



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
April 20, 2021

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

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The Chairman read aloud Ordinance 1 of 2021 and Resolution 3 of 2021. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

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The minutes of the March 03, 2021 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 Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the March 03, 2021 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 3 of 2021 adopting the millage rate for 2021. 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 Mr. Methvin and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized Resolution 3 of 2021 reducing the 2021 millage to 3.5 mills.

Mrs. Fuller presented an RFI for phase I tree removal from the lake. Only one quote was submitted by Dock and More for \$19,000.00. The chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the RFI quote from Docks and More in the amount of \$19,000.00. Further authorizing Mrs. Fuller set another RFI for South Drive bridge area.

Benny Dobson with Soil and Water Conservation presented their annual report to the Commission.

Mrs. Fuller presented a letter from Mr. Mayeaux stating his intention to continue lawn care service for 2021-2022 as per contract. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the continuous lawn care service provided by Mr. Mayeaux for 2021-2022 as per contract.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that an insurance company was wishing to quote on insurance renewals for 2022 fiscal year. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to quote out insurance policies for 2021-2022.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that mail has posed an issue with obtaining invoices in time to prevent late fees. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to move accounts to on-line to prevent further issues.

Mrs. Fuller advised that with the Commission holding no events due to Covid-19, the Commission has a surplus of drinking water on hand. Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to discontinue water with Music Mountain and obtain water on an as needed basis.

Mrs. Fuller presented the 2021/2022 general/capital budget for Commission review. After review and discussion, the Commission provided changes in preparation for the budget introduction set for May 18, 2021 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the Corp of Engineers has made changes to its format for reporting purposes. She advised that she can meet these requirements without the monthly report from Air Data Solution. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige,

seconded by Mr. Methvin, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the discontinuance of Air Data Solution.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she has received a report regarding a ½ sunken boat in a boathouse on the lake. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized a certified letter to be sent to the property owner requesting that the boat be removed from the lake.

Chairman Rhodes advised the Commission that Commcare has requested a letter of no objection from the Commission regarding a proposed drain into the Lake. Mr. Wiggins advised the Commission that he had a relationship with the parties involved in the project and would abstain from discussion and vote. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, affirmative vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized Mr. Murchison to submit a letter of no objection for the project. Mr. Wiggins abstained.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 1 of 2021 approving a cooperative endeavor agreement with Stuart Wright, Sheriff of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana to provide for Patrols on Cane River Lake and to provide for supplemental boating enforcement services, and further authorizing the Chairman of the Commission to execute the cooperative endeavor agreement on behalf of the Commission. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized Ordinance 1 of 2021.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of March. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of March 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. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mr. LaCour and Brown Security each presented estimates of cost for security cameras at both launch sites and the facility. After discussion, the Commission tabled until the May 18, 2021 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from February 22 to April 19, 2021 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. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Methvin and unanimous vote by, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from February 22 – April 19, 2021.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.5 MSL. Fishing season is now in full swing and traffic on the lake is increasing. She issued six building permits, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and giant salvinia in the North canal/lake, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web

site, service agreements, completed the required sexual harassment class, and prepared all documentation, reports, and requests that are required for the commissions review, authorization, and knowledge. Enforcement reported no injury or fatalities. 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. Paige, Mr. Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the February 23 – April 19, 2021 expenditure report contained therein.

Mrs. Fuller is working to reestablish the minute book and state process. A police report has been filed. A security camera system for the office was proposed. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to purchase a camera system for the office not to exceed \$1,000.00, and pending final approval by the Chairman.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: May 18, 2021