

MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
January 24, 2018
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**

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 Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Charles R. Greer, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Ronald F. Lattier and Commissioner Larry K. Sayes.

Absent: Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge and 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 PERSUANT TO LRS 42:14**

Others Present: Robin Cosenza of RGC Consulting, Rich Brontoli of Red River Valley Association and Attorney Mark Begnaud of the firm McCoy, Roberts and Begnaud

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the minutes of the December 20, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the Expenditures and Investment Reports for the month of December 2017 were unanimously approved.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

Consideration of Air Data Solutions/Contract No. RRW 725/Aquatics Update: By motion of Commissioner Maxey, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the Commission unanimously approved the contract for three (3) years with the following contractual stipulations to be added: Price adjustment guidelines; warranty language and a non-appropriation clause.

Consideration of Mowing Contract/RRWC Headquarters Office Building: By motion of Commissioner Maxey, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved award of a contract to Jeff's Lawn Service at a cost of \$160 per mowing cycle.

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

Consideration of Request for Land Lease Extension/Bijou Realignment/366 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the Commission unanimously approved a 5-year lease extension to Mr. Charles Dunn for the period of March 1, 2018 – February 28, 2023, with a ten percent (10%) increase in the lease premium, which equates to \$33,214.50 for the 5-year lease term.

Consideration of CEA/RRABB Levee district/Brouillette Recreation Area: By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the new Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with RRABB to reflect the proposed improvements to the recreation facility and boat ramp.

Consideration of Use Request/LDWF/ARC Facility at Lock and Dam 3: The Red River Waterway Commission staff and legal council were authorized to prepare a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for future consideration and approval by the Commission at the February 2018 meeting.

Consideration of CEA/LDWF/Florida Bass Restocking Program: By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously approved the cooperative agreement with LDWF for a 5-year term at \$100,000.00 per year for Bass stocking on the Red River and approved amending the agreement to allow for additional species of Bass such as F1 Hybrids, in combination with the Florida Bass.

c) **Recreation**

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 100,001 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of December 2017. Updated maintenance items include, but not limited to:

- RRWC RV Parks following the extreme freeze during the month of January 2018

d) **Ports** – 2017 Status reports for the Ports of Caddo/Bossier, Central LA Port, Red River Port and the Natchitoches Port were provided in committee. No action taken

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

Consideration of 2018 Out-of-State Travel: By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved the 2018 Out-of-State Travel requests.

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

- Red River Valley Association Annual Conference February 21-22, 2018
- KTBS did a favorable report on Red River Waterway Projects, Shreveport

f) **Personnel** - None

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

h) Legislative - None

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Red River Valley Association Annual Conference, February 21-22, 2018, Horseshoe Casino, Shreveport, Louisiana
- National Waterways Conference, March 4-8, 2018, Washington, D.C.

9. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. In addition is the following:

- Teague and Stoner dock projects are proceeding
- Boyce and Brouillette projects are in design stage

10. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - None

11. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT- Executive Director, Colin Brown, read a report provided by the Corp of Engineers, highlighting the following:

- Stone repair contract is at 25% completion
- 2017 acquisition of 1,167 acres of mitigation land for the JBJ Project, leaving 3, 154 acres still to acquire.

12. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION

- Red River Levee District meeting, February 1, 2018 at 10 a.m.
- Red River Valley Association Annual Conference, February 21-22, 2018 in Shreveport, Louisiana
- Over one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in dredging funds available

13. OTHER BUSINESS - None

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

14A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss the following matters of litigation:

1. To discuss privileged matters under LA Code of Evidence Article 506


Immediately following Executive Session, by motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Greer and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Regular Session.

By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously agreed to the addition of line item 14B to the January 24, 2018, agenda

14B. Consideration of Response to Settlement Proposals Submitted by Mr. Robert Morgan: By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously provided authorization to the Red River Waterway Staff to work with Attorney Mark Begnaud in drafting a rejection letter to Mr. Robert Morgan's demand letter.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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


JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER


MURPHY J. LEDOUX, JR.
CHAIR DESIGNEE