

MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 17, 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 James F. Maxey, Commissioner Kenneth Richardson.

Absent: Commissioner Paul Fleming and Commissioner Michael Simpson.

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. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

3. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Others Present: Katy Breau with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

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

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

By motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Altimus, the minutes of the May 20, 2026, meeting were unanimously approved.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, & Fund Balance Report for the month of May 2026 were unanimously approved.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

Consideration of Construction Bids/1North Adventure Trails/Phase 1C/Lake Improvements/RRWC Project No. 24-06/Contract No. RRW-841: By motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved awarding the project bid including two add alternates to Synergen Construction, LLC for \$1,538,777.07, along with a corresponding budget increase of \$740,000.00, reservation of funds, and all being subject to permit approval.

Consideration of Request for Contributed Funds for Dredging and Memorandum of Agreement/Corps of Engineers/Channel Dredging: By motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved authorizing up to \$4,080,000.00 for contributed funds for dredging and granted authority for the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Corps of Engineers for up to \$4,080,000.00, along with the corresponding budget amendment from \$1,500,000.00 to \$5,580,000.00 and a reservation of an additional \$1,500,000.00 for dredging.

Consideration of Approval of Change Order No. 1/Office Roof Replacement Project: By motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$2,500.00 and a corresponding budget amendment.

b) **Land Management & Legal Affairs**

Consideration of Approval of Land Purchase for Bijou Island Access Road/Rapides Parish: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously approved the Buy/Sell Agreement and Deed with Michael Dunn, etal for the purchase of 25.38 acres in Rapides Parish in the amount of \$225,000.00 along with a corresponding budget amendment.

Consideration of Renewal of Pipeline Right-of-Way Agreement/Grand Ecore Recreation Area/5.84 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously rejected the offer from ONEOAK in the amount of \$125,000.00 for the 20-year term agreement and authorized staff to present counter offer of \$200,000.00 for the 20-year term.

c) **Recreation**

Consideration of Revisions to Colfax RV Park Policy: No action was taken.

Recreation Area Status Report Mr. Marcus Long highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 125,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of May 2026. Updated maintenance items include, but not limited to:

- Replacement of the Headquarters' roof to be completed June 17, 2026
- Remarked on events having taken place at Grand Ecore boat launch: St. Jude Fundraiser and State Trooper Tournament

d) **Ports - None**

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing - None**

f) **Personnel**

g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget**

Consideration of Authority to Increase Asset Value Threshold: By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously approved the recommendation to increase the asset value/capitalization threshold to \$5,000.00.

Presentation of 2025 Audit Reports: Reports will be presented at the July 2026 meeting.

h) **Legislative** – Session is over.

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- SunGas Renewables, Inc./Beaver Lake Project at the Central Louisiana Regional Port has been terminated by SunGas
- Shreveport/Bossier Sports Commission – BassChamps has terminated the intended November 2026 event
- Updates on Commissioners Earles and Fleming given to the Board
- Red Bayou Irrigation Project is in works with the Corps of Engineers

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

- INorth Adventure Trails: Phase 1F/Trails anticipate completion in September
- Ft. Buhlow Additional Amenities Project: Concrete work completed; astroturf completed this week; Playground base completed. Approximately 2.5 months' worth of work remains to be completed with a potential completion date of Labor Day

11. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - None

12. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** – Noted that the 12' Channel project is in the review process awaiting final reporting to headquarters in December.

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

14. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None

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

16. **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