



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
August 17, 2021

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on August 17, 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, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Methvin.

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

The minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting of the Commission were presented. 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 Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote, by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting, as written.

After discussion, the Commission tabled the item facility electrical back-up system until the September 21, 2021 meeting.

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

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 9 of 2021 approving a cooperative endeavor agreement and indemnification, defense and hold harmless agreement with the Parish of Natchitoches to provide for the rehabilitation of Bermuda Road, delegating funds for the project and further authorizing the Chairman Jim Rhodes to execute the cooperative endeavor agreement on behalf 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. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved Resolution 9 of 2021.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 10 of 2021 approving the form of a polling place lease agreement by and between the Clerk of Court for the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana for the use of 244 Cedar Bend Road as a polling place in accordance with title 18, section 533 of the Louisiana revised Statutes, and authorizing the Chairman of the Cane River Waterway Commission Jim Rhodes, to execute the polling place lease agreement, on behalf of the Cane River Waterway Commission, and further authorizing the Chairman to execute and sign and all other necessary documents associated therewith. 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, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote, by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved Resolution 10 of 2021.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from July 19 – August 16, 2021 for the review of the Commission. She also presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.0 MSL. She issued seven building permits, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and monitoring for 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 further worked two complaints. Enforcement reported no injury or fatalities; Sheriff's office issued one warning for no life jackets, removed one vehicle from the lake, and worked fireworks in the downtown area. 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. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, the July 19 – August 16, 2021 expenditure report contained therein and the gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from July 19 – August 16, 2021.

Chairman Rhodes updated the Commission on the Williamson Landing project. The Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to obtain signage design and cost estimates.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the motor of the boat being used for vegetation control is being repaired. 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 Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Wiggins the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to purchase a trolling motor for the boat being used for vegetation control not to exceed \$4,000.00 to assist her with the chemical application process on the lake. The Commission further authorized Mrs. Fuller to check with other agencies to see if they have any use for the second stored boat that was previously used for enforcement purposes.

Mrs. Fuller provided information for the installation of GPS tracking systems in its truck and vegetation control boat. 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 Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to purchase GPS tracking system with a 36-month term requirement from Verizon.

The Commission went in executive session at 7:01 pm to discuss project litigation. At 7:33 pm the Commission exited executive session and went back into regular session.

Mr. Murchison advised the Commission that due to the continued litigation regarding the pump and filters, it will be necessary to extend the current 18-month temporary construction easements at the Hampton Pumping Station. 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 Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized an extension of the current 18-month temporary construction easements at the Hampton Pumping Station as outlined in Ordinance 1 of 2020.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: September 21, 2021