



Cane River Waterway Commission  
Minutes  
June 15, 2021

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The hearing was called to order and roll was called, the following member being present: Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Wiggins

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

Also present as guests of the Commission were Michael Vienne, Nick Verrett, and Sam Goodwin.

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At 6:10 pm, the Chairman adjourned the public hearing.

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on June 15, 2021 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. Paige, and Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks.

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

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The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Banks as a new board member representing the City of Natchitoches.

Nick Verrett presented change order #1 for the Fish Hatchery Road project. 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, the Commission authorized change order #1 in the amount of \$9,400.00.

Nick Verrett presented change order #2 for the Fish Hatchery Road project. 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. Methvin, and unanimous vote the Commission authorized change order #2 in the amount of \$48,710.00.

Mrs. Vienne addressed the Commission regarding the name of the landing currently known as Shell Beach. She suggested that the landing be renamed "Williamson Landing" in honor of the family that donated the property for the landing. The Commission thanked Ms. Vienne for her years of service to the Cane River Waterway Commission, serving as Vice-Chairman and representing the Soil and Water Conservation Board. Ms. Vienne was presented a service award and the Chairman noted that she will be tremendously missed. Van Wiggins was recognized as her replacement to the Board. 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. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Vienne's last board member per diem of \$50.00 for the June 15, 2021 meeting.

The Chairman took a short recess at 6:27 pm

At 7:12 pm the Commission returned to session.

The minutes of the May 18, 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. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote, by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 4 of 2021- 2020-2021 Amended General account fund budget for Commission review. 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, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized Resolution 4 of 2021 Amended General account fund budget.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 5 of 2021- 2020-2021 Amended Capital account fund budget for Commission review. 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. Paige, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized Resolution 5 of 2021- Amended Capital general account fund budget.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 6 of 2021- 2021-2022 General account fund budget for Commission review. 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, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized Resolution 6 of 2021- 2021/2022 General account fund budget.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 7 of 2021- 2021/2022 Capital account fund budget for Commission review. 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 Mrs. Banks, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized Resolution 7 of 2021- 2021/2022 Capital account fund budget.

Mrs. Fuller presented and read aloud the 2021 budget certification as per Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1307 for Commission review. 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. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to advertise the budget certification that completes the Commission's budget process.

Mrs. Fuller presented the annual engagement letter submitted by Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier for Commission review. 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, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the engagement letter submitted by Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier; further authorizing the submittal of the Cane River Waterway Commission 2020-2021 fiscal year records for audit.

Mrs. Fuller presented the annual credit card agreement for the Commission employee, and the annual security code agreement for the member/employee. 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 Mrs. Methvin, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the annual credit card agreement for the Commission employee.

Mrs. Fuller presented the annual records retention/disposal schedule, annual public records officer, and ethic's liaison officer forms(s) for Commission review. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Banks, seconded by Mrs. Wiggins, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the annual records retention/disposal schedule, and the annual public records officer forms(s) for submittal.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 8 of 2021-amendment for the Roque House project for Commission review. 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, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized Resolution 8 of 2021-amendment to the cooperative endeavor agreement entered into by and between Cane River Waterway District and Natchitoches Pacale-Roque house to provide for and allow expenditure of funds not to exceed \$15,000.00 for administration expenses.

Ordinance 2 of 2021 was introduced, which said ordinance amends ordinance 2 of 2011 to enact regulation for the operation and use of watercrafts on the Cane River Waterway, in order to amend the regulation of watercrafts during river closings, providing for penalties and advertisement. 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, Mrs. Banks and Mr. Paige the Commission introduced Ordinance 2 of 2021, further authorizing a public hearing for the July 20, 2021 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the Sheriff's office submitted an invoice for May enforcement work. 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 Mrs. Banks, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the invoice in the amount of \$4,785.00.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the Parish submitted an invoice for the Fish Hatchery Road project. 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, Mrs. Banks and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized the invoice in the amount of \$107,656.50.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she has not received any response regarding a ½ sunken boat in a boathouse on the lake and that the first certified letter was returned. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to take additional steps of notification if the second certified letter was not accepted.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she has acquired a camera system; however, the AT&T internet is insufficient to support the camera system. 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 Mrs. Methvin, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized Epic Touch internet for the office in order to support the new camera system.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that R.S. 39:372 Cash Management bill was signed by the Governor, and she needed to provide the required information to the state. 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 Mrs. Banks, unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to provide information as required by R.S. 39:372.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that officers need to be elected for the following year. The floor was opened to public comments regarding election of Chairman, and after discussion the floor was closed to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr.

Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks the Commission elected Jim Rhodes to serve as Chairman of the Commission for fiscal year 2021/2022.

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments regarding election of Vice-Chairman, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Paige the Commission elected Chad Methvin to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Commission for fiscal year 2021/2022.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she needed to purchase a new printer/scanner for the office. 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, Mrs. Banks and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to purchase a new printer/scanner.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of May. She also presented the budget to actual comparison and investment report for the month of April and May 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. Banks, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills; further authorizing Vice-Chairman Methvin as second signature on the Commission checking account with City Bank and Trust and removing Mrs. Vienne from the account.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from May 18 – June 15, 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. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from May 17 – June 15, 2021.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.4 MSL. She issued two 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, and prepared all documentation, reports, and requests that are required for the commissions review, authorization, and knowledge. She further worked four complaints. Enforcement reported no injury or fatalities; Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries 2 fishing license citations and made one arrest for DUI. Sheriff's office issued four warning citations, sonar scanned the public landings and assisted a stranded boater. 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. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the May 17 – June 15, 2021 expenditure report contained therein.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: July 20, 2021