



**Cane River Waterway Commission  
Minutes  
March 20, 2018**

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:00 pm., on March 20, 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 Randy Denmon, Soil and Water Conservation Ed Giering, Benny Dobson, Carlton Neil Bennett, Henry Shuler, Mr. McNeely, and Randy Denmon.

Also present was commission administrator Betty Fuller.

Mr. Giering, chairman of the Soil and Water Conservation Board, presented a comprehensive presentation about its education program. 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, the Commission voted 4-0 to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000.00 in support of the education program of the Soil and Water Conservation Board. Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Wiggins voted in favor and Mr. Methvin abstained.

The minutes of the February 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. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr.

Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, the Commission approved the minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that there were about 1500 bills introduced in the Louisiana legislature this year for the regular session. She advised that she would do her best to keep the Commission informed about bills that would have an affect on the Commission.

Lake issues, commission truck, commission stored property, dilapidated structures, and uniforms were tabled until the April 17, 2018 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller presented the quotes for the Shell Beach. After discussion the Commission tabled action on the quotes until legal review.

The Chairman advised the Commission that the Big Bass Replica Program is pending authorization by the Natchitoches Hall of Fame.

Mr. Paige advised the Commission that he did not believe that the lake needed a boating safety course requirement. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to begin the process to amend the boating safety course ordinance.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she receives calls about the closing of the spillway landing due to high water, and need for an additional landing on the south end. After discussion the Commission tabled until the April 17, 2018 pending talks with property owner on property purchase.

Carlton Neil Bennett addressed the Commission about Bermuda bridge. He advised that he wasn't sure of documented ownership, but would advise the Commission as soon as he received that information.

Mrs. Fuller presented to the Commission information regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual find your park festival. This year it will be at Oakland Plantation. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> annual find your park festival, further authorizing the expenditures for the event.

Mrs. Fuller presented the Commission members with their tier 2.1 2017 reporting documents. She requested their review and signatures, and advised that the documents should be submitted to Baton Rouge no later than May 15, 2018. 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. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to submit the Commission member's tier 2.1 documents as per law.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that millage for 2018 will be set at the April 17, 2018 meeting. She has advertised as per law and reminded all members to attend.

Mr. Shuler and Mr McBride addressed the Commission about dredging the North end of the lake. After discussion Mr. Shuler advised that he would attend the May 15, 2018 meeting providing figures on dredging the north end of the lake.

Randy Denmon updated the Commission on the Water Source project.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that it was time to discuss the Budget(s) for the commission. She provided a budget message describing the process and requirements. After discussion, the commission advised Mrs. Fuller of projects, expenditures, and reserves they expected for the commission's budget(s). 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. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission authorized the budget message presented by Mrs. Fuller.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report. She presented invoices from Denmon Engineering in the amount of \$14,934.39, Womack Construction in the amount of \$50,512.05, Cunningham in the amount of \$2,940.53, A&G in the amount of \$400.00, 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 Mr. Methvin, 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 there is an upcoming LWCC workshop in Shreveport, and requested permission to attend. The Chairman opened the floor to public comment, and after discussion closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to attend the LWCC workshop and all associated expenditures.

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

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator report in place of the Patrol and Water Safety reports. She advised that it would be simpler to have just one report that contains reports depicting the activities for each month. The administrator report would be listed as a life time record under the record retention schedule. 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 the administrator monthly report, and the February 19 – March 19, 2018 expenditure report contained therein.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the current lake level is 98.3 MSL. She issued one fishing Tournament Permit, eight building permits, addressed six lake issues, closed the lake on February 21 and reopened the lake on March 2 for high water, attended the state millage workshop, 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. Mrs. Fuller advised that 6033 boating safety ID cards have been issued to date.

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries issued 13 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.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that using personal equipment was part of a compensation agreement associated with the safety maintenance tech position that was eliminated February 20, 2018. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to put quotes out for grass cutting at Shell Beach and the Office and present them at the April 17, 2018 meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Methvin, 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: April 17, 2018.