

# WASHINGTON PARISH RESERVOIR COMMISSION

## Regular Meeting Minutes

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526 Georgia Ave

Bogalusa, LA 70429

5:00 PM – Tuesday, November 14, 2017

1. **Call to Order** by Chairman Jenkins
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Roll Call** - 10 of 11 commissioners present.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – June 20 of 2017 minutes approved by unanimous vote.
6. **Introduction of newly appointed Commissioners**
  - Ben Nevers - Brent Nobles
7. **Discussion of current status** –
  - Corps of Engineers Letters and Related Questions were addressed by Chairman Bill Jenkins. A well prepared summary status by Mick Goff, environmental consultant, was presented.
  - After some discussion, on the issue, a resolution rejecting expropriation of property presented by John Nichols, seconded by Brent Nobles, passed by unanimous vote of all commissioners present.
  - Motion brought by Commissioner Ben Nevers to move forward with reservoir project provided that 1) Project scope be confined to property acquired for the specific purpose of constructing a reservoir. 2) All required permits approved. 3) Necessary work as approved by WPRC. 4) All authorized studies/reports are completed and released to the public. 5) The project is approved by the voters of Washington Parish. Motion passed by majority vote.
  - Senator Beth Mizell presented: 1) Summary of recent legislative audit, 2) Comments on the removal of eminent domain in 2016 bill and 3) DOTD letter confirming that there is no eminent domain avenue for WPRC.
8. **New Business-**
  - Hire CPA: No action at this time. The treasurer will continue to maintain WPRC accounting records for now.

- Motion was offered by Commissioner J Nichols to suspend all activities of contractors, consultants and attorneys unless approved by the commission until the Oak Grove and alternative sites can be evaluated. After discussion the motion was withdrawn when agreement was reached to refer the issue to the executive committee to develop a path forward recommendation to be submitted to the commission for approval. All activities of contractors, consultants and attorneys would be suspended except as authorized by the chairman in support of the executive committee.

9. **Public Participation** -

- The public provided comment during discussion on the motions and business noted above.

10. **Commissioners' Comments** -

- No additional commissioner comments.

11. **Enter into Executive Session (for Strategic Planning & Personnel Matters if required)** - None Required.

12. **Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**Next regular WPRC meeting will be announced**

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