

Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
April 18, 2017

There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:00 p.m., on April 18, 2017 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. Methvin, and Mr. Wiggins.

Also present were Patrol Persons Betty Fuller and Glynn Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison.

Present as guests of the commission were Charles Carruth, Randy Denmon, Fred Johnson, Glynn Dobbs, Natchitoches Soil & Water Conservation District Chairman, Sidney Evans, and Gary Giering.

A hearing was held to discuss the 2017 millage rate for the commission. 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 and Mr. Wiggins, the hearing was adjourned.

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:05 p.m., on April 18, 2017 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 Patrol Persons Betty Fuller and Glynn Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison.

Present as guests of the commission were Charles Carruth, Randy Denmon, Fred Johnson, Glynn Dobbs, Natchitoches Soil & Water Conservation District Chairman, Sidney Evans and Gary Giering.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 1 of 2017 adjusted millage rates be and

they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the said Parish for the year 2017 for the purpose of raising revenue. The Chairman read aloud Resolution 1 of 2017 and opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote, by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission adopted and authorized Resolution 1 of 2017.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 2 of 2017 the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2017, and when collected, the revenue from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. The Chairman read aloud Resolution 2 of 2017 and 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, Mrs. Vienne and Mr. Methvin, the Commission adopted and authorized Resolution 2 of 2017.

Sidney Evans with Natchitoches Soil & Water Conservation District presented a report and update regarding the efforts of the Natchitoches Soil & Water Conservation District to protect water quality and prevent erosion. This work is possible in part due to funding provided by the commission for the current fiscal year. Mr. Evans requested that the Cane River Waterway Commission consider continuing funding for the next fiscal year. After discussion the commission agreed that the work of the Natchitoches Soil & Water Conservation District is beneficial to the lake and agreed to include funding for the Natchitoches Soil & Water Conservation District in the 2017/2018 general budget. The Commission also thanked the Natchitoches Soil & Water Conservation District for the donation of five oak trees to be located at the Shell Beach Launch area.

Randy Denmon updated the commission on the Water Source project, and discussed dredging the North end of the lake with the commission.

The minutes of the March 21, 2017 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 Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the minutes of the February 21, 2017

meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report. Mrs. Fuller further provided financials and a invoices from A & G in the amount of \$75.00, Mr. Rhodes in the amount of \$60.74, Denmon Engineering in the amount of \$13,084.88, and Womack Construction in the amount of \$283,472.52. 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 Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige and Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from March 20 - April 17, 2017, for the review of the Commission. 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 and Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved the logs for the period from March 20 - April 17, 2017.

Mrs. Fuller presented to the commission a draft copy of the 2017/2018 general/capital budgets for review and discussion.

Mrs. Fuller advised the commission that the State requires the commission to have a record retention/disposal schedule. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne and Mr. Methvin, the Commission authorized adding discussion of the state required retention/disposal schedule to the agenda.

Mrs. Fuller presented the retention/disposal schedule that the state had required her to submit as records officer. The state has authorized the schedule submitted by Mrs. Fuller for the commission. 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, unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the 2017 retention/disposal schedule as submitted by Mrs. Fuller and authorized by the state.

Mr. Paige updated the Commission on the St. Augustine Church Project. A non-federal sponsorship is required for the project. 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, unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized the Cane River Waterway Commission to be the Non-Federal Sponsor on the St. Augustine Church bank restoration project.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Mr. Carruth in the amount of \$4,200.00 for Trees Phase VI. 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 and Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved payment of the invoice from Mr. Carruth in the amount of \$4,200.00.

Mrs. Fuller advised the commission that the City of Natchitoches riverfront project was moving along and required a cooperative endeavor agreement and indemnification, defense and hold harmless agreement. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne and Mr. Methvin, the Commission authorized adding discussion of the cooperative endeavor agreement and indemnification, defense and hold harmless agreement to the agenda.

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. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission introduced Ordinance 1 of 2017.

Mrs. Fuller presented the water safety and secretary report. She advised the commission that she has maintained the CRWC and State web site, is working on the State Wide agreed-upon procedures from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Tier 2.1 members, boat disposal process, vegetation control for the lake, school project, facility security, and has to present to the commission the employee manual. 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, Mrs. Methvin and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized the employee manual submitted by Mrs. Fuller. The commission further thanked Mrs. Fuller, Chairman Rhodes, and member Paige for their hard work on the manual. 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. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission

authorized the employee annual salary change for Mr. Fuller to \$41,000.00 to take effect July 1, 2017.

Mrs. Fuller further advised the commission that there was no more room for storage in the facility and requested a storage building. 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. Rhodes, Mr. Paige and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized the purchase of a storage building not to exceed \$5,000.00. Mrs. Fuller further advised the commission that there was a lot of storage stock from previous public/school events without the commission information printed on it and requested no objection to its usage. 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, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized the usage of stored item without their information printed on them.

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. Rhodes, Mr. Paige and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the March 20 – April 17, 2017 expenditure report.

Mr. Fuller presented the Lake Safety Patrol report. Current lake level is 98.0 MSL. The Cane River Patrol issued five building permit, and worked two complaints. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries submitted no report. Sheriff's Office issued no citations and made no arrests. There were no Accidents, Injuries, or Fatalities to report.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: May 16, 2017

