



**Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
October 17, 2017**

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:00 pm., on October 17, 2017 at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

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

Guest of the Commission were City of Natchitoches Randy Lacaze, and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Villis Dowden.

Also present were commission administrator Betty Fuller, safety and maintenance tech Glynn Fuller, and attorney Tommy Murchison.

The minutes of the September 19, 2017 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 Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved the minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting, as written.

Mr. Lacaze provided the Commission with the submitted cost and design for Washington Street launch. After discussion the Commission Authorized the city project with a 16% boat ramp slope.

Mr. Lacaze provided the Commission with an update on the downtown riverbank project. After discussion, the Commission provided

Mrs. Fuller direction on budget allocation changes to the general account, further authorizing her to present a resolution to amend the general account budget at the November 21, 2017 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller updated the Commission on the sewer complaint on Bermuda Road. The health department has implemented a second option for the riparian owner as the primary option failed. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to contact the health department and request a final completion date.

Lake issues, and dilapidated structures were tabled until the November 21, 2017 meeting.

Commission vehicle and uniforms were tabled until the January 16, 2018 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report, invoices from Interface \$399.98, Interface \$120.00, Galaxy Graphics \$75.00, Harland Clarke \$207.80, Genworth \$1697.29, and Cunningham \$2,024.39, and presented the budget to actual comparison for Commission review. Further advising the Commission that after discussions with Interface they are issuing a credit to the account of \$120.00. 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. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she needed to move 1 million from investments to put into the Capital account and 1 million from investments to put into the General account. 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, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission authorized the movement of 2 million to the Commissions checking account(s).

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Womack Construction in the amount of \$349,231.50 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 Mr. Wiggins and

unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved the payment of \$349,231.50 to Womack Construction.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Charles Carruth in the amount of \$4,200.00 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 Mr. Methvin and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved the payment of \$4,200.00 to Charles Carruth.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from the City of Natchitoches in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 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, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved the payment of \$1,250,000.00 to the City of Natchitoches.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Charles Carruth in the amount of \$4,100.00 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. Wiggins seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved the payment of \$4,100.00 to Charles Carruth.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the Water Source project has reached the point that water services were required. Water District 2 provides the services in that area. The total cost for installation and deposit is \$800.00. 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, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission authorized opening an account with Water District 2 further authorizing the total cost for installation and deposit of \$800.00.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from September 18 to October 16, 2017, 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. Wiggins,

seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the logs for the period from September 18 to October 16, 2017.

Mrs. Fuller presented the Commission with changes to the employee manual 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 Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized the changes to the Commission employee manual.

Mrs. Fuller presented the water safety and secretary report. She advised the Commission that she has attended the Church Street Bridge replacement meeting and the Cane River National Heritage open house.

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 Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the September 18 – October 16, 2017 expenditure report.

The Commission tabled until the November 21, 2017 meeting fishing tournaments, lake issues/dilapidated structures, and lake dredging.

Mr. Dowden updated the Commission on the chemical treatment to Frederick's lake. The Commission thanked him for all the hard work. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to write a letter of appreciation to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Mrs. Fuller provided an update to the sewer issue off Washington Street. She received an email from the City of Natchitoches stating that they have located several issues and has made repairs. They believe this will fix the issue.

Mr. Fuller presented the Lake Safety Patrol report. Current lake level is 97.9 MSL. Cane River Employees issued four building permits.

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries submitted no report. Sheriff's Office issued no citations and made no arrests. There were no Accidents, Injuries, or Fatalities to report.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: November 21, 2017