

**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
October 17, 2018
10:00 AM
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Red River Waterway Commission was called to order by Vice Chair, Commissioner Paul Fleming, 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: Commissioner Roy A. Burrell, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Michael P. Deville, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Chair Designee, Thomas M. Clark, Commissioner Charles R. Greer, Commissioner Ronald Lattier and 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.

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

Others Present: Jessica Broadway with Johnson, Thomas and Cunningham, Natchitoches; Kelly Wells and Matthew Hammock with the Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the revised agenda was unanimously approved. The revised agenda, under the Approval of Minutes, to read as follows: of the September 19, 2018 monthly meeting and October 09, 2018 special meeting. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion of Commissioner Burrell, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the minutes of the September 19, 2018 monthly meeting and the October 09, 2018 special meeting were unanimously approved.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, & Fund Balance Report for the month of September 2018, were unanimously approved.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Consideration of Colfax RV Park Picnic Shelter Repair Alternatives: The Commission gave authorization to the staff in order to request proposals for the replacement of the two Colfax RV Park picnic shelters with presentation of said proposals at the November 2018 meeting.

Consideration of Approval of 2019 Contracts List: By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher the Commission unanimously approved the 2019 RRWC Contracts list as presented.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Consideration of Approval of Leaseback Renewal/Pool 4, Tract 15 & Nicholas Realignment Tract 4/50 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved renewal of the 5-year leaseback agreement on Pool 4, Tract 15 & Nicholas Realignment, Tract 4, containing 50 acres with Charles Leon Webb at a blended rate of \$12.70 per acre (\$10.00 per acre for the 41 acres of low-lying, wooded, free board and \$25.00 per acre for the 9 acres of agricultural land), annual lease amount of \$635.00 per year and \$3,175 for the 5-year term.

Consideration of Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/City of Pineville/Red River Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District/Pineville Bank Caving: By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Pineville and RRABB with a maximum cost to the Commission of \$75,000.00 and a corresponding budget amendment in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Consideration of Request to Cancel Land Lease and Authority to Re-advertise/Hadden Ft. DeRussy/Tracts 45, 46 and 47/235 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Deville, the Commission unanimously agreed to the request to cancel land lease and authorized staff to re-advertise and re-bid. The Commission further stipulated that there be an insertion in the re-bid, and in all future leases, stating that the current "cancelling" lessee may not re-bid on said property at the next bid term.

c) Recreation

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 138,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of September 2018. Updated maintenance items include, but not limited to:

- Ft. Buhlow comfort station is at approximately 90% completion
- Fish re-stocking of the Red River has begun. Pools 1, 2 & 3 are completed. Re-stocking of Pool 4/Red Oak to take place November 01, 2018 and at Bishop Point November 08, 2018. Re-stocking is at a ratio of 80% Florida Bass : 20% Tiger Bass

d) Ports

Ports Update: Port Directors from the following Ports: Red River; Natchitoches; Central Louisiana Regional and Caddo Bossier were present in the committee meeting to update the Commission on their 2018 activities to date.

Consideration of Funding Request Caddo Bossier Port Commission/Handling Equipment: By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Burrell the Commission unanimously authorized staff to prepare and present a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Caddo Bossier Port for the purchase of: two (2) manual coil grabs; one (1) telescoping/mechanical coil grab; one (1) magnet material handling system for steel billets; one (1) magnet system for steel slabs and one (1) 6-tine electro-hydraulic grapple in the amount of \$507,000.00 and funding to dredge Slack Water Harbor in the amount of \$320,000.00 in order to reopen accessibility to the Slack Water dock.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

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

- Boo on the Bluff, October 20, 2018 at Grand Ecore RF Park
- Ports Association Reception October 31, 2018 at 6:00pm at Mama's Oyster House, Natchitoches
- Commissioners should contact the Marketing Director if interested in participating in the upcoming Levee Board meetings December 5 – 6, 2018
- Kelly Wells with the Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission updated the Commission on 2018 events to date and upcoming 2019 events

f) Personnel - None

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget - None

h) Legislative - None

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Participated in the Red River Canoe meeting last week. Currently the canoe is at Texas A&M for restoration purposes
- Participated in a conference call regarding potential development at Cross Bayou
- High water on the Red River. Shreveport is up 8 feet
- RRWC 2019 Budget – a draft will be presented at the November 2018 meeting

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

- Teague Parkway and Stoner Avenue dock rehabilitation projects near completion
- Boyce Recreation Area Dock Construction project has begun
- Brouillette Recreation Area Ramp Widening project has begun
- Ft. Buhlow Seawall project – 8 to 10 feet of riprap has been placed along length of seawall to aid in stabilization

10. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - None

11. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT - None

12. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION - Richard Brontoli with the Corps of Engineers updated the Commission at the October 16, 2018 Committee meeting, as he was unable to be present at the October 17, 2018 Commission meeting

- Water levels by Sunday, October 21, 2018 may hit the “triggers” that are in place. May see this first trigger occurring in Alexandria
- Appropriations bill signed October 01, 2018 funding the Corps for fiscal year 2019. However 1.5 million dollars was pulled out of dredging budget and reallocated. Corps is actively working on a way to recoup the 1.5 million through additional/other means of funding
- The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) bill will need to pass prior to January 01, 2019 or the process will have to start anew
- October 23, 2018 Congressman Johnson of Louisiana and Congressman Westerman of Arkansas will be viewing the Red River waterway system beginning at the Caddo Bossier Port and concluding at Lock 5

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration of November Meeting Date Change: By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved changing the date of the RRWC's regular monthly meeting for November 2018 to Wednesday, November 14, 2018, with the committee meetings, if necessary, beginning on November 13, 2018.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

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

THOMAS M. CLARK
CHAIR DESIGNEE