

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
January 21, 2026  
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 William R. Altimus, Commissioner Versa Clark, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Michael P. Deville, Commissioner John F. Earles, Commissioner Charles R. Greer, Commissioner Ronald Lattier, Commissioner Kenneth Richardson, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

**Absent:** Commissioner Paul Fleming and Commissioner James F. Maxey.

**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**

**Others Present:** None

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PURSUANT TO LRS 42:14**

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the minutes of the December 17, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

**7. TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the Expenditures and Investment Reports for the month of December 2025 were unanimously approved.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Contracts**

**Consideration of Authority to Award Design Contract /St. Maurice Comfort Station/Project No. 26-01/Contract No. RRW-862:** By motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved awarding the design contract to Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixon, Inc. for design and administration of the project and authorized Executive Director, Colin Brown, to execute said contract.

**Consideration of Consultants Request for Design Contract Amendment/Fee Payment/INorth Adventure Trails/Phase 1E-Site, Paving, and Utility Improvements/Project No. 25-03/Contract No. RRW-852:** The submission request by KSA Engineers was withdrawn and no action was taken.

**b) Land Management & Legal Affairs**

**Consideration of Award of Public Bid Land Lease/Socot Capout/Phase 2/Tract 11/Segment B/91 Acres:** By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved award of 5-year land lease to Tyler Field in the amount of \$16,500.00 for the 5-year lease term.

**Consideration of Request for Leaseback/Pool 3/Tract 61/31 Acres:** By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the Commission unanimously approved award of the 5-year leaseback to David Peddy in the amount of \$2,325.00 for the 5-year leaseback term.

**c) Recreation**

**Consideration of Funding Request/Yellacat Bank Pole Tournament:** This item was tabled in committee and no further action was taken.

**Consideration of Revisions to Use Permits:** This item was tabled in committee and no further action was taken.

**Consideration of Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission:** By motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved the funding request in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the 2026 Red River Rumble F1 Powerboat Championships to be held May 22-24, 2026.

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Marcus Long highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 88,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of December 2025. Updated maintenance items include, but not limited to:

- Ft. Buhlow – tree trimming
- Grand Ecore – upgrade of wifi services to assist with electronic gate responsiveness and winterizing preparations of the park
- 2025 RV Park income: Colfax - \$51,500.00; Grand Ecore - \$270,000.00

**d) Ports - None**

**e) Public Awareness & Marketing**

**Consideration of Approval of Social Media Package:** By motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Clark, the Commission unanimously approved a 6-month social media contract with No BS Marketing, LLC of Shreveport for media content of the Grand Ecore RV Park and INorth Adventure Trails at a total contract price of \$1,500.00 per month.

**Consideration of Approval of 2026 Out-of-State Travel Calendar:** By motion of Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the 2026 out-of-state travel calendar as presented.

**Marketing Update:**

- Ribbon cutting at the completion of the 12 Mile Bayou Boat Launch recreation project
- 1Nort Adventure Trails night race was held December 30<sup>th</sup> hosting 150 participants

- f) **Personnel** - None
- g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget** - None
- h) **Legislative** - None

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- RRVA Annual Conference February 18 -19, 2026 at Sam's Town in Bossier City
- Winter weather forecasted and parks are being prepped
- Announcement to Commissioners regarding return of meeting iPads if they're being unused
- Invitation to Commission to site visit the Cyber Innovation Center

10. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** – Ft. Buhlow recreation park playground project should be completed by June 2026.

11. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - None

12. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** – Executive Director, Colin Brown, reported the following:

- North Louisiana Levee Board Meeting
- 12' Channel project – ongoing
- Extension into Arkansas – funding issues have come into play
- Commander validation will occur in 1-2 months

13. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** – Executive Director, Colin Brown, announced that Josh McClintock is the RRVA Executive Director

14. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None

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

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

By motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Altimus and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss the following matters of litigation:

a) **Discuss Privileged Matters Pursuant to Louisiana Code of Evidence Article 506**

Immediately following Executive Session, by motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Clark and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Regular Session.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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JAMES F. MAXEY  
SECRETARY/TREASURER

  
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TROY ROUSSELL  
CHAIR DESIGNEE