

MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
September 20, 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, 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. Blake Cooper of the Central Louisiana Regional Port informed the Commission of the Port's open house on October 24, 2017.

Present: Chair Designee, Murphy J. LeDoux, Jr., Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Charles R. Greer, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner James F. Maxey

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: Jessica Broadway of Johnson, Thomas and Cunningham, Blake Cooper of the Central Louisiana Regional Port, and Robin Cosenza of RGC Consulting, LLC.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved amending the agenda, adding three additional items (Consideration of authority to request proposals for Teague Trails safety fence, Consideration of authority to request proposals for the Alexandria Levee dock repair and consideration of resolution of appreciation of Robert Breedlove, Jr.). By motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Greer, 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 23, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

Consideration of Office Air Condition Replacement Proposals - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the proposal from Axsom Air in the amount of \$11,695.00 for the replacement of a 7.5 ton air conditioner at the Commission office.

Consideration of Change Order No.14/Grand Ecore Recreation Area Phase II - RV Park/RRWC Project No. 03-07/Contract No. RRW-620 - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously approved the decrease in contract cost and a contract extension of 23 days due to excess adverse weather. The change order established the final contract price of \$4,255,299.99.

Consideration of Authority to Advertise for Construction Bids and Request to Increase the Available Funds for Construction and Budget/RRWC Project No. 16-01/Contract No. RRW-694/St. Maurice Asphalt Rehabilitation - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously agreed to advertising construction bids and increasing the budget and available funds for construction by \$20,000.00.

Consideration of Authority to Add Safety Fencing Along the Teague Parkway - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved seeking proposals for the installation of 400 feet of safety (coated chainlink) fencing along Teague Parkway.

Consideration of Authority to Advertise Construction Bids for Alexandria Levee/Park Dock - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously granted authority to request proposals to repair the boat dock

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

Consideration of Cancellation of Leaseback Agreement/Pool 3, Tract 58 - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Greer, objected to by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission granted the cancellation of leaseback agreement with Mr. Bryan Shelton of PBS Farms on Pool 3, Tract 58, 12 acres.

Consideration of Approval of Request for Leaseback Agreement/Pool 3, Tract 58, 12 Acres - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved the 5-year leaseback agreement on Pool 3, Tract 58 containing 12 acres, to RSL Properties of Bermuda, LLC for \$600.00 for the 5-year term.

Consideration of Request to Cancel Land Lease, Kateland Realignment, Tracts 1, 3, 5 and 7 - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Jones, objected to by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission agreed to cancel the land lease agreement with Mr. Mark Miller on Kateland Realignment, Tracts 1, 3, 5 and 7, as well as, waiving the associated contractual penalty.

Consideration of Surplus Property Declaration, Part of Pool 5, Tract 29 - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously agreed to declare the portion of Pool 5, Tract 29 as surplus (based on two statutes: 33:4717.2 Transfer of property by political subdivision for industrial inducement purposes and statute 41:1338 Transfer of property acquired by the state or political subdivision; exemptions) with intent to sell to MidSouth Bank, its heirs, successors and assigns for the appraised value of the tract. The purchaser is to pay for the appraisal. The acting chair, Mr. Murphy LeDoux, read the announcement aloud as follows: **ANNOUNCEMENT**

At the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on October 18, 2017, the Board of Commissioners for the Red River Waterway District will consider the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Red River Waterway District sell to MidSouth Bank, or its Assigns, substantially in the form attached hereto, 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 determined by an appraisal of the property by an appropriately licensed and qualified appraiser.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Act of Sale and Servitude between the Red River Waterway District and MidSouth Bank or its Assigns be shall be 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 be accomplished in accordance with the procedure set forth in Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4717.2. The Red River Waterway Commission is selling to 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, 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 ”

c) **Recreation**

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 154,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of August 2017. Updated maintenance items include, but not limited to, the Coushatta picnic shelter completion October 2017, Grand Ecore RV Park: 65 RV rentals; 6 Activity Center rentals, fire ring slabs, and replacement of a damaged picnic table due to adverse weather.

d) **Ports - None**

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. In addition, Marketing Director, Eric Gilmore discussed:

- Grand Ecore RV Park print advertisement in the official Natchitoches Christmas Festival magazine.
- Recreation cards to be disbursed to visitor centers statewide
- Layne Miller paid for a 30 sec spot to run three times during the NSU home football game September 16, 2017
- A full recreation brochure will be produced once Teague/Stoner projects completed
- Attended the TX RV Association Southwest Super Show.

f) **Personnel - None**

g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget - None**

h) **Legislative - None**

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a) Robert Breedlove, Jr. appreciation resolution. By motion of Commissioner Owens, Seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield the Commission unanimously approved the appreciation resolution.
- Washington, D.C./Congressional visits September 11-14, 2017 included discussion of river dredging and 12 foot channel project
 - Currently the dredge is at Lock and Dam 1

8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Engineering Supervisor, Ryan Ingles, commented upon the following:

- Shreveport Riverview remains in concursus process
- Final change order for Grand Ecore RV Park phase II
- St. Maurice Asphalt project to be re-advertised for bids in November or December
- Grant Parish Sheriff's boat storage building

9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT**

10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT**

11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION**

12. **OTHER BUSINESS - None**

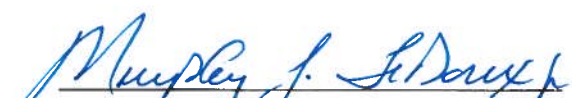
13. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Alvin Owens informed everyone of his intent to resign from the Commission for personal reasons and commented on how much he had enjoyed serving on the Commission. Various individuals thanked Mr. Owens for his service and indicated that he would be missed.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

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


JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER


MURPHY J. LEDOUX, JR.
CHAIR DESIGNEE