



**Cane River Waterway Commission  
Minutes  
August 20, 2019**

**There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission on August 20, 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. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne.**

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

**Present as guests of the Commission were Attorney Chris Guillet, Jimmy Atherton of the Saline Lake Game & Fish, and Tom Matuschka and Sean Baylor of the NRMC.**

**Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 5 of 2019 -An Ordinance amending ordinance 2 of 2019 which proved for the operation of watercraft on Cane River Waterway on evenings when firework displays occur in downtown Natchitoches. The Chairman read aloud the Ordinance in its entirety, and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.**

**The Chairman adjourned the public hearing at 6:17 pm.**

**There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on August 20, 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. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne.**

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

**Present as guests of the Commission were Attorney Chris Guillet, Jimmy Atherton of the Saline Lake Game & Fish, and Tom Matuschka and Sean Baylor of the NRMC.**

**The Chairman recognized that Mr. Atherton of the Saline Lake Game & Fish was in attendance. 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. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized adding Saline Lake Game & Fish lake-fishing regulations to the agenda.**

Mr. Atherton presented two reports regarding regulation of fishing, troutline use, yo yo use, and fish limits to the Commission for review. The scope of the project includes Black Lake, Clear Lake, Prairie Lake, Caddo Lake, Chicot Lake, Lake D' Arbonne, Lake Lafourche, Lake Saint Joseph, and Bayou DeChene. He wanted to include Cane River Lake. After discussion the Commission tabled pending further review.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 5 of 2019 amending ordinance 2 of 2019 which proved for the operation of watercraft on Cane River Waterway on evenings when firework displays occur in downtown Natchitoches. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins the Commission adopted Ordinance 5 of 2019.

The minutes of the July 16, 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. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the July 16, 2019 meeting, as written.

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

The Commission discussed the status of the pumping project.

The Chairman updated the Commission on dredging the north end of the lake.

Mrs. Fuller presented final documents, and a draft of the 2018/2019 audit for Commission review and authorization. There were no findings, and the final public audit document is expected shortly. After review and 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. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the signatures for the required audit documents.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that some amendments to the Commission's manuals are necessary in order to bring the Commission in line with State procedures. 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. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to make amendments to the Commission's manuals.

Mrs. Fuller presented the Department of Natural Resources annual documents. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the annual documents.

Mrs. Fuller presented the shoreline lake study to the Commission. After discussion and review the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to process an RFI for phase I, being that

area from the North dam to the South Drive bridge using current contact list. The Commission further authorized letters to be sent to property owners with dilapidated structures that pose a hazard to those using the lake.

The Commission noted the dim lighting in the meeting area. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to process an RFI for additional lights in the meeting area of the facility. The Commission further provided a contact list for this RFI.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of July. She presented invoices from Corkern, Crews, and Guillet in the amount of \$2,658.75 and NRMC Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.00. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of July 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. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from July 14 - August 18, 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. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from July 14 - August 18, 2019.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 97.7 MSL. She worked two complaints, assisted a stranded boater, issued nine building permits, 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. Enforcement reported no arrest or citations issued on the 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 Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the July 14 - August 18, 2019 expenditure report contained therein.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: September 17, 2019