



**Cane River Waterway Commission  
Minutes  
April 16, 2019**

There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission on April 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm located at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

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

Also present was administrator, Betty Fuller.

Present as guests of the Commission were Joe Cunningham Jr., Henry Shuler, Josh Manuel, Tom McNeely, and Nick Wright.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 3 of 2019. The Chairman read aloud the purpose for the ordinance and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

The Chairman at 6:12 pm adjourned the public hearing.

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Josh Manuel addressed the Commission regarding the annual Jaycees BBQ Festival Event, which will take place May 31 & June 1 this year. The Event will feature a BBQ cook off on the downtown riverbank. Mr. Manuel

reported that over the last two years the event has seen a decline in team participation and in attendance by the public. Therefore, the Jaycees have decided to bring the event back to the Cane River Lake riverbank. He requested that the Commission consider a partnership or financial contribution. 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. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the expenditure of \$1500.00 to sponsor the event due to its positive impact and use of the lake.

Mrs. Fuller made a request to make an amendment to the agenda in order to add discussion of the Green Wing event that will occur before the next Commission meeting. 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, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the agenda was amended to add discussion of the Green Wing event and possible support of the event.

Josh Manuel addressed the Commission regarding the annual Green Wing Event, which will take place in May this year. This event is to support kids learning about the environment. He requested that the Commission consider holding a safety table at the event. 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. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to hold a safety table during the event, further authorizing expenses associated therewith.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that an annual review of the Commission investments was necessary for auditing purposes especially with discussions about a large capital project like dredging. Joe Cunningham Jr. presented a comprehensive report about the investments of the Commissions and further outlined accessibility/usage.

Mr. Shuler advised the Commission that he has had feedback to the study that he had presented last month, and wanted to do some additional preliminary design and cost estimation work, including extra modeling and earthwork calculations for two additional dredging cross-sections. He presented an amendment with an additional cost of \$5,000.00 to the Commission for consideration. 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. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the amendment to the original contract and the \$5,000.00 fee.

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments to consider the millage rate(s) for the 2019 tax year. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 3 of 2019 millage(s) levied on the 2019 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Cane River Waterway 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, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the Commission adopted Resolution 3 of 2019 millage(s) levied on the 2019 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Cane River Waterway Commission.

The minutes of the March 19, 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 Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 3 of 2019 which provides for regulations for the removal and disposal of unattended, junked or abandoned vessels on Cane River Lake. 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 Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission adopted ordinance 3 of 2019.

Chairman Rhodes updated the Commission on the Pumping Project.

Mrs. Fuller presented to the Commission information regarding the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery Public Event held in downtown Natchitoches. She requested permission to hold a safety table during the event. 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, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to have a safety table at the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery Public Event, further authorizing the expenditures for the event.

Mrs. Fuller presented to the Commission information regarding the Find Your Park Public Event held at Oakland Plantation. She requested permission to hold a safety table during the event. 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. Rhodes, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to have a safety table at the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery Public Event, further authorizing the expenditures for the event.

Mrs. Fuller presented to the Commission information regarding the City of Natchitoches Family Day Public Event held in downtown Natchitoches. She requested permission to hold a safety table during the event. 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, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to have a safety table at the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery Public Event, further authorizing the expenditures for the event.

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Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of March. She presented invoices from Corkern, Crews, Guillet in the amount of \$5,394.60, Air Data Solutions, \$2,762.50, Shuler Consulting Company \$25,375.00, Cunningham Ins. \$10,799.55, Galaxy Graphics \$225.00, Battery Warehouse \$276.17. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for March 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 Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she was preparing for the fiscal year end audit. She further advised that some amendments to the Commission manuals would be necessary to meet the state requirements. 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. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to make amendments to the Commissions manuals.

Mrs. Fuller presented to the Commission an amendment to the agreement with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for review and authorization. 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. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the amendment to the agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that Air Data Solutions now has the GIS portal ready. The contract between the Commission and Air Data requires some date adjustments. Mrs. Fuller presented the amended contract with Air Data Solutions for Commission review and authorization. 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. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from March 19 – April 15, 2019.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from March 18-April 15, 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 Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from March 19 – April 15, 2019.

Mrs. Fuller presented the contract for Lawn mowing services. 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. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes, The Commission authorized the contract with Jeffrey Brandon Mayeaux and the Commission.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.6 MSL. She issued four building permits, worked three incidents, closed the lake on April 7 and reopened the lake on April 11, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and addressing giant salvinia in a canal leading into the North end of the lake, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, service agreements, and prepared all documentation, reports, and request that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries submitted no report. Sheriff's Office issued no citations and made no arrests. 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 Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the March 18 – April 15, 2019 expenditure report contained therein.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: May 21, 2019