

**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
November 14, 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 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 Michael P. Deville, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Charles R. Greer, Commissioner Ronald Lattier, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes,

Absent: Chair Designee, Thomas M. Clark, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner James F. Maxey, 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 PURSUANT TO LRS 42:14

Others Present: Jessica Broadway with Johnson, Thomas and Cunningham, Natchitoches.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the minutes of the October 17, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts - None

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Consideration of Request to Assign Land lease/Powhatan Realignment/Tract2.com281 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved the reassignment of said land lease from Mr. Alfred Bruning to Mr. Scotty Johnson with all other land lease terms intact.

c) Recreation

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 71,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of October 2018. Updated maintenance items include, but not limited to:

- All boat ramps being closed due to the high water
- Bass stocking of Pool 5 was completed during the previous week

d) Ports

Consideration of Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Caddo-Bossier Port Commission/100,000 square foot Warehouse: By motion of Commissioner Burrell, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Caddo-Bossier Port in the amount of \$3,435,500.00 for the warehouse expansion Port Priority Project.

Consideration of Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Caddo-Bossier Port Commission/Material Handling Equipment and Slack Water Harbor Dredging: By motion of Commissioner Burrell, seconded by Commissioner Sayes, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in the amount of \$827,000.00 for material handling equipment and dredging, there being only one stipulation that the following verbiage "...or substantial equivalent." be added in association with the equipment purchase.

Consideration of Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Central Louisiana Regional Port/Bulk Commodity Facility Improvements: By motion of Commissioner Burrell, seconded by Commissioner Deville, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in the amount of \$300,000.00 and request of a corresponding budgetary amendment.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

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

- Inclusion of the article "The Romance of the Red" printed in a Shreveport magazine
- Levee Board and Flood Control meetings held in New Orleans December 5-6, 2018

f) Personnel - None

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget - Executive Director, Colin Brown, commented on the Committee having met November 13th to review and discuss the proposed budget for 2019. An additional Committee meeting was scheduled for December 3, 2018, at 6:00 pm for discussion of salary portions of the 2019 budget. The final proposed budget will be presented at the December 19, 2018, regular monthly Commission meeting.

h) Legislative - None

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Mention of correspondence between Mr. Larry Parker of Colfax, Louisiana and the Red River Waterway Commission as well as receipt of correspondence from the office of the Sheriff in Grant Parish pertaining to the same subject matter (creation of a grain elevator in Grant Parish)
- Due to high water of the Red River, barge traffic is restricted to 500 horsepower per barge
- Port Night to be held in Natchitoches on December 18, 2018
- Reminder to Commissioners of the annual requirement for Ethics training via online with the state as well as the policy of the Red River Waterway Commission
- Notification that Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries will be present at the December 2018 monthly Commission meeting

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

- Teague Parkway dock rehabilitation project is currently on hold due to the high water of the Red River, but very near completion.
- Stoner Avenue dock rehabilitation project is completed
- Brouillette Recreation Area Ramp Widening project is underway
- Boyce Recreation Area dock construction is currently working on the playground facility area due to the high water of the Red River

10. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - None

11. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** – In the absence of a Corps representative, Executive Director, Colin Brown, stated that the Corps is waiting full funding of dredging monies

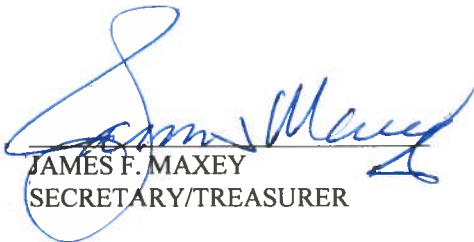
12. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** – None

13. **OTHER BUSINESS** – Request to coordinate a guided tour in the first quarter of 2019 for the Commissioners of the Red River Waterway to view the Commission's facilities along the Red River

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 Sayes, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.


JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER


THOMAS M. CLARK
CHAIR DESIGNEE