



**Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
January 23, 2018**

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:00 pm., on January 23, 2018 at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

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

Guests of the Commission were Van Erikson and Jason Stelly.

Also present were commission administrator Betty Fuller, safety and maintenance tech Glynn Fuller, and attorney Tommy Murchison.

Van Erikson addressed the Commission regarding the annual Dragon Boat Race which will take place on the lake again this year. He requested that the Commission consider a financial contribution. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. After discussion the Commission advised Mr. Erikson that it has no objection to the Dragon Boat Race being held on Cane River Lake. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission authorized the expenditure of \$3,500.00 to sponsor the event due to its positive impact on the lake.

Mr. Stelly addressed the Commission, and advised that they expect an increase in the number of row teams that will train on Cane River Lake this spring. He would like to add an additional 30 feet of floating dock

downtown to accommodate the row teams from across the United States. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. After discussion, upon motion by Mr. Methvin, Seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin the Commission authorized \$5,000.00 for the purchase of new floating docks.

The minutes of the December 05, 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. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved the minutes of the December 05, 2017 meeting, as written.

Lake issues, dilapidated structures, Lake dredging, issues regarding Fulton Rd, and uniforms were tabled until the February 20, 2018 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that there is erosion behind the retaining walls at Shell Beach. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to obtain cost/design information to repair behind the existing retaining wall and present this information at the February 20, 2018 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that it was time to be thinking about the 2018 millage, and requested authorization to attend the millage class in March. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. After discussion, upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to attend the class in March, and further authorized the expenditures associated therewith.

The Chairman opens the floor to discussion about the Commission truck decals. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to gather pictures and present at the February 20, 2018 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller updated the Commission on the water source project.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report. She presented invoices from Womack Construction in the amount of \$170,938.05; Denmon Engineering in the amount of \$15,176.26 and presented the budget to actual comparison for Commission review. 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. Methvin, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

The Chairman updated the Commission on the downtown riverbank bathroom project.

Mrs. Fuller presented drawings from the City of Natchitoches for signage to be placed at the Washington Street landing entrance. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to submit the sign changes to the City.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from November 20, 2017 to January 15, 2018 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. Methvin, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the Commission approved the logs for the period from November 20, 2017 to January 15, 2018.

Mrs. Fuller presented 2016/2017 audit submitted by Johnson Thomas and Cunningham for their review. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. After review, upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the Commission accepted the 2016/2017 audit submitted by Johnson Thomas and Cunningham.

Mrs. Fuller presented the water safety and secretary report. She advised the Commission that she has processed the 1099's for 2017.

Mrs. Fuller presented the expenditure report. 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, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr.

Paige, the Commission approved the November 20, 2017 to January 15, 2018 expenditure report.

Mr. Fuller presented the Lake Safety Patrol report. Current lake level is 98.2 MSL. Cane River Employees issued five building permits. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries issued 05 citations. Sheriff's Office issued no citations and made no arrests. There were no Accidents, Injuries, or Fatalities to report.

Mr. Paige made a request to amend to agenda to add discussion of changes to the employee manual. 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. Methvin, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the agenda was amended to discuss possible changes to the employee manual. Following discussion the Commission authorized a committee comprised of Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mrs. Fuller and Mr. Fuller to study and discuss changes to the employee manual. The issue will be revisited at the February 20, 2018 meeting.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: February 20, 2018