

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
December 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**

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 David Jones, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Ronald F. Lattier, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes.

**Absent:** 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.

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

**Others Present:** Robin Cosenza of RGC Consulting and Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries-Inland Fisheries agents Patrick Ireland; Alex Perret; Villis Dowden; Jeff Sibley and Kevin Houston.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the revised agenda was unanimously approved, amending the agenda to include the following: Third line item to Contracts Committee to read as follows: 3. Consideration of Change Order No.1/Teague Parkway and Stoner Avenue Dock Rehabilitation/RRWC Project No. 15-06/Contract No. RRW 730. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Contracts**

Consideration of Authority to Award Design Contract/Brouillette Recreation Area – Ramp Reconstruction Project No. 18-01/Contract No. RRW 738 - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Sayes, the Commission unanimously approved Award of Design Contract to Pan American Engineers, LLC for design and administration of the project as well as giving authorization to the RRWC Executive Director to sign the attached contract.

Consideration of Authority to Award Design Contract/Boyce Recreation Area – Dock Construction/Project No. 18-02/Contract No. RRW 740 - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved award of the design contract to Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson, Inc. for design and administration of the project as well as giving authorization to the RRWC Executive Director to sign the attached contract.

Consideration of Change Order No. 1/Teague Parkway and Stoner Avenue Dock Rehabilitation/RRWC Project No. 15-06/Contract No. RRW 740 - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 providing a net increase in contract cost of \$2000.00 and four (4) additional calendar days.

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

Consideration of Authority to Re-Advertise Public Bid Leases Expiring in 2018 - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously authorized the Re-Advertising of four (4) Public Bid Land Leases Expiring in 2018: Bijou Realignment; Socot-Capout; Pool 3 Tract 79; and Lower Gin Lake.

Consideration of Authority to Re-Appraise Leasebacks Expiring in 2018 - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously authorized the re-appraisal of eleven (11) leasebacks expiring in 2018: Pool 3 Tract 69 & 71; Pool 3 Tract 72, 73, 74; Pool 3 Tract 100; Pool 3 Tract 11; Pool 3 Tract 44 – 46; Pool 3 Tract 99; Pool 3 Tract 77; Grappe Realignment and Pool 4 Tract 15.

Consideration of Time Extension/Removal Stockpile of Spoil Material/Alexandria Front Revetment/Tracts 1- B & 3 - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously approved a 6-month time extension to June 30, 2018 to Merrick LLC, for the removal of stockpile of spoil material.

Consideration of Approval of Quit Claim Deed/Act of Donation for Additional Land/Brouillette Recreation Area Ramp Widening Project - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved the Quit Claim Deed/Act of Donation for the .16 acres of land from Mr. Brent Scallan for the Brouillette Recreation Area Ramp Widening Project.

**Discussion of Largemouth Bass Population on Red River/LDWF Update** – No action was taken. However, the staff was instructed to propose a draft of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to be presented to the Commission in January or February 2018 with data on quantity and location of stocking along the Red River.

**c) Recreation**

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 81,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of November 2017.

**d) Ports - None**

**e) Public Awareness & Marketing - None**

**Marketing Update** - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet.

**f) Personnel - None**

**g) Revenue, Banking & Budget**

**Consideration of Authority to Unreserve-Undesignate Remaining Funds for Completed/not Constructed Projects** – By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, Seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously approved to Unreserve-Undesignate the following completed projects with fund balances: Grand Ecore Phase II; Teague Trails Extension South; Teague/Stoner/Coushatta Comfort Station Rehabilitation; Coushatta Picnic Pavilion; Coolpant (CLRP); Water System Improvements (APP) and Concrete Surface Dock (2015 Flood Damages) (RRPP) in the sum total of \$1,361,096.26

**Consideration of Approval of 2017 Surplus Equipment List** – By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved disposal of 2017 surplus equipment (items totaling \$128,776.84 in purchase price) in accordance with the state law.

**Consideration of Approval of 2018 Budget** – By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the 2018 Budget of the Red River Waterway Commission.

**h) Legislative - None**

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Commended staff on their efforts in preparing the 2018 Budget of the Red River Waterway Commission
- Rich Brontoli absent due to medical reasons
- Staff/Commission lunch

**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** - None

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Consideration of approval of Committee Assignments/Ronald F. Lattier** – by motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Ronald F. Lattier to serve on all committees of the Commission excluding the Land Management, Legal Affairs and Affirmative Action Committee, as well as the Revenue, Banking and Budget Committee.

**14. 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 Crutchfield, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

  
JAMES F. MAXEY  
SECRETARY/TREASURER

  
MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.  
CHAIR DESIGNEE