



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
May 18, 2021

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on May 18, 2021 at 6:00 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. Paige, and Mr. Methvin.

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

The minutes of the April 20, 2021 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. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that Mr. Carruth with Docks and More was requesting a 30-day extension to the awarded RFI Phase I quote due to weather. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the 30-day extension.

Mrs. Fuller presented an RFI for phase II tree removal from the lake. Two quotes were submitted, one by Dock and one by More & Jessup Construction. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the RFI lowest quote from Docks and More in the amount of \$4,200.00.

Mrs. Fuller presented the 2021 budget letter for Commission review. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the 2021 budget letter.

Mrs. Fuller presented the 2022 budget message for Commission review. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to

public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the 2022 budget message.

Mrs. Fuller presented the 2020/2021 Amended General account fund budget for Commission review. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the introduction of the 2020/2021 Amended General account fund budget. The Commission further authorized a public hearing/meeting to be set for June 15, 2021 for final passage.

Mrs. Fuller presented the 2020/2021 Amended Capital account fund budget for Commission review. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the introduction of the 2020/2021 Amended Capital general account fund budget. The Commission further authorized a public hearing/meeting to be set for June 15, 2021 for final passage.

Mrs. Fuller presented the 2021/2022 General account fund budget for Commission review. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the introduction of the 2021/2022 General account fund budget. The Commission further authorized a public hearing/meeting to be set for June 15, 2021 for final passage.

Mrs. Fuller presented the 2021/2022 Capital account fund budget for Commission review. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the introduction of the 2021/2022 Capital account fund budget. The Commission further authorized a public hearing/meeting to be set for June 15, 2021 for final passage.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that board members needed to complete their required annual ethics training class.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the Sheriff's office submitted an invoice for November/December enforcement work with no CAD report attached. The Chairman opened the Floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the invoice in the amount of \$4,350.00

Mrs. Fuller presented the annual Department of Natural Resources report for Commission review. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the annual Department of Natural Resources report.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she has not received any response regarding a ½ sunken boat in a boathouse on the lake. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized a second certified letter to be sent to the property owner requesting that the boat be removed from the lake.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of April. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of April 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 Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented a quote from interface security for a camera/security system at the facility. After discussion, the Commission tabled until the June 15, 2021 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from April 19 – May 17, 2021 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. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from April 19 – May 17, 2021.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.5 MSL. Traffic on the lake is increasing for summer. She issued three 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, completed the required ethics and ethics liaison classes, and prepared all documentation, reports, and requests that are required for the commissions review, authorization, and knowledge. She further worked one complaint, and repaired dock boards and asphalt at Washington Street landing. Enforcement reported no injury or fatalities. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the April 19 – May 17, 2021 expenditure report contained therein.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: June 15, 2021