

**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
October 18, 2017
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

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 Roy A. Burrell, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Charles R. Greer, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner David Jones and Commissioner Alvin Owens

RRWC Staff Members Present: Mr. Colin Brown - Executive Director, Ms. Stephanie Bonnette - Executive Assistant, Mr. Luke Pearson - Real Estate Manager, Mr. Ryan Ingles - Engineering Supervisor, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PURSUANT TO LRS 42:14

Others Present: Blake Cooper of the Central Louisiana Regional Port, Jessica Broadway of Johnson, Thomas and Cunningham, Robin Cosenza of RGC Consulting, LLC and Katy Breaux with USACE – Vicksburg District.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the revised agenda was unanimously approved, amending the agenda to include the following under Ports: Consideration of Resolution of Support for Amendment Number 1 to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement / Central Louisiana Regional Port / EDA Grant. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved with the condition of the insertion of the complete verbiage of the announcement regarding surplus property declaration, part of pool 5, tract 29.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) **Contracts** – None. Discussion only of Teague Parkway trail repairs and/or fencing.

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

Public Hearing/Consideration of Award of Land Lease/Part of Pool 4 Tract 7/1 Acre – By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously awarded 5-year land lease to Mr. Tracy Lucky and Mr. Ernie Florane for \$6,000.00 for the 5-year term. Note: A public hearing was held in committee with no comments received.

Consideration of Award of Land Lease/Pool 3 Tract 76 Segment a/34.5 Acres – By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously awarded 5-year bid lease to the high bidder, Mr. Marcus Ward, for \$2,587.50 for the 5-year term from November 1, 2017 – October 31, 2022.

Consideration of Approval of Land Sale/Pool 5 Tract 29/8.9Acres – By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the Commission unanimously approved the Act of Sale and Servitude to MidSouth Bank, NA or its Assigns part of pool 5, tract 29, consisting of 8.9 acres in the amount of \$6,500.00. The Commission retained a perpetual servitude for inundation. The acting Chair, Mr. Murphy LeDoux, read the resolution aloud as follows:

RESOLUTION

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Red River Waterway District sell to MidSouth Bank, or its Assigns, the approximate 8.9 acres of Pool 5 Tract 29, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. The sale shall be made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Act of Sale and Servitude between the Red river Waterway Commission and MidSouth Bank or its Assigns. The purchase price is to be \$6,500.00 as determined by an appraisal of the property performed by David Volentine, MAI.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Act of Sale and Servitude between the Red River Waterway District and MidSouth Bank or its Assigns has been on file at Red River Waterway Commission office for public inspection. The Act of Sale and Servitude includes the property description and a map of the property.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the sale is being accomplished in accordance with the procedure set forth in Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4717.2. The Red River Waterway Commission is selling the property for the continued use of the property as a marina for economic development and commercial purposes. The presence of a marina on the Red River is considered essential for recreational fishing, bass tournaments, fuel, and lodging and other related commerce and industry.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Colin S. Brown, the Executive Director of the Red River Waterway Commission is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the sale authorized herein.”

Consideration of Request for Leaseback/Pool 3 Tract 70/24.6 Acres – By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved the 5-year leaseback agreement on Pool 3 Tract 70, containing 24.6 acres, to Kenneth Wisenbaker, etal for \$2,460.00 for the 5-year term.

Consideration of Request for Temporary Water Line ROW/ Lock & Dam 5 Tracts 2 & 3 – By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously approved temporary usage of Commission land by BHP Billiton for a fee of \$10,000.00 for a water line right of way with an eighteen month land usage agreement narrowed to three months for completion once work begins.

Consideration of Authority to File Amicus Brief with the State Of Louisiana/Third Circuit Court of Appeal – By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously approved Attorney Mark Begnaud of McCoy, Roberts & Begnaud to file an Amicus Brief on behalf of the Red River Waterway Commission with the Third Circuits court of Appeal for the State of Louisiana in the case of Steve Crooks, et ux versus the State of Louisiana, Department of Natural Resources.

c) Recreation

Recreation Area Status Report – Commissioner Greer presented highlights from 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 September 2017. Discussion took place regarding the proposed 2018 Recreation Construction Projects/Boyce and Brouillette.

d) Ports

Consideration of Resolution of Support for Amendment No.1 to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Central Louisiana Regional Port/EDA Grant– By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the Commission unanimously approved the resolution of support for the amendment to the agreement in the amount of \$138,000.00. Red River Waterway Commission staff to return with CEA amendment documents.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Additionally, the following was noted:

- Alexandria Terminal Company, LLC Grand Opening October 24, 2017
- Military rotation to take place at the Alexandria Terminal Company January 2018. An invitation to the RRWC will be forthcoming
- Avoyelles Water Tower dedication

f) Personnel - None

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget - None

h) Legislative - None

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) Consideration of Approval of Resolution of Appreciation/Doug Brown. By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved the appreciation resolution.

- Temporary use agreement between RRWC and Ms. Cozad has terminated
- RRWC to meet with Wildlife and Fisheries regarding Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries use of Commission property at Lock and Dam 3
- Wildlife and Fisheries – This, the last year of the 5-year Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Bass Stocking. October 19, 2017 8,000 fish released into Ben Routh area and 4,000 into Fort Buhlow area.

9. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets.

10. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - None

11. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT

- Fiscal year 2017 closed out
- 2016 mitigation land purchases nearly complete
- Sedimentation survey – scheduled collection
- Fiscal Year 2019 – East Point / Loggy Bayou
- Truckable dredge to Lock 5 on October 19, 2017

12. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION

- Dredges on Red River at Locks 1 and 5
- Brontoli attending Arkansas meeting/Extension Navigation

13. OTHER BUSINESS - None

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

15. 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.


JAMES P. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER


MURPHY J. LEDOUX, JR.
CHAIR DESIGNEE