

**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
November 15, 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 James F. Maxey, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner Charles R. Greer, 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: Robin Cosenza of RGC Consulting.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the revised agenda was unanimously approved, amending the agenda to include the following: Other Business - Consideration of approval of Committee assignments of Commissioner Roy Burrell and the addition of an Executive Session. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

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 October, 2017 were unanimously approved.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Consideration of Approval of Alexandria Levee Park Boat Dock Repair Proposals – By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the Commission unanimously accepted the proposal from Marti Metal Construction in the amount of \$8,748.00.

Consideration of Approval of Safety Training Services Proposals – By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the Commission unanimously accepted the proposal from ArkLaTex Chapter of the National Safety Council for monthly safety training in the amount of \$475.00 per month.

Consideration of Bids/RRWC Project No. 16-01/Contract No. RRW-694/St. Maurice Asphalt Rehabilitation Project (Rebid) – By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield the Commission unanimously awarded the bid to T.L. Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$251,510.50 and approved increasing the budget in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Consideration of Approval of 2018 Contracts List – By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved accepting the 2018 Contracts List for the notated time and rates listed per contract with changes discussed in committee

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Consideration of Request to Add a Lessee to Land Lease/Pool 4, Part of Tract 7, Segment A, 1 Acre – By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved the addition of Mr. Carey Conway to the 5-year land lease on Part of Pool 4, Tract 7, Segment A, containing 1 acre.

c) Recreation

Recreation Area Status Report – Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 83,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of October 2017.

d) Ports

Consideration of Amendment No.1 to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/ Central Louisiana Regional Port/EDA Grant – By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the Commission unanimously approved the amendment to the agreement in the amount of \$138,250.00.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

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

- 45% of tonnage is transported by river rather than railway or truck.
- Grand Ecore RV Park Ribbon cutting November 17, 2017 at 12:30 pm

f) Personnel - None

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget – Scheduling of a Special Meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2017 to further review and discuss 2018 budget.

h) Legislative – None

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- Grand Ecore RV Park ribbon cutting Friday, November 17, 2017 at 12:30pm
- Annual Ethics certificate due to Commission office December 31, 2017
- December meetings in New Orleans

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 - None

12. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION

- 12 foot channel
- December 8, 2017 – Continuing resolution expires

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration of Approval of Committee Assignments/Roy A. Burrell – By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Commissioner Roy A. Burrell to serve on all committees of the Commission.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Newly appointed Commissioner-at-Large, Ronald F. Lattier, introduced himself to the Commission

14B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Executive Session:

- Receive legal advice

Immediately following Executive Session, by motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Regular Session

15. ADJOURNMENT

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


JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER


MURPHY J. LEDOUX, JR.
CHAIR DESIGNEE