



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
October 19, 2021

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The minutes of the September 21, 2021 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 Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote, by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting, as written.

Mr. Lancaster with Shuler Engineering presented plans and estimate for the Williamson (Shell Beach) parking lot project 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.

Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the project to move forward for bid.

Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission went in executive session at 6:42 pm to discuss project litigation. At 7:27 pm the Commission exited executive session and went back into regular session.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of September. She also presented the budget to actual comparison and Investment reports for the month of September 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, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 3 of 2021 declaring movable property to be surplus and authorizing the Chairman of the Cane River Waterway District, to convey said movable surplus property to the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's department, a Political subdivision of the State whose functions include public safety, providing for advertising, further providing for severability, and further providing for a repealer and effective date of the ordinance. 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. Methvin and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorize Ordinance 3 of 2021.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from September 20 – October 18, 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. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the gas, mileage, and activity logs for September 20 – October 18, 2021.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 97.9 MSL. She issued eight building permits, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation, noting lotus in several locations, 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, and worked no complaints. Enforcement reported no injury or fatalities; Sheriff's office reported no violations. 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, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and expenditure report contained therein for the period from September 20 – October 18, 2021.

Mrs. Fuller further presented the final audit report noting no violations, and advised the Commission that it would be on the November 9, 2021 agenda for public review and final authorization process. She updated the Commission on their Verizon vehicle tracking. There was discussion about the trolling motor delays caused by manufacture stock outage. She is purchasing chemical for the lake. She advised the Commission that some electrical fixtures need

to be repaired or replaced. 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. Wiggins and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to purchase fixtures and have an electrician repair/install. The Commission further authorized the purchase of chemical for the lake.

Mrs. Fuller further advised the Commission that buoys in the lake need to be replaced. After discussion, 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. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to purchase 12 buoys for the lake.

Mrs. Fuller presented the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) report 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. Methvin, seconded by Mrs. Banks and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to submit the report.

Mrs. Fuller presented two insurance quotes for the facility. 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, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the quote from Cunningham Agency for Burns & Wilcox in the amount of \$2,485.99.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that to transfer the Commission's filing system from paper to an electronic record system, the Commission must obtain state authorization. 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. Wiggins and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to file necessary documents to obtain authorization from the State and attend training. The Commission further authorized Mrs. Fuller to update the Commission's procedural manual to include state requirements as part of their authorization process.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: November 9, 2021