



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
June 09, 2020

There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission on June 09, 2020 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, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Wiggins.

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

Also present was Dwayne Dunlap.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 5 of 2020. 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.

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Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 8 of 2020. 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.

At 6:21 P.M., the Chairman adjourned the public hearing.

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on June 9, 2020 at 6:22 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.

Also present was Dwayne Dunlap.

The minutes of the May 12, 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. Methvin, 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 May 12, 2020 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller updated the Commission on the enforcement project, dilapidated structures, and stored properties. She advised that boat disposal process was complete and that certain boats have been retained by the Commission for public events. After discussion, the Commission authorized removing the dredging project from old business on the agenda.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that officers need to be elected for the following year. The Vice-Chairman opened the floor to public comments regarding election of Chairman, and after discussion the Vice-Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin the Commission elected Jim Rhodes to serve as Chairman of the Commission for fiscal year 2020/2021.

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments regarding election of Vice-Chairman, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, as seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin the Commission elected Marti Vienne to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Commission for fiscal year 2020/2021.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of May. She presented invoices from Kaffie Frederick in the amount of \$275.00 and Roque's Garage in the amount of \$105.72. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of May 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 Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, 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 March 16 to June 8, 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 Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from March 16 to June 8, 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 5 of 2020 authorizing the amendment of the Commission's 2019/2020 general budget. 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, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 5 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 6 of 2020 authorizing the amendment of the Commission's 2019/2020 capital budget. 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. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 6 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 7 of 2020 authorizing the Commission's 2020/2021 general budget. 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 Resolution 7 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 8 of 2020 authorizing the Commission's 2020/2021 capital budget. 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, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 8 of 2020.

The Commission discussed the 2020/2021 projects. The Chairman advised the Commission that there would be a formal announcement of the Fish Hatchery and Bermuda Road project at 9:00 am on June 10, 2020. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to put the Commission tent up for the morning event. The Commission discussed which capital project they wanted to start in the 2021 fiscal year. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public comments. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to contact Commission engineer Henry Shuler and advise him that the Commission would like to initiate the Shell Beach Parking Lot Restoration & Expansion project, further providing project details.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 9 of 2020 authorizing the Commission to enter into an agreement with the LSU Ag Center and the Natchitoches 4-H youth. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comment, 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 Resolution 9 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented and read aloud the budget certification as pursuant to LA RS 1309. 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. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to advertise the budget certification that completes the Commission's budget process.

Mr. Methvin advised the Commission that there is a sunken boat in the Vienna Bend area. After discussion the Commission directed Mrs. Fuller to investigate and if necessary obtain quotes for removal.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the buoy at Melrose is damaged. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to readjust the no wake zone area at Melrose to setting the no wake zone area for Melrose bridge only for safety.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that due to Covid-19 there was a delay in the 2020 millage process. She read aloud the required public hearing ad and advised that the members must attend the July meeting in order to authorize the 2020 millage. 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, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin the Commission authorized the roll forward advertisement, and setting a public hearing/meeting for July 21, 2020.

Mrs. Fuller requested authority to submit Commission records to Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todenbier for the annual audit. 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, unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin the Commission authorizes the submittal of the Commissions records to Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todenbier to conduct the annual audit on the Commission 2019/2020 fiscal year records.

Mrs. Fuller presented the annual credit card agreement for the Commission employee, and the annual security code agreement for the Member/Employee. 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 Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin the Commission authorized the annual credit card agreement for the Commission employee, and the annual security code agreement for the Member/Employee.

Mrs. Fuller presented the annual records retention/disposal schedule, annual public records officer, and ethic's liaison officer form(s) for Commission review. 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 Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin the Commission authorized the annual records retention/disposal schedule, and the annual public records officer form(s) for submittal.

Chairman Rhodes advised the Commission that he felt that it would be important for the Commission to be a member of the Louisiana Wetlands Association. The Association is currently looking at the East Natchitoches drainage improvements. The Commission, Parish Government, City of Natchitoches, and the Natchitoches Levee District would each have a one time of cost \$5,000.00. 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. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin the Commission authorized the membership with the Louisiana Wetlands Association, authorizing Mr. Murchison to draft a Corporative Endeavor agreement on behalf of the Commission, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to pay the \$5,000.00 out of the 2020-2021 general operations account.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.2 MSL. Due to Covid-19 boating traffic was very high on the lake. She issued fourteen building permits, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and giant salvainia in the north canal/lake, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, service agreements, attended public records Class, and prepared all documentation, reports, and requests that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. She worked

5 lake complaints. Enforcement reported one injury and no fatalities but has issued an estimated 3-4 fishing license, 6 under age & couple no life jackets, and 6 no-wake zone violations on the lake this period. She worked one boating complaint. There were two boating accidents that occurred on the lake during 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. Methvin, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the March 16 to June 8, 2020 expenditure report contained therein.

There being no further business to come before the Board, 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 meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: July 21, 2020