



**Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
November 13, 2018**

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on November 13, 2018 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, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Wiggins.

Also present were administrator Betty Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison.

Present as a guest of the Commission was Joe Bishop.

Mrs. Fuller presented a copy of Shuler Consulting Company contract for Commission/legal review and authorization. The Contract is for a feasibility study to dredge the north portion of Cane River Lake. 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. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the Contract with Shuler Consulting Company; further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to place notice on the Commissions web site.

The Commission discussed the St. Augustine Church, Shell Beach Expansion, Old Condemned Shell Beach Bridge, and after discussion the Commission tabled these items. The Commission further authorized Mrs. Fuller to present the Commission's existing construction plans for the Shell Beach project at the January 15, 2018 meeting.

The Commission discussed the Spillway landing project. After discussion, the Commission tabled the project and board members were encouraged to visit the possible site in advance of further discussion.

Mrs. Fuller presented the RFI for the renewal of the Commission's storage unit. 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. Wiggins Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the RFI and awarded the lowest quote to Ralph Ingram in the amount of \$2,394.00 for a one year lease.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that an RFI was issued for removal of trees and other river obstructions that resulted from natural disaster that occurred on November 05, 2018 in the Plantation Point area. Ms. Fuller presented the RFI 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. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the RFI and awarded the lowest quote to Docks and More for \$5,500.00.

The minutes of the October 16, 2018 meeting of the commission were presented. 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. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the minutes of the October 16, 2018 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the Louisiana Floodplain Management Association membership is up for renewal. 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 authorized the membership renewals for Mr. Paige, Mr. Rhodes, and Mrs. Fuller in the amount of \$150.00.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the City has a pending ordinance that will amend its regulations regarding boat traffic during Fireworks displays in the downtown area. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to advertise the changes on the Commission's web site and email alert system once the City of Natchitoches provides her with the amended Fireworks Ordinance.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 10 of 2018- amending the general budget. Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she reallocated line funds to accommodate the Commission's expense requests. 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. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized Resolution 10 of 2018.

The City of Natchitoches is hosting the Fishing University Filming that will occur on Cane River Lake. 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 Mr. Wiggins Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized partnering with the City of Natchitoches and contributing up to \$6,000.00 for the Fishing University Filming.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report. She presented invoices from Corkern, Crews, Guillet and Johnson in the amount of \$2,494.75, Cunningham Ins. in the amount of \$2,024.39, A&G \$374.90, and presented the budget to actual comparison 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. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, 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 October 15 – November 12, 2018 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.

Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, the Commission approved the logs for the period from October 15 – November 12, 2018.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator report. The current lake level is 98.3 MSL. She issued two building permits, provided prizes for the Witch Way to Main Street event, attended a training certification on October 31, worked one complaint, stabilized the Plantation Point area after the natural hazard occurred on November 05, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, service agreements, and prepared all documentation, reports, and request that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries submitted no report. Sheriff's Office issued no citations and made no arrests. There was one reported fatality on November 07, 2018. 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 Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the October 15 – November 12, 2018 expenditure report contained therein.

The Chairman advised that the Commission needed to go into executive session for a strategy session and annual employee evaluation. The Chairman open the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission went into executive session at 6:42 pm. At 6:53 pm the Commission exited executive session and went back into regular session.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: December 4, 2018