



**Cane River Waterway Commission  
Minutes  
February 20, 2018**

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:00 pm., on February 20, 2018 at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

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

Guests of the Commission were Joe Cunningham Jr., and Juanita Fowler.

Also present were commission administrator Betty Fuller and safety and maintenance tech Glynn Fuller.

Joe Cunningham Jr. provided a comprehensive annual report on the Commissions investments.

Mrs. Fowler addressed the Commission about the Louisiana floodplain association conference that will be held in Natchitoches. The Chairman opened the floor to public comment, 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 Commission authorized the platinum sponsorship/exhibitors of \$3,000.00 including all associated expenses, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to set up and hold exhibit.

The minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting of the Commission were presented. 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 approved the minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting, as written.

Lake issues, dilapidated structures, Lake dredging, and uniforms were tabled until the March 20, 2018 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller presented the cost/design for the erosion repairs at Shell Beach. After Discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to obtain quotes for the project.

Mrs. Vienne advised the Commission that Carlton Neil Bennett is a retired DOTD and wanted to look into saving Bermuda bridge. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to contact Mr. Bennett.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission about the millage process, in order to meet the required process/timelines she needed to know the pleasure of the board. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to proceed with the process for same millage for the Commission.

Mrs. Fuller presented photos for the Commission truck decals. After discussions the subject was tabled until March 20, 2018 meeting.

The Chairman advised the Commission that Chaplin Lake was undergoing dredging using specialized equipment. After discussions the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to research and provide information at the March 20, 2018 meeting.

The Chairman updated the Commission on the Water Source project. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public comments. 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 send out letters to public officials, farmers, and the media, and further authorized expenses associated with the ribbon cutting and start up of the new pump.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that according to the permit issued on the pumping station insurance with the State, as additional insurer was required. She expects the cost range to be about \$11,000.00. After

discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to obtain insurance quotes for the pumping station as required by permit.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the Cameras at Washington Street Landing were not working and equipment may be covered under warranty. The Chairman opened the floor to public comment, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussions. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized equipment installation cost not to exceed \$200.00, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to contact the city for a power proctor at that site.

Mrs. Fuller presented to the Commission a list of property owners that paid in advance for annual pump fees. In accordance with Ordinance 2 of 2017 a refund was required. 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 Commission authorized the refunds.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that it was time to renew the CUA 2013-0036 agreement. The Chairman opened the floor to public comment, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussions. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to complete the CUA 2013-0036 agreement submittal.

Mrs. Fuller presented a letter from Parish of Natchitoches president Rich Nowlin for Commission review.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report. She presented invoices from City of Natchitoches \$350,000.00, Womack Construction \$139,906.38; galaxy graphics \$21.80/\$22.35, Connect a Dock \$5,000.00, NSU Alumni \$3,500.00, Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham \$7075.00/\$100.00, Robertson \$300.00 and presented the budget to actual comparison for Commission review. 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 Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the 2017/2018 tax money was coming in and requested authorization to move 1 million dollars general checking money into general investments. 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 Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to move 1 million general checking money into general investments.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that plans were being made for the 2018 in water treatment of coon-tail moss on the lake. She presented a letter that will go out to 293 property owners about the project, and would place it on the Commissions web site. The Chairman opened the floor to public comment, 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 Commission authorized the letter and expenditures associated with the project.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission it was time to be thinking about the 2018/2019 Capital and General budget.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from January 15 – February 19, 2018 for the review of the 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 approved the logs for the period from January 15- February 19, 2018.

Mrs. Fuller presented the water safety and secretary report.

Mrs. Fuller presented the expenditure report. 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 approved the January 15-February 19, 2018 expenditure report.

Mr. Fuller presented the Lake Safety Patrol report. Current lake level is 98.2 MSL. She issued two fishing Tournaments Permits; On February 11, 2018 a 13.03 bass was caught by Jeremy Treadmay. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries issued 10 citations. Sheriff's Office issued no citations and made no arrests. There were no Accidents, Injuries, or Fatalities to report. 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 replicas made of fish exceeding 10 lb. documented, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to obtain a replica from Mr. Lucas in the amount of \$425.00 and purchase scales pending approval from the Sports Hall of Fame for the Commissions replica displays.

Mr. Paige advised the Commission that he believes that the Commission only needs one employee and recommended dissolving the Safety and Maintenance Tech position held by Mr. Fuller. After discussion, upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the Commission dissolved the Safety and Maintenance Tech position and authorized Mrs. Fuller to remove it from the employee manual and Commissions/State web site; further authorizing her to submit Mr. Fuller's personal/vacation time accumulation of 663 hours at a total cost of \$14,176.40 to payroll for processing. The Commission thanked Mr. Fuller for his 25 years of dedicated service and presented him with an engraved service award.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: March 20, 2018