

**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
May 17, 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 James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes.

Absent: Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

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: Mr. Rich Brontoli of the Red River Valley Association, Ms. Jessica Broadway of Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham, and Ms. Robin Cosenza of RGC Consulting.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the agenda was unanimously approved. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Consideration of Authority to Advertise/Stoner and Teague Dock Project/RRWC Project No. 15-06 - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously granted authority to advertise once the engineering firm designs the project within the original budgeted amount of 2,960,000.00.

Authority to Initiate Legal Proceedings/Shreveport Riverview Phase II/RRWC Project No. 13-03/ Contract No. RRW-663 - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved initiating legal proceedings (concurus suit) against Carter Construction.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Consideration of Renewal of Leaseback Agreement/Carroll Realignment/Tract 4/336 Acres - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved the five-year leaseback renewal on Carroll Realignment to Elmwood Land Company at the rate of \$9.00 per acre, 336 acres, equating to \$15,120.00 for the five-year term.

c) Recreation

Consideration of Banning Certain Individuals from Red River Waterway Commission RV Facilities - By motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved a two-year ban of Mr. Ronald Smith and Ms. Glenda Lightsey from Red River Waterway Commission RV facilities and, furthermore, the payment of all fees due in arrears following the two-year period for re-admittance.

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 149,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of April 2017.

d) Ports - None

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

Consideration of Funding Request/Red River Cleanup - By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Sayes, the Commission unanimously approved \$5,000.00 funding of the Red River Cleanup program for 2017 as well as providing amenities including backpack bags and trash bags. Commission will revisit the funding amount for 2018 budget.

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Eric Gilmore touched on the topics of river tonnage, Red River Waterway Commission web page, and Vulcraft industries first barge to Caddo-Bossier.

f) Personnel - None

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget

Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendment - By motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved a budget amendment for Park Attendant-Colfax-Part Time hourly rate from \$9.72 to \$10.00 for the recent hire of Mr. Mike Poisso.

Adopt 2017 Tax Millage Rate - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously adopted, by roll call vote, the 2017 Tax Millage Rates of 1.52 mills for Capital Outlay and 0.82 mills for Operation and Maintenance for a total millage rate of 2.34 mills.

- h) **Legislative - None**
7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - The Executive Director, Mr. Colin Brown, commented on the following:
- Commissioner's financial disclosures were due May 15, 2017.
 - The air conditioning unit at the RRWC Colfax park needs replacement.
 - House Bill 602 was recently deferred.
 - The Mississippi River Commission inspection trip will be on the Red River, August 13-17, 2017.
8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Topics included, but not limited to, Shreveport Riverview Phase II concursus action, Teague trails project completion, Grand Ecore substantial completion should occur end of May, first of June, and St. Maurice bid opening June 8, 2017.
9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - None
10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - None
11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - Mr. Brontoli presented information regarding pool stage, 12' channel dredging fund, and Mississippi River Commission trip meeting in August.
12. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None
13. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None
15. **ADJOURNMENT**

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



JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER



MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
CHAIR DESIGNEE