



**Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
June 20, 2017**

There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:00 p.m., on June 20, 2017 at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

The hearing was called to order and roll was called, the following members being present: Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins.

Also present were Patrol Persons Betty Fuller and Glynn Fuller.

A hearing was held to discuss the 2016/2017 amended general/capital budgets, the 2017/2018 general/capital budgets, and Ordinance 2 of 2017 amending ordinance 1 of 2012 providing for permitting of pumps or other mechanical instrumentality used for the removal of water from Cane River Lake in order to monitor the use of water from Cane River Lake and further to provide for the protection of the waterbody, providing for penalties, and advertisement. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public comments. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Wiggins, the hearing was adjourned.

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:19 pm., on June 20, 2017 at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order and roll was called, the following members being present: Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins.

Also present were Patrol Persons Betty Fuller and Glynn Fuller.

Chairman Rhodes advised the Commission of Mr. Methvin absents due to the death of his uncle Kenneth Methvin. The Commission extends their deepest condolences to the Methvin family.

Chairman Rhodes read aloud Resolution 3 of 2017 authorizing the Cane River Waterway Commission to designate, define, and adopt the 2017/2018 general account budget. 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, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission adopted Resolution 3 of 2017.

Chairman Rhodes read aloud Resolution 4 of 2017 authorizing the Cane River Waterway Commission to designate, define, and adopt the 2017/2018 capital account budget. 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, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission adopted Resolution 4 of 2017.

Chairman Rhodes read aloud Resolution 5 of 2017 authorizing the Cane River Waterway Commission to amend the 2016/2017 general account budget. 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, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission adopted Resolution 5 of 2017.

Chairman Rhodes read aloud Resolution 6 of 2017 authorizing the Cane River Waterway Commission to amend the 2016/2017 capital account budget. 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, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission adopted Resolution 6 of 2017.

Chairman Rhodes read aloud Ordinance 2 of 2017 authorizing the Cane River Waterway Commission to amend Ordinance 1 of 2012 providing for permitting of pumps or other mechanical instrumentality used for the removal of water from Cane River Lake in order to monitor the use of water from Cane River Lake and further to provide for the protection of the waterbody, providing for penalties, and advertisement. 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, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission adopted Ordinance 2 of 2017.

The minutes of the May 16, 2017 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. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige, the Commission approved the minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller advised the commission that they were required to authorize the users for the commission's credit card annually. 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 Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige, the commission approved Mrs. Fuller and Mr. Fuller as authorized users for the commission's credit card for fiscal year 2017/2018.

Mrs. Fuller advised the commission that her position designates her as Record Retention, Ethics 42.2280c(4) as required annually per law. She further advised the Commission that they were required to authorize users for Security at the facility. 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, and Mr. Wiggins, the commission authorized Board Members, Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Fuller and Mr Robertson to obtain a security code and sign an agreement detailing the expectations, limitations, responsibilities, and penalties.

Mrs. Fuller advised the commission that she contacted several contractors, advertised on the commissions web site, and put quote packets on the facility's entry door for the tree trimming/removal project at Shell Beach. There was only one quote submitted from Green Jeans in the amount of \$4,200.00. The Chairman opened the floor to public comment, 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, and Mr. Wiggins, the commission authorized the quote submitted by Green Jeans in the amount of \$4,200.00 pending legal review.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she needed to move 1 million dollars from Capital Investment to Capital checking account for upcoming

invoices from the pumping station project. The Chairman opened the floor to public comment, 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, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission authorized the movement of 1 million dollars from Capital investment to Capital checking.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the boards on the docks at Shell Beach were showing signs of wear and may need replacement. After discussion the commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to look at some designs and report to the commission at the next meeting.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries was requesting to know what laws the commission would like to see enforced on the lake. After discussion the board authorized Mrs. Fuller to advise Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that safety was the commission highest priority and share concerns about the increase activity of alligators on the lake.

The Chairman and Mr. Paige updated the commission on the downtown river front and the St. Augustine Church projects.

In the absence of the attorney for the commission, the Shoreline Recovery, Lake issues, and dilapidated structures were tabled until the July 18, 2017.

The Commission discussed the possible purchase of a storage building. After further discussion the Commission tabled purchasing a storage building until July 18, 2017 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller presented the state required CRWC Budget Certification advertisement for commission review. 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 Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized the CRWC Budget Certification advertisement submitted by Mrs. Fuller.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report. 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, the Commission approved the financial report

and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Womack Construction in the amount of \$325,907.91 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. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission approved the payment of \$325,907.91 to Womack Construction.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Denmon Engineering in the amount of \$32,391.62 for Commission review. 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, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the payment of \$32,391.62 to Denmon Engineering.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from City of Natchitoches in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 for Commission review. 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, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the payment of \$1,250,000.00 to City of Natchitoches.

Mrs. Fuller presented invoice(s) from McCoy, Roberts and Begnaud (Mr. Methvin's attorneys) for reimbursement of Mr. Methvin's legal expenses related to an ethics investigation in the amount of \$1,358.52 for Commission review. 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, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the payment of \$1,358.52 to reimburse Chad Methvin as the investigation was dismissed without any action.

Mrs. Fuller advised the commission that it was time for the commission's Triton boat to be maintenance and take care of some minor repairs. 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, and Mrs. Vienne the Commission authorized the maintenance and repairs not to exceed \$671.02.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from May 15 to June 19, 2017, for the review of the Commission. 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, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the logs for the period from May 15 to June 19, 2017.

Mrs. Fuller presented the water safety and secretary report. She is currently working on boat disposal process, stored properties, spillway landing process, records retention/disposal process, upcoming fireworks event(s), and preparing for the 2017 annual audit. She had finalized the facility security, and School Project. She held 2 events- the Natchitoches Fish Hatchery and the City of Natchitoches Park reopening. In all there were over 600 adults/kids in attendance.

Mrs. Fuller advised the commission it was time to elect the 2017/2018 Chairman for the commission. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Jim Rhodes was elected Cane River Waterway Commission Chairman for 2017/2018.

Mrs. Fuller advised the commission it was time to elect the 2017/2018 Vice-Chairman for the commission. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Margaret Vienne was elected Cane River Waterway Commission Vice-Chairman for 2017/2018.

Mrs. Fuller presented the expenditure report. 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, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the May 15 to June 19, 2017 expenditure report.

Mr. Fuller presented the Lake Safety Patrol report. Current lake level is 98.0 MSL. The Cane River Patrol issued two building permits, and worked one complaint. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries submitted no report. Sheriff's Office issued no citations and made no arrests. There were no Accidents, Injuries, or Fatalities to report.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: July 18, 2017