

MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 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 William R. Altimus, Commissioner Versa Clark, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Michael P. Deville, Commissioner John F. Earles, Commissioner Ronald Lattier, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Kenneth Richardson, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner Paul Fleming and Commissioner Charles R. Greer.

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: Mr. Robert Vinet with KSA Engineers, Shreveport.

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

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Deville, the minutes of the October 15, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

Consideration of Approval for Construction and Budget Revision/John Franks Wildlife Management Area/Equipment Shed and Bunk House Facilities/RRWC Project No. 25-02/Contract No. RRW-850: Discussion item was tabled in committee, and no further action was taken.

Consideration of Approval for Construction and Budget Revision/1North Adventure Trails/Phase 1E/Site, Paving, and Utility Improvements/RRWC Project No. 25-03/Contract No. RRW-852: By motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved the authorization to increase both the Available funds for Construction project amount to \$7,200,00.00 and the overall project budget to \$8,000,000.00 to allow for all needed amenities to be included in the project scope.

b) **Land Management & Legal Affairs**

Consideration of Approval of Land Lease Extension/Lock & Dam 4/Parts of Tracts 1, 8 & 9/30 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the Commission unanimously approved the request from Christopher Turner for a 5-year lease extension in the amount of \$3,300.00 for the 5-year term.

Consideration of Request to Cancel Land Lease and Authority to Re-Advertise/Socot Capout/Phase II, Tract 11, Segment B/91 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the cancellation of the lease, waiving the \$200.00 early cancellation fee, and authorized staff to re-advertise the property for Public Bid Lease with a minimum bid amount of \$15.00 per acre.

Consideration of Amendment to Land Lease Agreement/Lock & Dam 3/Tracts 1, 2 & 3/409 Acres Plus Improvements: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Richardson, the Commission unanimously approved the amendment to the land lease removing Ken Hale, Keith Miller, and Tyler Murchison from the lease and for Stephen VanSickle to remain as the sole lessee.

c) **Recreation**

Consideration of Funding Request/City of Pineville/Riverfront Pavilion: By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Deville, the Commission unanimously approved entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Pineville for funding a 5,000 square foot open-air pavilion in the amount of \$1,600,000.00. The City of Pineville assumes all responsibility of the pavilion and surrounding area including, but not limited to, the operation and maintenance of said pavilion.

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Marcus Long highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 105,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of October 2025. Updated maintenance items include, but not limited to:

- Dredging – Testament and Crosby will likely be dredging for another month
- Ongoing routine maintenance
- Colfax RV Park updates: Fish cleaning station damaged during a storm and currently there isn't a plan for replacement. Sunken boat to be retrieved by a dredging company in the coming months.

d) Ports

Consideration of Funding Request/Caddo-Bossier Port/Front-End Loader: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the Commission unanimously approved the funding request from the Caddo-Bossier Port for the purchase of a front-end loader in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000.00.

Consideration of Funding Request/Natchitoches Parish Port/Conveyors, Tanks, and Warehouse Project: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Altimus, the Commission unanimously approved the funding request from the Natchitoches Parish Port to assist with funding of 10% of construction costs and 100% of soft costs (design, engineering, inspection, testing, permitting, etc.) in the amount up to \$2,306,524.00.

Consideration of Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Central Louisiana Regional Port/Beaver Lake Renewable Energy Project: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to fund up to \$3,750,000.00 for the development of a general cargo dock, liquid dock, heavy haul access road, and associated utilities for the Beaver Lake Renewable Energy Project and authorized reserving the funds for said project.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

Marketing Update – Executive Director, Colin Brown, updated the Commission on the following:

- Red River Waterway Commission and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries completed the 2025 Bass Stocking program on the Red River
- Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission held the highly participated Fishers of Men Tournament November 7-8, 2025
- Video presentation of the Grand Ecore RV Park

f) Personnel - None

g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget** – Discussion of the preliminary 2026 budget in committee and a follow-up meeting scheduled for December 1, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

h) Legislative - None

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Welcome to new Bossier Parish Commissioner, Mr. William Altimus
- Update provided on Commissioner Paul Fleming
- 2026 Budget will be presented at the December Commission meeting
- Reminder of Commissioner annual training requirements with a completion due date of December 31, 2025

10. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets and a video presentation of the Ft. Buhlow and 12 Mile Bayou Projects were presented.

11. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - None

12. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT - None

13. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION – Executive Director, Colin Brown, updated the Commission regarding a group visit to the Vicksburg District office of the Corps of Engineers with former Red River Valley Executive Director, Rich Brontoli, and newly hired Executive Director, Josh McClintock.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

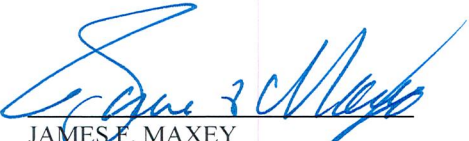
a) Consideration of Approval of Resolution of Appreciation/Lillie Delphin: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the Commission unanimously approved the Resolution of Appreciation for Lillie Delphin in her many years of service to the Commission.

b) Consideration of Approval of Committee Assignments/William Altimus: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the committee assignments of new Commissioner William Altimus.

15. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

17. ADJOURNMENT

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


JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER


TROY ROUSSELL
CHAIR DESIGNEE