. Gates \$257.23 that was previously withheld; amending the 2017 budget to pay Mr. Gates \$10.20/hr; paying Mr. Gates a lump sum for the difference from \$10.20/hr to \$9.72/hr which was his previous pay rate for 2017.

h) **Legislative** - Brief discussion of House Bill No. 602 by Representative Glover. Currently awaiting updates.

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Provided brief update on House Bill No. 602 by Representative Glover, the 12' Channel Project, FEMA Project Worksheets.
8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Discussion of Teague Trails corrective work, Grand Ecore progress, and St. Maurice project.
9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - None
10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - None
11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - Presentation of information concerning the 12' Channel Project.
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 Greer, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, 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