Cane River Waterway Commission Minutes Special Called Meeting January 24, 2017

There was a special meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 2:00 p.m., on January 24, 2017, at 616 Front Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order and roll was called, the following members being present: Margaret Vienne, Van Wiggins, Jim Rhodes, and Larry Paige.

Also present was attorney Tommy Murchison.

Mr. Rhodes opened the meeting with a discussion of property damage resulting from the storm that occurred on January 17, 2017. As a result of the storm there is a mobile home and other debris in the lake. Due to the resulting danger to navigation, the Lake has been closed to boat traffic.

Mr. Paige made a motion to declare an emergency in light of the natural disaster, which has created a danger to boating traffic on Cane River Lake. After opening the floor to public comments and discussion, the motion was seconded by Ms. Vienne, and upon unanimous vote the motion passed declaring an emergency.

The commission discussed the appropriate response to the obstruction to boat traffic, and after discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Ms. Vienne, second by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote, the Commission approved the expenditure of up to \$10,000.00 for the removal of the mobile home and other debris that is present in Cane River Lake as a result of the January 17, 2017 storm.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: <u>Betty Fuller</u> Date Approved: <u>February 21, 2017</u>