



Cane River Waterway Commission

Minutes
October 20, 2020

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on October 20, 2020 at 6:22 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, and Mrs. Vienne.

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

Also present were Corey Poole and Maggie Matuschka.

Maggie Matuschka addressed the Commission about holding an open paddle-explore Cane River event on October 31, 2020 on the downtown riverbank. The event is expected to end at noon. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion, the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. The Commission expressed no objection to the open paddle-explore event, and further authorized Mrs. Fuller to close the lake to power vessel operation from the South Drive bridge to the North dam for safety.

The minutes of the September 15, 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller presented the RFI for the Commission storage unit advising that there was only one quote submitted by Ralph Ingram. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the Quote submitted by Ralph Ingram in the amount \$2,394.00 for a storage unit for one year.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that AT & T can provide a temporary internet service at Shell Beach with the possibilities of fiber optics to come. The monthly cost is about \$50.00. 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. Wiggins, and

unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the \$50.00 monthly expenditure for internet at Shell Beach.

Chairman Rhodes updated the Commission on the Fish Hatchery road project with the Parish Government. He further advised that advertisement for bids would occur the week of October 26, 2020.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of September. She presented an invoice from Cunningham Agency in the amount of \$2,166.20. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of September and Investment Report for Commission review. She further advises that investment certificates were coming due. 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. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills. The Commission further authored Mr. Cunningham to keep the Commission on the current investment track.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from September 16, to October 19, 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 Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Vienne and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from September 16 to October 19, 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.3 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, attended vegetation recertification Class, and prepared all documentation, reports, and requests that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. She worked 6 lake complaints, closed the lake for Hurricane Delta and reopened the lake on October 13, 2020. The highest level reached was 99.8 MSL. 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, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the September 16 to October 19, 2020 expenditure report contained therein.

The Chairman advised that the Commission needed to go into executive session for a strategy session regarding pending litigation. The Chairman open the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission went into executive session at 6:40 pm. At 6:52 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 Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: November 10, 2020

