



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
January 18, 2022

There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission on January 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm located at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

The hearing was called to order, and roll was called, the following members being present: Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mrs. Banks.

Also present was the administrator, Betty Fuller.

Present as guest of the Commission were Joe Cunningham, Amos Bradley, and Rodney Harrington.

Chairman Rhodes read aloud Resolution 1 and 2 and opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion.

At 6:15 pm, the Chairman adjourned the public hearing.

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on January 18, 2022 at about 6:15 pm.

The meeting was called to order, and roll was called, the following members being present: Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mrs. Banks.

Also present was the administrator, Betty Fuller.

Present as guest of the Commission were Joe Cunningham, Amos Bradley, and Rodney Harrington.

The minutes of the December 07, 2021 and January 05, 2022 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. Methvin, seconded by Mrs. Banks, and unanimous vote, by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the December 7, 2021 and January 5, 2022 meeting, as written.

Joe Cunningham provided an annual comprehensive report on the Commissions investments. After discussion the Commission provided directives for their investments.

There was a request to add an item 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. Banks and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized adding the Jazz R & B Festival to the agenda. Rodney Harrington addressed the board. He advised the Commission that it was the 25th anniversary for the Jazz R & B Festival and special guest performances were being set up. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion, the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Methvin, seconded by Mrs. Banks and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized \$12,500.00 for the event to be held on the downtown riverbank, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to set a public hearing and amend the 2021/2022 General Budget to include the Jazz R & B Festival and to adjust fund line items to include the \$12,500.00 expenditure.

After review and discussion of the current agenda 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. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized removing the Fish Hatchery Road Project from old business.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the secondary security system was having failing issues. After discussion the Commission authorized bypassing Zone 9.

Amos Bradley addressed the Commission about a drainage project for the Natchez area. After discussion the Commission advised that the project would have to relate to the lake. Mr. Methvin advised that he would look into the project.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that it was time to requote/bid the CRWC lawncare services. 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. Methvin and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the RFI process with included a five-year plan, further authorizing the contractor list.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 1 of 2022 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 Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Banks and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 1 of 2022 amending the 2021/2022 General Budget.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 2 of 2022 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. Banks, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 2 of 2022 amending the 2021/2022 Capital Budget.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that it was time to set the 2022 millage for 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. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized 3.5 mills for the 2022 calendar year.

Mrs. Fuller presented the annual meeting dates for 2022. 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. Methvin and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the annual meeting dates.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from October 18, 2021 – January 17, 2022, for the review of the Commission. She also presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.2 MSL. She issued nine building permits, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and monitoring for giant salvinia in the North canal/lake, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, service agreements, and prepared all documentation, reports, and requests that are required for the commissions review, authorization, and knowledge. Enforcement reported no injury or fatalities; Sheriff's office worked fireworks and extra security for the Christmas Festival/ Christmas Bells. After discussion, 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. Paige, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, the October 18, 2021, to January 17, 2022 expenditure report contained therein, and the gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from October 18, 2021 – January 17, 2022. Mrs. Fuller further advised the Commission that a citizen was having difficulty utilizing the Washington Street Landing docks. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to look into possible cost/procedure for about a 20' ADA sidewalk at that location.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of December. She also presented the budget to actual comparison and investment report for the months of November & December 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 Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Banks, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission went in executive session at 7:15 pm to discuss project litigation. At 7:57 pm the Commission exited executive session and went back into regular session.

Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission issued a written corrective action form with regard to disciplinary action regarding an employee, and further ordered one week suspension without pay.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: February 15, 2021