



**Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
September 19, 2017**

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:00 pm., on September 19, 2017 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. Wiggins.

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

The minutes of the August 15, 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission approved the minutes of the August 15, 2017 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller provided the Commission with the quotes for replacement/new docks at Shell Beach. She advised the commission as per law and to increase competitive atmosphere three contractors were contacted and a request for bids was placed on the commission's web site. After the opening/reading of the quotes, 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, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission approved the lowest quote from S&D Restoration in the amount of

\$34,440.00 for the replacement/new docks with composite decking at Shell Beach.

Mrs. Fuller provided the Commission with the quotes for erosion corrections at the Commission's Facility. She advised the commission as per law and to increase competitive atmosphere three contractors were contacted and the request for bids was posted on the commission's web site. After the opening/reading of the quotes 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. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission approved the lowest quote from S&D Restoration in the amount of \$15,900 for the erosion correction at the Commissions Facility located at 244 Cedar Bend.

Mrs. Fuller provided the Commission with the quotes for a removal of a tree blocking a canal at the North end of the lake. She advised the commission as per law and to increase competitive atmosphere three contractors were contacted and the request for bids was posted on the commission's web site. After the opening/reading of the quotes 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, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission approved the lowest quote from Charles Carruth in the amount of \$4,200.00 for tree removal that caused a canal blockage on the North end of the lake.

Mrs. Fuller provided the Commission with the quotes for removal of a lake hazard after the September flood event on the lake. She advised the commission as per law and to increase competitive atmosphere three contractors were contacted. After the opening/reading of the quotes 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 Mrs. Vienne, the Commission approved the lowest quote from Charles Carruth in the amount of \$4,100.00 for the removal of a fallen tree into the lake off Patrick Road.

Mrs. Fuller provided the Commission with the quotes for a storage unit for the Commission. She advised the commission as per law and to

increase competitive atmosphere 7 storage facilities were contacted. After the opening/reading of the quotes 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. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission approved the lowest quote from Ralph Ingram in the amount of \$235.00 per month for a 50'x15' storage unit; the storage unit will be available in approximately 3 months.

Mrs. Fuller provided the Commission with the submitted cost and design for Washington Street launch. After discussion the Commission Authorized Mrs. Fuller to contact the City of Natchitoches and request more information and a cost breakdown on the project.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the Health Department is handling the sewer complaint. The owner has been given time by the Health Department to make repairs to the site. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to contact the Health Department and request timeline/action to be taken at this site.

Mrs. Fuller advised the commission that the U.S. Corps of Engineers has requested that the Commission draft and send out a letter requesting public support of the St. Augustine 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, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission authorized the letter, and further authorized Mrs. Fuller to complete the letter process.

Lake issues, and dilapidated structures were tabled until the October 17, 2017 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report, 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, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Womack Construction in the amount of \$501,299.96 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 Mrs. Vienne, the Commission approved the payment of \$501,299.96 to Womack Construction.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Denmon Engineering in the amount of \$20,223.74 for Commission review. 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, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission approved the payment of \$20,223.74 to Denmon Engineering.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Soil and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$12,500.00 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. Wiggins and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission approved the payment of \$12,500.00 to Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that because of the off set from monthly usage and payment to the credit card it is necessary to increase Mr. Fuller's usage level by \$500.00. 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. Wiggins and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission authorized the \$500.00 usage increase for Mr. Fuller .

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from August 14 to September 18, 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the logs for the period from August 14 – September 18, 2017.

Mrs. Fuller presented the water safety and secretary report. She advised the Commission that she attended the St. Augustine meeting on August 17, 2017. She further provided a comprehensive vegetation report for Cane River Lake, and requested that the report be placed on the Commissions web site for public education. After discussion the Commission thanked her for the report and authorized its placement on the Commission web site.

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 Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the August 14 – September 18, 2017 expenditure report.

Mrs. Fuller presented the annual DNR reporting 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized the annual DNR report.

The Commission tabled until the October 17, 2017 meeting fishing tournaments, lake issues/dilapidated structures, and lake dredging.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries was looking to do a submerged chemical treatment in Fredericks lake for giant salvinia. The giant salvinia moves from this area into a canal that leads to Cane River Lake. She advised that three booms were placed into the canal in an effort to prevent the plant intrusion during the flood event that occurred in September. The initial water push was so great that the booms could not prevent some of the plant entering the lake; however once the water level came down the booms were successful. She is currently treating Cane River Lake for the giant salvinia intrusion from the North and extending to the Plantation Point area. 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. Wiggins and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission authorized the purchase of chemical to assist the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries if necessary.

Mr. Wiggins advised the Commission that he has received complaints about a City of Natchitoches manhole that overflows during large rain events putting sewer into a canal that leads to Cane River Lake on the North end. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to contact DEQ and obtain a timeline/resolution from the City to fix the problem. The Commission further authorized Mrs. Fuller to obtain a water sample of the canal.

Mr. Fuller presented the Lake Safety Patrol report. Current lake level is 98.1 MSL. The lake experienced a small fish kill caused by weather conditions, and a flood event that caused the lake to close for 10 days. Cane River Employees issued eight building permits, and worked three lake complaints. 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. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: October 17, 2017