



Cane River Waterway Commission  
Minutes  
March 17, 2020

There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission on March 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm located at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

The hearing was called to order and roll was called, the following members being present: Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Wiggins.

Also present was administrator, Betty Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison.

Also present was Pam Pierce representing the Natchitoches 4-H.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 2 of 2020. The Chairman read aloud the purpose for the Resolution and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

At 6:12 P.M., the Chairman adjourned the public hearing.

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on February 18, 2020 at 6:13 pm located at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order and roll was called, the following members being present: Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne.

Also present was the administrator, Betty Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison.

Also present was Pam Pierce representing the Natchitoches 4-H.

Pam Pierce addressed the Commission seeking financial support for the Natchitoches 4-H. She outlined activities of the Natchitoches 4-H that benefit Cane River Lake. She suggested an intergovernmental agreement between the Commission and the Natchitoches 4-H. She requested a commitment of \$6,000.00 for five years. After discussion the Commission shared interest in the project and authorized Mrs. Fuller to reallocate line item funds in the 2019/2020 general budget to add \$6,000.00 to be used to fund the Natchitoches 4-H activities.

The minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting of the commission were presented. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion, the Chairman closed the

floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that during the last flood event a large tree(s) fell into the lake creating a navigational hazard. She obtained quotes to remove the hazard under an emergency RFI. She presented quotes for Commission review. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion, the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Vienne the Commission authorized the lowest quote to Charles Carruth in the amount of \$4,200.00.

Mrs. Fuller updated the Commission on the enforcement project, dilapidated structures, and stored properties.

Mrs. Fuller provided the Commissioners Tier 2.1 for review. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to submit Tier 2.1 as per state law.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that they needed to complete their ethics training before June 30, 2020.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of February. She presented invoices from Corkern, Crews, and Guillet in the amount of \$820.00, Air Data Solution in the amount of \$262.50, and Mayeaux Rangers LLC in the amount of \$505.83. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of February and Investment Report for Commission review. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from February 17 to March 16, 2020 for the review of the Commission. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Vienne and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from February 17 to March 21, 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 2 of 2020 authorizing the amendment of the Commission's 2019/2020 general budget. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 2 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 3 of 2020 authorizing the Commission to designate funds in support of a study for the rehabilitation of the Roque house located on the riverbank of Cane River Lake. Mr. Rhodes advised that he needed to abstain from discussion and vote due to a relationship. After discussion the Vice-Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Vice-Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized Resolution 3 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 4 of 2020 authorizing a one year extension of the existing lawn care services agreement. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 4 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented a capital and general budget for years 2020 to 2023 for Commission review. She advised that it would be a few minor changes and that a budget is set each year. The figures were based on Commission projects and millage intent. After discussion the Commission agreed with the proposed budget plan further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to proceed with budget process.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.3 MSL. She issued five building permits, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and giant salvinia in the north canal/lake, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, service agreements, attended public records Class, and prepared all documentation, reports, and requests that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. She worked 3 lake complaints and damage to state property incident. Enforcement reported no injuries or fatalities but has issued some fishing license, life jacket, and no-wake zone violations on the lake this period. She worked one boating complaint. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the February 17 to March 16, 2020 expenditure report contained therein.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: May 12, 2020