



**Cane River Waterway Commission  
Minutes  
May 15, 2018**

There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:00 p.m., on May 15, 2018 at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

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

Also present were administrator Betty Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison.

Present as guests of the commission were Doug Rachal of the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office, Mickey Dove, Chief of City of Natchitoches Police Department, Mr. Kiefer, Carrie Mardorf of the National Park Service, Dr. Lyles of NSU, Jeffery McBride, Henry Shuler, and Willis Dowden of WLF.

A hearing was held to discuss the 2018/2019 General/Capital Budgets, Amending 2017/2018 General/Capital Budgets and Ordinance 1 of 2018 boating safety course for the commission. The Chairman read aloud the 2018/2019 budget message, and opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public comments. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the hearing was adjourned.

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:06 p.m., on May 15, 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, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin.

Also present were administrator Betty Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison.

Present as guests of the commission were Doug Rachal of the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office, Mickey Dove, Chief of City of Natchitoches Police Department, Mr. Kiefer, Carrie Mardorf of the National Park Service, Dr. Lyles of NSU, Jeffery McBride, Henry Shuler, and Willis Dowden of WLF.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 1 of 2018 amending Ordinance 3 of 1997 boating safety course. The Chairman opened the floor to public comment, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Methvin and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne the commission adopted Ordinance 1 of 2018 amending Ordinance 3 of 1997 boating safety course.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 2 of 2018 Commission's 2018/2019 General Budget. The Chairman opened the floor to public comment, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne the commission introduced Resolution 2 of 2018 Commission's 2018/2019 General Budget.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 3 of 2018 Commission's 2018/2019 Capital Budget. The Chairman opened the floor to public comment, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne the commission introduced Resolution 3 of 2018 Commission's 2018/2019 Capital Budget.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 4 of 2018 Commission's 2017/2018 Amended General Budget. The Chairman opened the floor to public comment, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Methvin and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne the

commission introduced Resolution 4 of 2018 Commission's 2017/2018 Amended General Budget.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 5 of 2018 Commission's 2017/2018 Amended Capital Budget. 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, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne the commission introduced Resolution 5 of 2018 Commission's 2017/2018 Amended Capital Budget.

Mrs. Fuller presented the 2018/2019 Budget Message. 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, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne the commission authorized the 2018/2019 budget message.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that it was time to select a firm and sign an engagement letter for the 2017/2018 fiscal year annual audit of the Commission's records. 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, unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne the Commission authorized Johnson, Thomas, and Cunningham to conduct the annual audit on the Commission 2017/2018 fiscal year records.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that a third start up on the pump station project was set for May 17.

The minutes of the April 17, 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. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission approved the minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report. She presented invoices from Tatas \$165.00 & \$165.00, Power Squadron \$106.00, Galaxy Graphics, \$196.20, \$16.35, Markel Ins. \$2,595.00, Womack \$9,000.00, and Denmon \$7,189.35, 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. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mr. Kiefer addressed the Commission about the no wake zone violations and extension of the no wake area downtown. After discussion the Commission tabled further discussion.

Mr. Shuler and McBride addressed the Commission about dredging the north end of the lake. They provided a comprehensive report. After discussion the Commission tabled pending Commission research.

Dr. Lyles with NSU addressed the Commission about sampling Cane River and presented a comprehensive water quality analyses proposal for Commission review, after discussion the Commission tabled pending further discussion.

LDWLF Villis Dowden advised the Commission that the 8 mile vegetation control project was successful. The Commission thanked Mr. Dowden, his team, and Mrs. Fuller for their hard work.

Carrie Mardorf of the National Park Service, addressed the Commission. She advised that there will be a control burn of vegetation on the bank at Oakland Plantation. She advised that as soon as the date was set she would advise the Commission. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to advise lake enforcement agencies of the burn date for safety measures.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from April 16 to May 14, 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 Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by, Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved the logs for the period from April 16 to May 14, 2018.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator report. The current lake level is 98.0 MSL. She issued one fishing Tournament Permit, four building

permits, closed the lake on May 7 and reopened the lake on May 11 for vegetation control, held a safety table for the Find Your Park, attended the Louisiana Flood Conference, 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 enforcement issued 14 citations and made no arrests on the lake. 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, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Paige, the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the April 16 – May 14, 2018 expenditure report contained therein.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the lowest quote for the grass cutting service agreement withdrew his quote citing error. Brandon Mayeaux submitted the seconded lowest quote \$3,915.00, contract was awarded to him.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: June 19, 2017