



**Cane River Waterway Commission  
Minutes  
July 17, 2018**

There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:00 p.m., on July 17, 2018 at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:05 p.m., on July 17, 2018 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. Wiggins.

Also present were administrator Betty Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison and special council, Chris Guillet.

Present as guests of the commission were Parish President Rick Nowlin, Dr. Lyles of NSU, Sarah Banburg, Don Cunnins, NSU Jason Stelly, Jami Leblance, Derek Donald, and Nicole Plunkett.

Parish President Rick Nowlin addressed the Commission regarding a proposed agreement between the Cane River Waterway Commission and the Parish of Natchitoches for improvements to Bermuda Road under the Federal Highway Administration Transportation Discretionary Funding Program. He requested that the Commission consider assisting with funding of the project up to \$182,560.00. The Commission will only participate if the application to the Federal Highway Administration Transportation Discretionary Funding Program is approved. Bermuda Road runs along the East bank of Cane River Lake and is the roadway connection between Pratt's Bridge and Bermuda Bridge. It is also one of the roadways that provides access to the Shell Beach Boat Launch. 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. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized Resolution 7 of 2018-agreement between the Cane River Waterway Commission and the Parish of Natchitoches, further authorizing a support letter on behalf of the Commission. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to make the amendment to the 2018/2019 General Budget and present it at the August 21, 2018 meeting.

Dr. Lyles addressed the Commission about water testing on the lake. After discussion the Commission tabled until August 21, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Cunnins with air data solutions addressed the Commission about Lake Enhancements. He presented a comprehensive presentation about signage, and waterway mapping. 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. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized the Bathymetric Survey, Aerial Map, Riverbank Video Assessment, and Signage at a cost of \$12,000.00. 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. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized a Bathymetric Survey, Aerial Map, Riverbank Video Assessment, and Signage at a cost not to exceed \$12, 000.00.

NSU Jason Stelly addressed the Commission about the upcoming St. Denis Head Race set for October 6, 2018. After discussion the Commission tabled until the August 21, 2018 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she had to use environmental buoys following an incident where a truck ended up in the lake. She advised that she can use buoys on the lake for regattas, closings, lake restrictions and other issues. 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. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized the purchase of additional buoys for the lake.

The Chairman advised that the Commission needed to go into executive session for a strategy session. The Chairman open the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission went into executive session at 7:25pm. At 7:40pm the Commission exited executive session and went back into regular session.

The minutes of the June 19, 2018 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. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report. She presented invoices from Genworth \$273.38, Galaxy Graphics \$35.43, Corkern, Crews, Guillet & Johnson \$4,138.00, Tataes \$130.00, and Denmon Engineering 5,662.48, and presented the budget to actual comparison 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. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented the annual Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the Commission and advised that all members and employees have completed their ethics training for 2018. She further advised that the 2017-2018 fiscal year documents would be submitted to the auditor by July 25. 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. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized the annual Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.

Mrs. Fuller advised that the air conditioner in the facility offices was not functioning properly. 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. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige, the

Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to contact Bennett air conditioning for office air repairs.

The Commission discussed Lake Enforcement, and after discussion authorized Mrs. Fuller to contact Sheriff's office to set up a detail work schedule for the lake and present it at the August 21, 2018 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from June 18 – July 16, 2018 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. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige, the Commission approved the logs for the period from June 18 – July 16, 2018.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator report. The current lake level is 97.4 MSL. She issued eight building permits, worked one incident, 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. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries issued 15 citations. Sheriff's Office issued no citations and made no arrests. There were no injuries, or Fatalities to report. 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. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the June 18 – July 16, 2018 expenditure report contained therein.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: August 21, 2018