



**Cane River Waterway Commission  
Minutes  
August 21, 2018**

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on August 21, 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, and Mr. Wiggins.

Also present were administrator Betty Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison.

Present as guests of the commission were Rhonda Boyette, Paul Lohr, Danny Stewart, Kevin Shannahan, Derek Donald, Jim Akin, and Luke Difulco.

Mr. Lohr addressed the Commission a proposed tour boat, "Cane River Queen", which will operate on the lake. After, discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. The Commission requested that the Commission be named as an additional insured on liability insurance policies, and wished them well with their new business.

Donald of NSU addressed the Commission about the upcoming St. Denis Head Race set for October 6, 2018. 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, Mr. Rhodes, and Mrs. Vienne the Commission authorized up to \$6,000.00 for the upcoming St. Denis Head Race.

After Commission review of the August 21, 2018 Agenda. 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. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to remove items G, H, I and J from old business on the Agenda.

The Commission discussed the St. Augustine Church project. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the Chairman and Mr. Paige to go to Baton Rouge and meet with the Secretary of State and DOTD, and further authorized reimbursement of associated expenditures.

The Commission addressed the NSU water samples, and after discussion, authorized Mrs. Fuller to send a letter to Dr. Lyles advising that the Commission has decided to not participate in the program at this time.

Mrs. Fuller presented a proposed letter to be issued by the Commission for review and authorization. There have been some complaints about a fishing tournament that was held on the lake and the letter addresses those 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. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the letter.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that construction on the Washington Street landing is projected to start by the end of September. She recommended additional safety hazard buoys and reflective tape on the sheet piles for safety in that area during construction. 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. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the buoys and reflective tape for safety during construction of the Washington Street landing.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 9 of 2018-amending the General account budget. 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 Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized Resolution 9 of 2018-amending the General account budget.

The minutes of the July 17, 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 Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report. She presented invoices from Interface in the amount of \$219.64, A&G computer in the amount of \$75.00, Corkern, Crews, Guillet and Johnson in the amount of \$5,348.00, and Bennett Heating & Air in the amount of \$244.80, 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. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented the revised Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures for the year ended June 30, 2018. The revision is necessary due to the changes made by the Office of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. 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, and unanimous vote by, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized the revised Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures for the year ended June 30, 2018, further authorizing any necessary signatures by the Chairman/Administrator to complete the process.

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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, unanimous vote by, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission introduced Ordinance no 2 of 2018, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to advertise and set a public hearing for the September 18, 2018 public meeting.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from July 16 – August 20, 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 Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the Commission approved the logs for the period from July 16 – August 20, 2018.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator report. The current lake level is 97.5 MSL. She issued fifteen building permits, one fishing tournament, worked two incidents, 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the July 16 – August 20, 2018 expenditure report contained therein.

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

At 8:07 pm the Commission reconvened and reopened. The meeting was called to order and roll was called, the following members being present: Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins.

Also present were administrator Betty Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison.

The Commission desired to address the possibility of lake closure due to low water. The lake is currently 96.4 MSL, and the lake closes by Ordinance at 96.0 MSL. After, discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, unanimous vote by, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized added low water- river closing to the agenda. 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 Mrs. Vienne, unanimous vote by, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized that should the lake reach 96.0 MSL the entire lake would remain open, but that the area from the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery outflow box North to the dam will be a no-wake zone.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: September 18, 2018