



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

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:00 pm., on April 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, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Methvin.

Guests of the Commission were Mayor Lee Posey, Womack Construction Jimbo Granthan, and Roger McCann

Also present were Commission administrator Betty Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison.

The minutes of the March 20, 2018 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. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, the Commission approved the minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting, as written.

Mayor Lee Posey addressed the Commission about a Fishing Show program advertisement. He advised that it would be held in Cane River Lake and there would be a 90-minute education session featuring the Natchitoches Central High School and NSU fishing teams. After discussion the Commission indicated support of the program and advised the mayor they would consider sharing the cost of the program.

Mrs. Fuller presented Insurance quotes for the Pumping Station to the Commission for 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, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized the lowest quote to Cunningham Agency in the amount of \$15,832.35 for an annual premium.

Mrs. Fuller presented the quotes for Lawn mowing services. 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. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, The Commission authorized the lowest quote to Hugo Lawn and Garden LLC in the amount of \$2,175.00, and further authorized Mr. Murchison to write a contract between the Commission and the Contractor.

Mrs. Fuller presented the quotes for Bush Hogging services. 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. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, The Commission authorized the lowest quote to Lawn Rangers LLC in the amount of \$1,750.00, and further authorized Mr. Murchison to write a contract between the Commission and the Contractor.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she and the Chairman attended the Row Team meeting at the Mayor's office. 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. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to order 6 marker buoys for the lake.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that after the previous storm she noted some trees down in the lake. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to identify trees for removal and present at the May 15, 2018 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller presented the quotes for the Shell Beach repairs. After legal 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 Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, the Commission rejected all submitted quotes.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that there were deep erosion pockets along the retaining wall at Shell Beach that pose a safety/liability hazard. 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. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to purchase the necessary supplies and to fill the holes as a temporary fix for public safety.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 1 of 2018 Amending Ordinance 3 of 1997 Boating Safety Course requirement. 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. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, Ordinance 1 of 2018 Amending Ordinance 3 of 1997 Boating Safety Course requirement was introduced, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to place on the Commission web site, and May 15, 2018 Agenda for final vote and passage.

Tabled agenda item Uniforms were discussed for Commission employees. 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. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to purchase uniforms for Commission employees.

Mrs. Fuller presented to the Commission information regarding the City Park Public Event held in downtown Natchitoches. She requested permission to hold a safety table during the event. 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, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins,

and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to have a safety table at the City Park Event, further authorizing the expenditures for the event.

Mrs. Fuller presented to the Commission information regarding the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery Public Event held in downtown Natchitoches. She requested permission to hold a safety table during the event. 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, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to have a safety table at the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery Public Event, further authorizing the expenditures for the event.

Mrs. Fuller presented to the Commission information regarding the Green Wing Public Event held in downtown Natchitoches. She requested permission to hold a safety table during the event. 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, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to have a safety table at the Green Wing Public Event, further authorizing the expenditures for the event.

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments to consider the millage rate(s) for the 2018 tax year. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 1 of 2018 millage(s) levied on the 2018 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Cane River Waterway 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. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige, the Commission adopted Resolution 1 of 2018 millage(s) levied on the 2018 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Cane River Waterway Commission.

Mr. Jimbo Grantham with Womack Construction updated the Commission on the Pumping Station project. He advised that they were able to move water, however with Red River and Cane River so high they could not run a full cycle of 6-8 hours. Mr. Grantham advised the commission that

a change order is required to allow adjustments for proper operation of the pump. After discussion the Commission tabled pending change order review and presentation by the Commission Engineer Randy Denmon.

Mrs. Fuller presented the 2018/2019 budget for Commission review and discussion.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report. She presented invoices from Helena \$218,960.00 and \$ 4,912.50, LFMA \$ 3,000.00, \$100.00, and \$235.00, and Land O Lakes \$ \$8,215.00, and presented the budget to actual comparison 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, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that after the vegetation control assessment with Wild Life and Fisheries Biologist it was determined that the area of treatment extend to the North to the Fish Hatchery Bridge. Notices have gone out to affected property owners. She further advised that with the abundance of rain fall, the lake may not quickly reach pool stage. 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, the Commission voted 4-0, Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, to authorize the usage of local Farmers to pull water off the lake in order to conduct treatment, further authorizing the reimbursement of fuel expenses to local farmers, excluding CRWC member Methvin, for this activity only.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from March 19 – April 16, 2018 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 Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Pagie, and unanimous vote by, Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved the logs for the period from March 19 – April 16, 2018.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator report. The current lake level is 98.3 MSL. She issued one fishing Tournament Permit, seven building

permits, addressed five lake issues, closed the lake on March 29 and reopened the lake on April 1 for high water, attended Fishing Advertisement, and Rowing Team meetings with the Mayor, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, and prepared all documentation, reports, and request that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries enforcement issued 9 citations and made no arrests on the lake. Sheriff's Office issued no citations and made no arrests. There were no Accidents, Injuries, or Fatalities to report. 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. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the March 19 – April 16, 2018 expenditure report contained therein.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: May 15, 2018.