

Cane River Waterway Commission

Minutes

February 21, 2017

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:00 p.m., on February 21, 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, 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, Joe Cunningham Jr., and James “Jim Bo” Womack.

The minutes of the January 17, 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 Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting, as written.

The minutes of the January 24, 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, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the minutes of the January 24, 2017 meeting, as written.

Mr. Joe Cunningham Jr. provided a comprehensive report detailing how the Commissions funds in investment stocks are invested, further looking at a three year structure plan for their stock investments.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer’s report. Mrs. Fuller further provided financials and invoices from Blanchard Training \$60.00, and Robertson \$280.00. 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, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from January 16 – February 20 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 Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote, Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, the Commission approved the logs for the period from January 16 – February 20, 2017.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that it was time to discuss the 2017 millage. 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, Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to begin the Roll Forward process.

Mr. Paige updated the Commission on the St. Augustine Church Project.

Mrs. Fuller presented the commission with the Shoreline Recovery –Trees Phase VI Quotes. 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 Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Rhodes, the commission approved the only quote submitted; Mr. Carruth in the amount of \$33,000.00.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Mr. Carruth in the amount of \$4,000.00 for debris removal caused by a Natural Disaster on January 22, 2017. 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 Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the invoice to Mr. Carruth in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Mrs. Fuller updated the commission on the status of the Shoreline Recovery; citing that there has been boat interaction with a group of trees on the south end of the lake where the bank gave way and shifted out into the lake about 50' from shore. After discussion, the commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to obtain quotes for phase VII requiring removal of trees/siltation in that location, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to contact DOTD about the spillway landing advising them that the commission requests permanently closing the landing and placing barriers citing safety/liability concerns while they search for property to develop a landing on the south end of the lake.

Mrs. Fuller advised the commission that the Natchitoches Tourist Commission was requesting updated brochures. 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, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Rhodes, the commission authorized 300 updated brochures to be printed and provide The Natchitoches Tourist Commission is some.

Uniforms, Traffic Control Counter, Commission Mailing Address, Commission Official Records, Commission Stored Properties, and water sampling were tabled for later discussion.

HDBA was seeking support from the Commission for a summer water park in the downtown area. After discussion the commission unanimous agreed that they would not support a summer water park downtown, citing with the narrow channel and boat interaction would create an unsafe environment.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Denmon Engineering in the amount of \$10,712.58 for the water source project. 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, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Rhodes, the commission authorized the payment of \$10,712.58 to Denmon Engineering.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Womack Construction in the amount of \$312,090.48 for the water source project. 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 Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Rhodes, the commission authorized the payment of \$312,090.48 to Womack Construction.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Womack Construction in the amount of \$375,120.00 for the water source project. 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, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Rhodes, the commission authorized the payment of \$375,120.00 to Womack Construction.

Mrs. Fuller advised the commission that there are two workshops in the state dealing with laws and records during the month of March. 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 Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the attendance to a 2-day workshop in New Orleans, and a 1-day workshop in Monroe, further authorizing expenditures for both trips.

Mrs. Fuller presented the water safety report. She advised the commission that she completed the annual Secretary of State report, and the DNR Surface Water Withdrawal report. She additionally advised the board that she had completed the required re-certification/testing for aquatics, and the First Aid/CPR re-certification. She further advised that there are six outstanding pump renewals remaining from lake riparian owners. 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,

Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the January 16 – February 20, 2017 expenditure report.

Mr. Fuller presented the Lake Safety Patrol report. Current lake level is 98.3 MSL. The Cane River Patrol issued four building permits. He advised the Commission that Mr. Robertson monitor the lake during employee vacations; He worked the lake closing during the Natural Disaster. After discussion the Commission requested that Mr. Robertson attend the March 21, 2017 meeting to meet the newest members on the board. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries reported that there were 6 citations issued on the lake the previous month. Sheriff's Office issued no citations and made no arrests. There were no Accidents, Injuries, or Fatalities to report.

Upon Motion by Mr. Paige, Seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Rhodes, the commission went into Executive Session at 8:15 pm with a five-minute recess to discuss employees. The commission exited Executive Session at 9:44 pm.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: February 21, 2017

