



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
July 20, 2021

There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission on July 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm located at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez Louisiana.

The hearing was called to order and roll was called, the following member being present: Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Wiggins

Also present was administrator, Betty Fuller.

Also present as guests of the Commission was Nick Verrett.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 2 of 2021. 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.

At 6:08 pm, the Chairman adjourned the public hearing.

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on July 20, 2021 at 6:09 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. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mrs. Banks.

Also present was the administrator, Betty Fuller.

Also present as guests of the Commission was Nick Verrett.

Nick Verrett presented change order #3 for the Fish Hatchery Road project. 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. Banks, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized change order #3 in the amount of \$30,980.00.

Nick Verrett presented change order #4 for the Fish Hatchery Road project. 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 Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized change order #4 in the amount of \$5,400.00.

The minutes of the May 18, 2021 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 Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Banks, and unanimous vote, by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 2 of 2021- which said ordinance amends ordinance 2 of 2011 to enact regulation for the operation and use of watercrafts on the Cane River Waterway, in order to amend the regulation of watercrafts during river closings, providing for penalties and advertisement. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Banks, unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized Ordinance 2 of 2021 which said ordinance amends ordinance 2 of 2011 to enact regulation for the operation and use of watercrafts on the Cane River Waterway, in order to amend the regulation of watercrafts during river closings, providing for penalties and advertisement.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she has not received any response regarding a ½ sunken boat in a boathouse on the lake and that the second certified letter was signed for. After discussion, the Commission will look at legal process for removal.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that a sign was needed on the office building and presented an invoice 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. Banks and unanimous vote by, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the sign for the office building and invoice from Fisher's Sports in the amount of \$420.00, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to purchase solar lights.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission about the cost of electronic devices for viewing reports during monthly meetings. 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. Banks, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the purchase of electronic devices not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Chairman Rhodes advised the Commission that Mr. Stamey would like to use the Commission office as a polling place on election days. After discussion the Commission tabled pending legal review.

After discussion the Commission tabled security cameras at landings until August 17, 2021.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that a request for her to participate in a Jr. Safety event providing water/boat safety for the 4-H training day. Mr. Wiggins advised that due to a conflict of interest they would be abstaining from vote. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

Upon motion by Mrs. Banks, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes with Mr. Wiggins abstaining from vote, the Commission authorized participation in the 4-H training day Jr. safety event, further authorizing associated expenses.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of June. She also presented the budget to actual comparison and investment report for the month of June 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. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Banks, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, 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 June 15 – July 19, 2021 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, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from June 15 – July 19, 2021.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.3 MSL. She issued four building permits, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and monitoring for giant salvinia in the North canal/lake, 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. She further worked two complaints. Enforcement reported no injury or fatalities; Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries issued one warning for lifejackets, Sheriff's office issued one warning for lifejackets, assisted two stranded boaters, and worked three complaints. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Banks, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the June 15 – July 19, 2021 expenditure report contained therein.

The Commission discussed safety measures for their truck and boats. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Banks, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to purchase GPS tracking system pending final approval by the Chairman.

Chairman Rhodes updated the Commission on the pump station project.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: August 17, 2021