

**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021
10:00 AM
GRAND ECORE RV PARK ACTIVITY CENTER
1071 TAUZIN ISLAND ROAD
NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Red River Waterway Commission was called to order by Vice Chair, Commissioner Paul Fleming, in the Activity Center of the Red River Waterway Commission Grand Ecore RV Park located at 1071 Tazuin Island Road 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: Commissioner Versa Clark, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Charles R. Greer, Commissioner Ronald Lattier, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Michael Simpson. In accordance with Louisiana R.S.42.17.1 (Act 302) Commissioner Jacques Goudeau and Commissioner David Jones participated virtually.

Absent: Chair Designee, Troy Roussell, and Commissioner Michael P. Deville

RRWC Staff Members Present: Mr. Colin Brown - Executive Director, Mr. Mike Boydston - Operations & Maintenance Director, Ms. Stephanie Bonnette - Executive Assistant, Mr. Luke Pearson - Real Estate Manager, Mr. Ryan Ingles - Engineering Supervisor, Mr. Eric Gilmore - Marketing Director, Mr. Brian Cespiva - Staff Engineer, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PURSUANT TO LRS 42:14

Others Present: Mr. Ben Russo, Executive Director of the Central Louisiana Regional Port, Mr. Rich Brontoli, Executive Director of the Red River Valley Association, Mr. Earnest Givens of Rasscom USA, LLC, and Mr. Al Chapman with Cabella's King Kat Tournament.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the agenda was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the minutes of the August 18, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, and Fund Balance Report for the month of August 2021 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Consideration of Addendum No. 2 to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Grant Parish Sheriff's Office/Emergency Equipment Storage Building: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Addendum No. 2 to the current cooperative endeavor agreement with the Grant Parish Sheriff's office which allows for construction of additional bays to the emergency equipment storage building located at the Colfax Recreation area and a financial commitment of \$170,000.00 by the Red River Waterway Commission.

Consideration of Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/City of Pineville/Ft. Buhlow Recreation Area/Equipment Storage and Training Building: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the cooperative endeavor agreement with the City of Pineville Police Department and the assignment of Act of Servitude for the construction of a multi-purpose building at the Ft. Buhlow Recreation Area with a Commission funding commitment of \$269,000.00.

Consideration of Approval of Proposals/Project No. 21-09/Contract No. RRW-802/Comfort Station Flooring Rehabilitation Project for Teague, Stoner, and Coushatta Recreation Areas/Proposals Open September 09, 2021: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved, by roll call vote, award of bid to Stonhard, Inc. in the amount of \$14,885.00 for all three comfort stations.

Consideration of Request to Increase the Available Funds for Construction and Budget/RRWC Project No. 21-01/Contract No. RRW-794/Bishop Point, Red Oak, Natchitoches Recreation Areas - Comfort Stations: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved, by roll call vote, an increase to the available funds for construction and budget by \$25,000.00. The revised construction cost is \$525,000.00 and revised budget amount is \$625,000.00.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Consideration of Change in the Use of Land Lease/Hadden-Ft.DeRussy/Area 5/Segments 30-36/18.7 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved, by roll call vote, change-of-use of above described property from a dirt removal pit to a standard surface lease and authorized staff to re-advertise parcel for public bid lease at a minimum bid of \$40.00 per acre annually.

Consideration of Approval of Dredge Fill Material Removal License/Pool 5/Parts of Tracts 24, 25, 27 & 29/29.5 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved, by roll call vote, an exclusive license to Sunny Point Aggregates, LLC to dredge sand from 29.5 acres of Commission-owned water bottom (being the property described above) for \$250.00 per acre for a 5-year paid in full license with an option for a 5-year extension of the license for \$275.00 per acre. Additionally, the Commission will be paid \$1.00 per dry ton for frac grade sand produced, sold and shipped and \$0.50 per dry ton for industrial grade sand produced, sold and shipped.

c) **Recreation**

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 153,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of August 2021. Updated maintenance items included the following dredging updates:

- Spud barge and long reach working its way down to the Poland area. Upon completion (approximately two weeks) dredge will begin making its way back upstream
- Cutterhead dredge working in the following areas: Clarence Oxbow; Campti area and Red River Parish

d) **Ports**

Consideration of Funding Request/Caddo-Bossier Port: By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the Commission unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the funding request for the following infrastructure projects for the Caddo-Bossier Port:

- Hardstands A, B & C adjacent to Port's general cargo dock
- North Berth Winch Plinth
- Laser Flow Level-Velocity Meter
- Fleet Dolphin Upgrades

The staff was directed to bring back a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with final costs for approval.

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. In addition, Marketing Director, Eric Gilmore discussed the following upcoming events:

- Mr. Crappie Expo – Early October
- Kayak Bass Fishing Tournament – Mid-October
- King Kat Tournament – Early November

f) **Personnel** - None

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

h) **Legislative** - None

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Staff is in the beginning work-stages for the 2022 Budget
- Required annual training for Commissioners - notices going out in the coming weeks

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

- Teague Trails Extension project – construction began last Tuesday
- Comfort Stations project plans approved
- Additional amenities project at Grand Ecore RV Park – design work in progress

10. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - None

11. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - None

12. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** – Richard Brontoli, Executive Director of the RRVA provided the Commission with the following update:

- Dredge is below Lock 1 and should complete work there by Sunday
- Jackson Street Bridge in Shreveport experienced mechanical failure of the barriers for traffic. Vehicle traffic and barge traffic will be affected until repairs completed
- No further changes with appropriations
- Alexandria dikes project funding proposed through its designation of Community Project
- Early October – an in-person committee meeting to recap the last 3 months of events with the waterway

13. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None

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

15. **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