

**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
August 21, 2019
10:00 AM
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Red River Waterway Commission was called to order by Chair Designee, Troy Roussell, in the Board Room of the Red River Waterway Commission Office located at 5941 Highway 1 By-Pass in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum was present. Others in attendance were asked to identify themselves and offer any comments they may have regarding the agenda. However, no comments were offered.

Present: Chair Designee, Troy Roussell, Commissioner Roy A. Burrell, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Charles R. Greer, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner Ronald Lattier, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner Michael P. Deville and Commissioner James F. Maxey

RRWC Staff Members Present: Mr. Colin Brown - Executive Director, Mr. Mike Boydston - Operations & Maintenance Director, Ms. Stephanie Bonnette - Executive Assistant, Mr. Luke Pearson - Real Estate Manager, Mr. Ryan Ingles - Engineering Supervisor, Mr. Eric Gilmore - Marketing Director, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PURSUANT TO LRS 42:14

Others Present: None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Burrell, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the agenda was unanimously approved. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion of Commissioner Burrell, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the minutes of the July 17, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

By motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, & Fund Balance Report for the month of July 2019 were unanimously approved.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Consideration of Colfax RV Park Activity Center Addition Project: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved authorizing staff to proceed with investigation of options and an estimated cost to add a porch that extends the length of the Colfax RV Park Activity Center building and present to the Commission at the September 18, 2019 meeting.

Consideration of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/City of Alexandria/Alexandria Levee Park Development: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Alexandria for Phase I of the Alexandria Levee Development project. The Commission agrees to pay 80% of the Phase I (land side levee features) construction cost up to \$3,249,120.00.

Consideration of Bid/RRWC Project No. 19-01/Contract No. RRW-749/Coushatta Recreation Area-Dock Construction: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved award of bid to Testament Construction Services in the amount of \$932,973.38 for the Coushatta Recreation Area dock project.

Consideration of Change Order No. 5/Teague Parkway and Stoner Avenue Dock Rehabilitation/RRWC Project No. 15-06/Contract NO. RRW-730: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the Commission unanimously approved change order number 5 to increase the contract cost by \$48,840.56, with no budget amendment required, establishing a final contract cost of \$2,732,197.17 and increase the contract time by 444 days.

Consideration of Approval of GIS Consultant Contract/PPMP, LLC: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the Commission unanimously approved contracting with GIS Consultant, Tyler Jusselin of PMP, LLC at an hourly rate of \$65.00 per hour.

Consideration of Ratification of Dredging Contract/Crosby Dredging: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the Commission unanimously approved the ratification, and final negotiated contract with Crosby Dredging to perform channel dredging on the Red River.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Consideration of Authority to Award Land Lease Extension/Lock & Dam 2, Tract 14, Segments A & B/20 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Burrell, the Commission unanimously approved award of the 5-year lease extension agreement with Mr. Charles Bob Stevens for \$3,300.00 (\$33.00 per acre) for the 5-year term.

Consideration of Authority for Water Well Installation/Grand Ecore Recreation Area Land Lease: By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved authorizing staff to hire Red River Well Service to install a 4 inch well casing on the leased property at a cost of \$2,750.00.

c) Recreation

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 153,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of July 2019. Updated maintenance items include, but not limited to:

- Have determined 38 sites for dredging
- Dredging will be done at openings of oxbows
- A cutterhead dredge is currently at the Stoner Avenue Recreation Area, however the Stoner Avenue site is still closed
- A final cleanup of the Alexandria Recreation Area completed August 20th and the launch is now open

d) Ports

Consideration of Funding Request/Caddo-Bossier Port/Project Essence: Caddo-Bossier Port requested removal from the agenda. No action was taken.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. In addition, the following was discussed:

- Marketing Director, Eric Gilmore, attending the August 22, 2019 Mississippi River Commission Low Water Inspection trip
- Dr. Loren Scott of Loren C. Scott Associates, Inc. presented the 2019 Economic Impact Study update to the Commission
- A summation of the Economic Impact Study report will be prepared for public distribution

f) Personnel - None

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget - None

h) Legislative - None

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Updated dredging activity on Red River
- Lock & Dam 2 closure for dewater process and inspection is scheduled for September 08, 2019. The closure will last approximately 45 to 60 days
- Washington, DC Congressional visits September 09 – September 11, 2019
- Meetings the week of August 26th with the Corps of Engineers and FEMA regarding Base Flood Elevations Study
- Corps of Engineers-Vicksburg District new Commander – Colonel Robert A. Hilliard
- Corps of Engineers-Mississippi Valley Division new Commander – Major General R. Mark Toy

9. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets.

- Teague Parkway and Stoner Avenue Dock Rehabilitation projects are complete
- Poland Access Road Rehabilitation project is nearing completion
- Boyce Recreation Area project dock installation to begin August 26th and take approximately 3 weeks to complete
- Brouillette Ramp Widening project – ramp is now usable for launching watercraft
- Coushatta Dock Construction project – contract to be executed
- Tausin Island Road project – Patching and spot overlaying will begin once the heavy-load hauling ends this Summer

10. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - None

11. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT - None

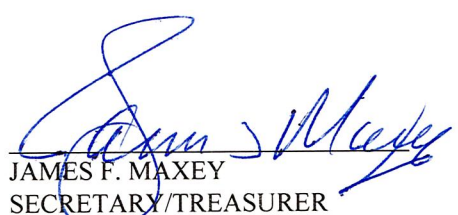
12. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION - None

13. OTHER BUSINESS -

14. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct at this time, by motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.


JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER


TROY ROUSSELL
CHAIR DESIGNEE