



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
November 10, 2020

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on November 10, 2020 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 Mrs. Vienne.

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

The minutes of the October 20, 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. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that during the last storm event a large tree 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the lowest quote to Charles Carruth in the amount of \$4,800.00.

Chairman Rhodes advised the Commission that the Natchitoches Parish School Board requested that they be allowed to use the Commission's Internet Data Plan at Shell Beach. The connection will allow students access to the internet to complete remote schoolwork. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to contact AT&T and Mr. Lacour to research the pro/cons.

Chairman Rhodes updated the Commission on the Fish Hatchery Rd. project with the Parish Government. He further advised that bid opening is set for November 19, 2020.

Chairman Rhodes advised the Commission that the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's office wanted to discuss a lake enforcement agreement between the two agencies. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to add enforcement agreement discussion to the January 19, 2021 agenda.

Chairman Rhodes advised the Commission that it was time for the an annual employee evaluation, he thanked Mrs. Fuller for her hard work, dedication, and loyalty to the Commission and to be spread across the minutes to serve as occasion may require.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 17 of 2020 authorizing the operation of watercraft in the fireworks display fallout area until 5:00 pm on Christmas Festival Day, December 5, 2020, in light of the amended plans for Christmas Festival Day due to the impact of the corona virus. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 17 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of September. She presented an invoice from Coast Guard \$60.00. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of September 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. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented a draft copy of the Commissions 2019-2020 audit for review, advising that there are no audit findings.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the documents for the Commission – Corp of Engineers relationship were now complete.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from October 19 – November 09, 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from October 19 – November 09, 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.1 MSL. She issued two 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, and prepared all documentation, reports, and requests that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. She worked 6 lake complaints, closed the north end of the lake for explore Cane River paddle event on October 31. 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 Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission

authorized the administrator monthly report, and the October 19 – November 09, 2020 expenditure report contained therein.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: December 01, 2020