

Cane River Waterway Commission Minutes September 18, 2018

There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:00 p.m., on September 18, 2018 at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

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

Also present were administrator Betty Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison.

Present as guests of the commission was attorney Chris Guillet.

A hearing was held to discuss Ordinance 2 of 2018 Lake Patrols. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public comments. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige, the hearing was adjourned.

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission at 6:05 pm on September 18, 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. Methvin, and Mr. Wiggins.

Also present were administrator Betty Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison.

Present as a guest of the commission was Chris Guillet, special council to the Commission.

The Chairman advised that the Commission needed to go into executive session for to discuss pending litigation. The Chairman open the floor to public comments, 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. Methvin, Mr, Paige, Mr. Rhodes, and Mrs. Vienne the Commission went into executive session at 6:08 pm. At 6:28 pm the Commission exited executive session, and went back into regular session.

The Commission discussed the St. Augustine Church project, and after discussion the Commission tabled pending State Governor's office review.

The Commission discussed the Shell Beach Expansion project, and stored properties/storage building. After discussion the Commission tabled all projects.

The Commission discussed the Old Condemned Shell Beach Bridge project. After discussion the Commission tabled pending the feasibility study grant through Cane River NHA, Inc.

The Commission discussed construction of a new spillway landing/recreation area on the South end of the lake. Mr. Methvin and Mr. Paige advised the Commission of available property. After discussion the Commission tabled pending property owner interest in selling to the Commission.

The Commission discussed the dredging project on the North end of the lake. After discussion the Commission authorized Mr. Methvin and Mrs. Fuller to speak with participants and have them attend the October 16, 2018 meeting.

The minutes of the August 21, 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report. She presented invoices from Labor Law in the amount of \$79.50, Corkern, Crews, Guillet and Johnson in the amount of \$2,865.50, 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the Service Agreement with Lawn Rangers was experiencing some issues. 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 Mrs. Vienne, and vote in favor by Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, with Mr. Paige abstaining, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to put a stop payment on the July check and re-issue the lost check to Lawn Rangers.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance no 2 of 2018, approving a cooperative endeavor agreement with Victor Jones, Sheriff of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, to provide for Patrols on Cane River Lake and to provide for supplemental boating enforcement services. 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, unanimous vote by, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized Ordinance no 2 of 2018.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from August 20 – September 17, 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, the Commission approved the logs for the period from August 20 – September 17, 2018. The Commission addressed Mrs. Fuller giving their condolences for the loss of her father Rev. Richard Browning. Further showing appreciation and thanking her for her job dedication and continued hard work during that difficult time.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator report. The current lake level is 96.5 MSL. She issued twelve building permits, there was one fireworks display on September 15, 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 were no injuries or fatalities to report. 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. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the August 20 – September 17, 2018 expenditure report contained therein.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: <u>Betty Fuller</u> Date Approved: <u>October</u> 16, 2018