



**Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
October 15, 2019**

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on October 15, 2019 at 6:20 pm located at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

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

Also present was the administrator, Betty Fuller and the attorney Tommy Murchison.

Present as guests of the Commission were Sidney Evans, Chairman of Soil & Water Conservation District, and Jason Stelly with the NSU Rowing Team.

Mr. Evans addressed the Commission requesting authorization for the Natchitoches Soil and Water Conservation District to nominate the Commission for an award to be given at the Soil and Water Conservation National convention. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the Nomination by Soil & Water Conservation District and further thanked Mr. Evans for the nomination and the ongoing partnership that helps to protect Cane River Lake.

Mr. Stelly addressed the Commission about an upcoming NSU regatta set for November 9, 2019. There will be teams from all over the United States participating. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized \$5,000 for the NSU regatta, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to set the buoys for the regatta and expenses associated therewith.

The minutes of the September 17, 2019 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr.

Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting, as written.

The Commission tabled old Condemned Bridge at Shell Beach, pumping, dredging, and enforcement projects pending further review.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the City of Natchitoches Witch Way to Main Street event is set for October 31, 2019. 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. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to participate in the Witch Way to Main Street event providing a boating safety display, further authorizing expenses associated therewith.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that after processing the Quote submitted by Delphin Electric she learned that Delphin Electric does not have the required insurance. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to process another RFI for electrical services, further providing a new quote list.

Mrs. Fuller presented photo documentation of her consideration for dilapidated structures from Shell Beach to the North Dam. After discussion the Commission selected five structures for Mrs. Fuller to process.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she forwarded certified sent letters to property owners with lake violations. To date no action has been taken on some locations and requested Commission advisement. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to forward certified letters to property owners, advising property owners that they face potential fines if they have not initiated clean up within 30 days of the letter.

Chairman Rhodes updated the Commission on the pumping project. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to obtain and process a contractor to clean the easement areas pending legal process, further providing a contact list and using the lowest quote.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that a new water line is needed to provide water service to the Commission's boathouse. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to process a RFI for a new waterline to the Commissions Boathouse, further providing a quote list.

Mrs. Fuller presented the Commission 2018/2019 audit, advising that the general account beginning fund balance needed to be amended. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the 2018/2019

audit provided by Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to process a budget amendment and set a public hearing for the November 12, 2019 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of August. She presented invoices from Corkern, Crews, and Guillet in the amount of \$8,324.75, Air Data Solution in the amount of \$262.50, Cunningham Ins. in the amount of \$2,009.32 and Mayeaux Rangers LLC in the amount of \$505.83. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of September and Investment report 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. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented the RFI for the Commission storage unit advising that there was only one quote submitted by Ralph Ingram. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the Quote submitted by Ralph Ingram in the amount \$2,394.00 for a storage unit for one year.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from September 15 - October 14, 2019 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from September 15 - October 14, 2019.

Mrs. Fuller presented research on the Commission banner during public events. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to process a RFI for a Commission banner, further providing a quote list.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 97.1 MSL. She issued seven building permits, worked four complaints, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and monitoring for giant salvinia in the north canal, 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. Fireworks were held downtown on October 12, 2019. Enforcement reported no injuries or fatalities the lake this period. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Mr. Paige and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the September 15 - October 14, 2019 expenditure report contained therein.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: November 12, 2019