



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
February 18, 2020

There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission on February 18, 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, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Wiggins.

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

Also present were Parish President John Richmond, Dwayne Dunlap, Joe Cunningham Jr., Ben Barron, Beka Autman, Cat Haymon, and Van Erikson.

Mrs. Fuller presented ordinance 1 of 2020. The Chairman read aloud the purpose for the ordinance and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

At 6:09 P.M., the Chairman adjourned the public hearing.

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on February 18, 2020 at 6:10 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.

Present as guest were Parish President John Richmond, Dwayne Dunlap, Joe Cunningham Jr., Ben Barron, Beka Autman, Cat Haymon, and Van Erikson.

Van Erikson addressed the Commission regarding the annual Dragon Boat Race, which is scheduled to take place on the lake again this year. He requested that the Commission consider renewing their partnership and support of the program. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. After discussion the Commission advised Mr. Erikson that it has no objection to the Dragon Boat Race being held on

Cane River Lake. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Wiggins the Commission authorized the expenditure of \$3,500.00 to sponsor the event due to its positive impact on the lake.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that an annual review of the Commission investments was necessary for auditing purposes. Joe Cunningham Jr. presented a comprehensive report about the investments of the Commissions and further outlined accessibility/usage.

Parish President John Richmond addressed the Commission about Bermuda and Fish Hatchery Road(s), and requested that the Commission consider assisting the Parish with repairs of those roads. He suggested an intergovernmental agreement between the Commission and the Parish similar to the agreement entered into by the Parish and the Red River Waterway Commission. He provided a cost breakdown for Commission review. After discussion the Commission took the cost under advisement for the 2020/2021 budget.

The minutes of the January 21, 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. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting, as written.

Mr. Ben Barron with Natchitoches Historic Foundation presented a comprehensive report about the Roque House Restoration project. Mr. Rhodes recused himself from discussion and vote due to a familial relationship with the project. After discussion the Commission shared interest in the project and authorized Mrs. Fuller to reallocate line item funds in the 2019/2020 general budget to add \$35,000.00 to be used to fund a study for the Roque House Restoration project, further authorizing a public hearing and advertizing for the March 17, 2020 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller updated the Commission on the enforcement project, dilapidated structures, and stored properties.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of January. She presented invoices from Corkern, Crews, and Guillet in the amount of \$1,220.00, Air Data Solution in the amount of \$262.50, and Mayeaux Rangers LLC in the amount of \$505.83, and Mr. Robertson \$570.00. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of January 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. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, 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 January 20 - February 17, 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr.

Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from January 20 - February 17, 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 1 of 2020 authorizing Mrs. Fuller to process documents and 2yr renewal for Department of Natural Resources 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 1 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented the 2020 Budget letter and potential budget projects for Commission review and authorization. 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 Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the 2020 Budget letter.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 1 of 2020 for Commission review and authorization. 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. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized Ordinance 1 of 2020 Temporary Construction Easement.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.4 MSL. She issued four building permits, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and monitoring for giant salvinia in the north canal, 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 no lake complaints. Enforcement reported no injuries or fatalities but has issued some fishing license violations on the lake 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. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the January 20 - February 17, 2020 expenditure report contained therein.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: March 17, 2020