

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
JUNE 17, 2020  
10:00 AM  
GRAND ECORE RV PARK ACTIVITY CENTER  
NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Red River Waterway Commission was called to order by Chair Designee, Troy Roussell, in the Activity Center of the Red River Waterway Commission Grand Ecore RV Park located at 1071 Tauzin Island Road in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and a quorum was present. Others in attendance were asked to identify themselves and offer any comments they may have regarding the agenda. However, no comments were offered.

**Present:** Chair Designee, Troy Roussell, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Michael P. Deville, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Charles R. Greer, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner Ronald Lattier, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

**Absent:** Commissioner Roy A. Burrell and Commissioner James F. Maxey

**RRWC Staff Members Present:** Mr. Colin Brown - Executive Director, Mr. Mike Boydston - Operations & Maintenance Director, Ms. Stephanie Bonnette - Executive Assistant, Mr. Luke Pearson - Real Estate Manager, Mr. Ryan Ingles - Engineering Supervisor, Mr. Eric Gilmore - Marketing Director, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PURSUANT TO LRS 42:14**

**Others Present:** None

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the agenda was unanimously approved. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved. Note: No meetings were held in March, April, and May due to the Coronavirus.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, & Fund Balance Report for the months of February, March, April, and May 2020 were unanimously approved.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

1. **Consideration of Approval of Contract with Air Data Solutions:** By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved a two (2) year contract with Air Data Solutions for aerial aquatic vegetation surveys and directed staff to enlist such services on an as needed basis up to the 2020 budgeted amount.
2. **Consideration of Approval of Teague Parkway Recreation Area Picnic Shelter Painting Proposals:** By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Deville, the Commission unanimously approved award of contract to Womack Brothers, LLC of Rayville, Louisiana in the amount of \$32,400.00.
3. **Consideration of Approval of Grand Ecore RV Park Operator Agreement:** By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously approved authorizing staff to work with current Grand Ecore RV Park operator, Layne Miller, on a two (2) year contract extension agreement to commence on July 28, 2020. Contract extension agreement to include terms for the transitioning to a cash-less basis for operations and that of support documentation with regards to promotion/advertising of the Grand Ecore RV Park.

b) **Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action**

1. **Consideration of Award of Public Bid Land Lease/Lower Gin Lake Realignment/120 Acres:** By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved award of public bid lease to Mr. Sammy Guillot for \$9,000.00 (\$15.00 per acre) for the 5-year lease term.

2. **Consideration of Request for Leaseback Renewal/Lock & Dam 1/Tract 1/43 Acres:** By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Deville, and one abstention by Commissioner Sayes, the Commission approved award of the 5-year leaseback renewal with Agri-South Group, LLC for \$3,655.00 (\$17.00 per acre) for the 5-year lease term.
3. **Consideration of Request for Leaseback Renewal/Lock & Dam 1/Tract 1/Segments B & B-1/106.9 Acres:** By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Deville and one abstention by Commissioner Sayes, the Commission approved award of the 5-year leaseback renewal with Agri-South for \$8,017.50 (\$15.00 per acre) for the 5-year lease term.
4. **Consideration of Approval of Land Lease Extension/Lock & Dam 1/Tracts 3 & 6/5.7 Acres:** By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved award of the 5-year lease extension to Mr. Ricky Dupuy, with a ten percent (10%) increase in the lease premium, for a total lease amount of \$470.25 (\$16.50 per acre) for the 5-year lease term.
5. **Consideration of Request for Storm Damage Assistance/Lock & Dam 1/Tract A/640 Acres**  
By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved providing long term lessee, Delta Ridge Ranch, LLC, assistance in the cost of clearing storm damage from access road that was caused by a tornado on April 22, 2020 in the amount of \$2,900.00.

c) **Recreation**

1. **Recreation Area Status Report**

Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 126,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of May 2020. Updated maintenance items include, but not limited to:

- Cleanup following high-water is underway from the Alexandria Levee Park north to the Shreveport/Bossier recreation sites
- Colfax activity center design/construction costs to be presented at the July 2020 meeting
- Dredge is currently in the area of the Red River South Marina

d) **Ports**

1. **Consideration of Cool Planet Guaranty/Demand Letter:**

Staff instructed to work with general legal counsel on settlement documents to be presented to Commission at the July 2020 meeting.

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

1. **Consideration of Funding Request/Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission:**

By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved funding \$60,000.00 for the Mr. Crappie Expo to be hosted by the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission on the Red River in 2021.

2. **Marketing Update**

A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. In addition, Marketing Director, Eric Gilmore discussed:

- Annual life jacket giveaway took place May 23, 2020 (Memorial weekend) in Bossier City
- Announcement of the death/loss of Central Louisiana Regional Port Director, Blake Cooper

f) **Personnel - None**

- g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget** – By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously approved amending the agenda to include the following in the Revenue, Banking & Budget report: Approval of 2019 Audit and SAUP reports. By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved the 2019 Audit and SAUP reports performed by Payne, Moore, & Harrington

h) **Legislative** – Legislature is currently in Special Session

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Welcoming words to Commissioners
- Red River has had high-water events and with the drop-out, siltation has occurred. Dredge work has been completed at Lock 1 and has moved to Lock 2
- Oxbow dredging is underway
- Stoner Avenue Barge – Red River Waterway Commission has been notified by the city of there being interested parties for moving of the barge.

**9. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT**

Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packet. In addition, Engineering Supervisor, Mr. Ryan Ingles discussed the following:

- FEMA 2016 Flood funds – the Red River Waterway Commission is now in receipt of the 75% payback and the 25% Community Block Grant funds
- Boyce recreational area dock repairs were completed in late April
- Coshatta recreational area dock construction is under construction
- The Coast Guard has been contacted regarding placement of buoys at the Boyce and Brouillette dock facilities

10. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - None

11. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - None

**12. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION**

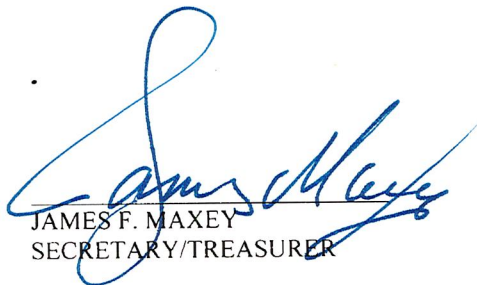
- Corps is in the process of Channel dredging
- Change in Commander – Ms. Diana Holland assumes the position at the end of June
- Working with the Corps in regards to mitigation/litigation and WARDA bill

13. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None

14. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct at this time, by motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.



JAMES F. MAXEY  
SECRETARY/TREASURER



TROY ROUSSELL  
CHAIR DESIGNEE