



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
July 16, 2019

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

Present as guests of the Commission were Northwestern Louisiana Cancer Center Sarah Stewart, NRMCM Tom Matuschka, and Sean Baylor.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 4 of 2019 - prohibiting the feeding of alligators in Cane River Lake, providing for penalties, providing for advertising, further providing for severability, and further providing for a repealer and effective date of ordinance. The Chairman read aloud the purpose for the Ordinance and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

The Chairman at 6:08 pm adjourned the public hearing.

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The Chairman addressed the Commission advising that Mr. Paige is dealing with a medical issue and will not be in attendance. The Commission wishes Mr. Paige a speedy recovery.

Sarah Stewart of the Northwestern Louisiana Cancer Center addressed the Commission regarding the upcoming Tappedtober craft beer & wine festival. Chairman Rhodes advised the commission that his wife works for NRMC and wanted to make clear that this event is through Cancer/NRMC Foundation and not NRMC. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion, the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Wiggins the Commission authorized a \$5,000.00 Fireworks presentation sponsorship to the Cancer/NRMC Foundation for the upcoming Tappedtober craft beer & wine festival.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 4 of 2019 that would prohibit the feeding of alligators in Cane River Lake, providing for penalties, providing for advertising, further providing for severability, and further providing for a repealer and effective date of ordinance. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Wiggins the Commission adopted Ordinance 4 of 2019.

The minutes of the June 18, 2019 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 10 of 2019 which approves the retention of an expert witness associated with the ongoing litigation of the filtration system for Commission review. After Commission review, and upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, and Mrs. Vienne the Commission authorized and approved Resolution 10 of 2019 and the attached agreement.

The Commission tabled dredging the north end of the lake, old Condemned Bridge at Shell Beach, and enforcement projects pending further review.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 5 of 2019 amending the Ordinance regulating Fireworks displays held in the downtown area over Cane River Lake. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission introduced Ordinance 5 of 2019 amending Fireworks held over Cane River Lake, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to set a public hearing for August 20, 2019.

Mr. Murchison updated the Commission on the Dredging project.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that during her work on the lake she noted trees and other potential hazards along the shoreline. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to conduct

a survey of the lake from Shell Beach to the north dam and provide a report at the August 20, 2019 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of June. She presented invoices from Corkern, Crews, and Guillet in the amount of \$6,841.75, and Genworth life in the amount of \$273.38. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of June 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. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented a letter from Interface Security stating a rate increase of \$1.46 per month. 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. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the rate increase of \$1.46 per month from Interface Security.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Soil and Water Conversation. Mrs. Vienne advised the Commission that she is appointed by that agency and that she would be abstaining from any discussion and vote. 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 vote in favor by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes with Mrs. Vienne abstaining from vote, the Commission authorized \$25,000.00 payment to Soil and Water Conversation.

Mrs. Fuller presented the RFI for the Commission's Directors & Officers insurance policy that is up for renewal. Only one quote, from Cunningham Ins., in the amount of \$4,990.35 was submitted. 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. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized the RFI quote to Cunningham Ins in the amount of \$4,990.35.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from June 17 – July 14, 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. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from June 17 – July 14, 2019.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.1 MSL. She worked three complaints, issued three building permits, one pump permit, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and has opened the canal on the north end of the lake-still monitoring for giant salvinia, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, service agreements, and prepared all documentation, reports, and request that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. One boating accident occurred on July 5, 2019 resulting in a DUI, damage to property, careless operation arrest. Sheriff's office reported no citations issued, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries made an arrest for DUI on July 4. 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. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the June 17 – July 14, 2019 expenditure report contained therein.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: July 16, 2019