

**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2022
10:00 AM
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION
5941 HWY 1 BYPASS
NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Red River Waterway Commission was called to order by Chair Designee, Troy Roussell, in the Board Room of the Red River Waterway Commission Office located at 5941 Highway 1 By-Pass in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum was present. Others in attendance were asked to identify themselves and offer any comments they may have regarding the agenda. However, no comments were offered.

Present: Chair Designee, Troy Roussell, Commissioner Versa Clark, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Michael P. Deville, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Jacques Goudeau, Commissioner Charles R. Greer, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner Ronald Lattier, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner Randell Fletcher

RRWC Staff Members Present: Mr. Colin Brown - Executive Director, Mr. Marcus Long - Operations & Maintenance Director, Ms. Stephanie Bonnette - Executive Assistant, Mr. Luke Pearson - Real Estate Manager, Mr. Kyle Smith - Engineering Supervisor, Mr. Brian Cespiva – Staff Engineer, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PURSUANT TO LRS 42:14

Others Present: None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the agenda was unanimously approved. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered.

*Note that a subsequent agenda change was made during the course of the meeting by motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Goudeau and unanimously approved. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered. This change is listed as item four under Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action Committee: Consideration of Cancellation/Rescission of Licensing Agreement to Cooterville Sand and Gravel of 925 Acres.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion of Commissioner Goudeau, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the minutes of the October 19, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

By motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, & Fund Balance Report for the month of October 2022 were unanimously approved.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Consideration of Office Carpet Replacement Options: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved award of bid to Floors Unlimited of Alexandria in the amount of \$31,158.06 for recarpeting the Red River Waterway Commission's headquarters building.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Consideration of Award of public Bid Land Lease/Lock & Dam 4/Tract 1 and 4 Segment A/66 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously approved award of lease to William Walker for \$8,349.00 for the 5-year term.

Consideration of Request for Land Lease Extension/Pool 4/Tract 7/Segment A/1 Acre: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the Commission unanimously approved award of the 5-year land lease extension to Mr. Tracy Lucky, Mr. Ernie Florane, and Mr. Carey Conway for \$6,000.00 for the 5-year term.

Consideration of Request to Advertise for Public Bid Mineral Lease/Pool 5/Multiple Tracts/526 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved directing staff to work with legal counsel to draft a request for an opinion from the Attorney General regarding dredging Waterway Commission inundated property.

Consideration of Cancellation/Rescission of Licensing Agreement to Cooterville Sand and Gravel of 925 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved rescinding the offer of a licensing agreement to Cooterville Sand and Gravel previously approved at the August 2022 Commission meeting.

c) Recreation

Recreation Area Status Report – Mr. Long highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 111,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of October 2022. Updated maintenance items include, but not limited to:

- Routine maintenance items are ongoing

d) Ports - None

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

Marketing Update - None

f) Personnel

Consideration of Revision to Red River Waterway Commission Personnel Policy: By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the recommended revision to the Discipline Process portion of the Personnel Policy of the Red River Waterway Commission.

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget - None

h) Legislative – None

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Updated the progress of the 2022 scheduled closures/dewatering: Old River Lock reopened November 07, 2022 and Lock 1 reopened November 13, 2022
- Corps of Engineers has dredge at Lock 1 for dredging
- Corps of Engineers has not received their 2023 dredging funds and thus using remaining funds from the Contributory Funding provided by the Red River Waterway Commission for current dredging needs
- Fiscal year 2023 Budget of the Red River Waterway Commission will be presented at the December 2022 Commission meeting

9. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets.

- Four ongoing projects: Alexandria Levee Park; Teague Trails Extension-completed; Comfort Stations-completed; Grand Ecore Additional Amenities project
- Poland Floating Dock project – the Commission has received the easement from the Corps of Engineers. Bid opening for the project is December 06, 2022

10. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - None

11. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** -None

12. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - None

13. **OTHER BUSINESS** – Red River Waterway Commission Executive Director, Colin Brown, presented a commemorative coin of the 2022 military movement to each Commissioner on behalf of the Central Louisiana Regional Port Executive Director, Ben Russo, who could not be in attendance.

14. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct at this time, by motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Deville, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.



JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER



TROY ROUSSELL
CHAIR DESIGNEE