



**Cane River Waterway Commission  
Minutes  
November 12, 2019**

There was a **public hearing** of the Cane River Waterway Commission on November 12, 2019 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, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, and Mrs. Vienne.

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

Mrs. Fuller presented resolution 11 of 2019-amending 2019/2020 general account budget. 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.

Mrs. Fuller presented and read aloud a budget letter describing the purpose for the General beginning balance amendment. The Chairman opened the floor to public comment and after discussion closed the floor to discussion.

At 6:03 P.M., the Chairman adjourned the public hearing.

There was a **public meeting** of the Cane River Waterway Commission on November 12, 2019 at 6:04 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, Mr. Methvin, and Mrs. Vienne.

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

The minutes of the October 15, 2019 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the October 15, 2019 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 11 of 2019 and the budget letter describing the amendment purpose. 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. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 11 of 2019 and the budget letter describing the amendment purpose.

Mrs. Fuller presented and read aloud her annual employee evaluation 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. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the employee evaluation, further thanking her for hard work and dedication.

Mrs. Fuller updated the Commission on stored boats set for disposal. After discussion the Commission authorized keeping a few boats for usage as displays during safety events.

The Commission tabled the enforcement project pending further review.

Mrs. Fuller presented the RFI for electrical services. She advised the Commission that there was only one quote submitted. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the quote from Natchitoches Electrical LLC in the amount of \$405.00.

Mrs. Fuller presented the RFI for Plumbing services. She advised the Commission that there was only one quote submitted. 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. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the quote from Rutledge Plumbing in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Mrs. Fuller updated the Commission on the Dilapidated Structures, Shoreline recovery program, and Lake Violations.

Mr. Methvin updated the Commission on the Dredging project.

Mr. Rhodes updated the Commission on the St. Augustine Bridge project.

There followed discussion regarding the area being leased as a construction easement for the pump station. The easement area is still occupied by the contractor with location of equipment, materials and debris despite request to the contractor to remove its property and clean up the area. The easement term has expired, but the occupation has continued. Upon recommendation by Mr. Murchison and approval of the Commission, it was agreed that the landowner would be compensated for the time period where occupation has continued. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the payment to the landowner for the period of time that the Commission has held over on its occupation of the easement area. The Commission further authorized an amendment or extension to the

Easement to provide for the additional time period and payment for the additional time period.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of October. She presented invoices from Corkern, Crews, and Guillet in the amount of \$6,355.44, 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 October 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. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, 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 October 14 to November 11, 2019 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, Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from October 14 to November 11, 2019.

Mrs. Fuller presented cost estimates for a banner to be used during public events sponsored by the Commission. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to speak with the City of Natchitoches to see if a banner is viable, acceptable, and to determine if there would be any size limitations.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 97.6 MSL. She issued five building permits, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and monitoring for giant salvinia in the north canal, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, service agreements, held one event, attended Liaison Ethics class, and prepared all documentation, reports, and requests that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. Fireworks were held downtown on October 18, 2019. There was a regatta held on the north end of the lake on November 9, 2019. Enforcement reported no injuries or fatalities the lake this period. 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. Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the November 11, 2019 expenditure report contained therein.

Mrs. Fuller further advised the Commission that the State of Louisiana-Department of Justice Civil Division sent an email encouraging board members to attend a class about open meetings, public records, dual office holding, attorney general opinions, administrative hearings, and election offenses.

Mrs. Fuller further advised the Commission that there was a small fish kill on the south end of the lake in the Melrose area. Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries advised that it was a natural occurrence caused by weather conditions.

Mrs. Fuller further advised the Commission that she had received an email about H.001271 Cane River Bridge Church Street EA-public hearing set for December 10, 2019 at the Natchitoches Events Center in the McCullen Hall B.

Mrs. Fuller further advised the Commission that she has received notice for the annual

renewal of the Commission's membership in the Louisiana Floodplain Management Association. After discussion the Commission elected to not renew the membership.

Mrs. Fuller further advised the Commission that Mayor Posey contacted her advising of a conversation he had with Pro Fisherman Mr. Rojas. Mr. Rojas complimented Cane River Lake as a great place to fish.

Mrs. Fuller further advised the Commission that she had a meeting with the Corp of Engineers. They want to expand their relationship with the Commission. She provided a copy of the PGP 60 general permit that would be an intergovernmental agreement between the Corp of Engineers and the Commission dealing with building permitting. According to the Corp of Engineers this would be a benefit to lake property owners. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mr. Murchison to review the documents and advise the Commission.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: December 03, 2019