

MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 21, 2025
10:00 AM
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION
5941 HWY 1 BYPASS
NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Red River Waterway Commission was called to order by Chair Designee, Troy Roussell, in the Board Room of the Red River Waterway Commission Office located at 5941 Highway 1 By-Pass in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and a quorum was present. Others in attendance were asked to identify themselves and offer any comments they may have regarding the agenda. However, no comments were offered.

Present: Chair Designee, Troy Roussell, Commissioner Versa Clark, Commissioner Michael P. Deville, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Jacques Goudeau, Commissioner Charles R. Greer, Commissioner Ronald Lattier, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Kenneth Richardson.

Absent: Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II and Commissioner Michael Simpson.

RRWC Staff Members Present: Mr. Colin Brown - Executive Director, Mr. Marcus Long - Operations & Maintenance Director, Ms. Stephanie Bonnette - Executive Assistant, Mr. Luke Pearson - Real Estate Manager, Mr. Kyle Smith - Engineering Supervisor, Mr. Brian Cespiva – Staff Engineer, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

3. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Others Present: Katy Breaux and Camryn Willoughby with US Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PURSUANT TO LRS 42:14**

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the amended agenda to add item to Ports to read as follows: Consideration of Approval of Addendum No. 2 to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Central Louisiana Regional Port/Facilities Expansion Project was unanimously approved. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

By motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the minutes of the April 16, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, & Fund Balance Report for the month of April 2025 were unanimously approved.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

Consideration of Ratification of Change Order No. 1/1North Adventure Trails/Phase 1B-Cross-Country Trails/RRWC Project No. 24-04/Contract No. RRW-835: By motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved the change order which establishes linear foot unit prices for various additional culvert sizes as well as a per square foot price for headwalls.

Consideration of Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Caddo Parish Fire District 7/1North Adventure Trails/Purchase of Emergency Response Equipment: By motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved the funding request from Caddo Parish Fire District 7 in the amount of \$35,000.00, the corresponding budget amendment, and the cooperative endeavor agreement in which the Commission will pay the actual cost of the emergency equipment purchase up to \$35,000.00.

Consideration of Request to Purchase Vehicle for Mitigation Properties/Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries: By motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved the request for funding in the amount of \$44,714.10 to purchase a replacement truck for use on JBJ Waterway Mitigation properties and a corresponding budget amendment in the amount of \$45,000.00.

Consideration of Contract Revisions for Red River Waterway Commission Design Consultant Contracts: By motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved the contract revisions as presented with one change such that payment will be based on the final approved available funds for construction (AFC).

b) **Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action**

Consideration of Request for Temporary Access Servitude/Pointfield Realignment: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the Commission unanimously approved the request from James Timber Company, LLC for a Temporary Access Servitude/Right of Use Agreement for access at Pointfield Realignment for a fee of \$750.00.

Consideration of Request for Leaseback Renewal/Lock & Dam 1/Part of Tract 1/43 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the Commission unanimously approved award of 5-year leaseback renewal to Southline Farms, LLC for \$4,730.00 for the 5-year term.

c) **Recreation**

Consideration of Revisions to Recreation Area Temporary Use Permit: By motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the Commission unanimously approved the revisions as presented with the addition of language prohibiting the sale of alcohol.

Consideration of Revisions to Reservation Policy/Grand Ecore RV Park: Item was tabled in committee. No action was taken.

Recreation Area Status Report – Mr. Marcus Long highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 100,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of April 2025. Updated maintenance items include, but not limited to:

- Teague Parkway and Stoner Avenue boat ramps closed to the general public this coming weekend for the Formula 1 Powerboat racing event
- The river is in a slow fall
- Camera and wifi system have been installed at the Colfax RV Park
- Grand Ecore RV Park pool has been opened for use

d) **Ports**

Consideration of Approval of Addendum No. 2 to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Central Louisiana Regional Port/Facilities Expansion Project: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Deville, the Commission unanimously approved addendum number 2 reflecting the change/correction in acreage from a 14 acre tract to a 8.231 acre tract.

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

Marketing Update:

- 2nd Annual Red Oak Rumble Catfish Tournament held May 10th
- F1 Powerboat Racing event May 24-25, 2025
- Mudbug Madness May 24-25, 2025
- Coast Guard Appreciation Day May 22, 2025
- Carp Tournament October 17-18, 2025

f) **Personnel** - None

g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget** - None

h) **Legislative** - None

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Reminder to Commissioners of the Tier 2.1 Financial Disclosure deadline of May 15
- Monitoring Senate Bill 97
- Nomination/Appointment letters for the Board vacancy have been sent
- Legislative session ends June 12
- 12' Channel Study – update to follow

10. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets.

- Alexandria Levee Park project – river side area nearly completed
- Brouillette Recreation Area project – progress with comfort station construction
- Ft. Buhlow Recreation Area project – various foundations readied
- Red Oak and Bishop Point Seawall Rehabilitation projects – continuing as weather allows
- 1 North Adventure Trails – ongoing establishment of mountain bike trails
- 12 Mile Bayou Boat Ramp project – asphalt being poured

11. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - None

12. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT**

- Lock 2 Approach – modeling completed, in review stage, anticipate awarding by September 2025
- 12' Channel Study – Corps of Engineers did not receive funding in Fiscal Year 2025. Anticipate receiving some funding from LA DOTD
- 2026 Appropriations – requesting \$1,000,000.00
- Locks 1 and 2 are issues for achieving a continuous 12' channel

13. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - None

14. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None

15. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

By motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Clark and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss the following matters of litigation:

a) **Discuss Privileged Matters Pursuant to Louisiana Code of Evidence Article 506**

Immediately following Executive Session, by motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Goudeau and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Regular Session.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct at this time, by motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Clark, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.


JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER


TROY ROUSSELL
CHAIR DESIGNEE