MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 15, 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 David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Michael P. Deville, Commissioner Charles R. Greer, Commissioner Ronald Lattier, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner Versa Clark, Commissioner John F. Earles, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Kenneth Richardson.

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: None

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

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

By motion of Commissioner Greer, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the minutes of the June 17, 2026, meeting were unanimously approved.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) Contracts

Consideration of Approval of Change Order No. 2/Fort Buhlow Additional Amenities/RRWC Project No. 23-01/Contract No. RRW-819: By motion of Commissioner Altimus, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the change order increasing the contract amount by $24,676.11 to a contract amount of $4,443,313.26 and adding an additional fourteen (14) days.

b) Land Management & Legal Affairs

Consideration of Award of Public Bid Land Lease/Coushatta Recreation Area/0.36 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously agreed upon keeping the property unleased until said time in which public interest is made, at which time staff is authorized to readvertise the property.

Consideration of Renewal of Leaseback/Pool 3/Tract 42/12 Acres: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved awarding the renewal of the 5-year leaseback to IKKR Properties, LLC for $720.00 for the 5-year term.

Consideration of Renewal of Pipeline Right-of-Way Agreement/Grand Ecore Recreation Area: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Lattier, the Commission unanimously approved the 20-year pipeline right-of-way renewal with ONEOK,Inc./EnLink LIG, LLC for the agreed upon amount of $200,000.00.

Consideration of Extension of Temporary Private Roadway Right-of-Use Agreement/1North Adventure Trails Mitigation Property: By motion of Commissioner Deville, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved (up to) a 6-month extension of the Temporary Private Roadway License/Right-of-Use Agreement for the use of Chaffee Heights Road with Hall-Williams, LLC at the 1North Adventure Trails Mitigation Property.

c) Recreation

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Marcus Long highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 145,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of June 2026. Updated maintenance items include, but not limited to:

- Headquarters roof project completed
- Fishing tournament held on Red River out of Bishop Point
- Coast Guard change in Command at Colfax
- High School fishing tournament scheduled in February 2027 at Grand Ecore
- An update provided on Ranger Greg Sanchez

d) Ports

Consideration of Authority to Unreserve-Undesignate Project Funds/Central Louisiana Regional Port/Beaver Lake: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved unreserving-undesignating the $3,750,000.00 that was previously authorized for a project by SunGas who is no longer pursuing the project.

Consideration of Funding Request/Central Louisiana Regional Port/Material Handling Equipment: By motion of Commissioner Lattier, seconded by Commissioner Greer, the Commission unanimously approved the funding request of up to $1,725,972.80 for the acquisition of a 275-ton lattice boom crane, heavy-duty lifting magnet, and 55,000-pound forklift. The total project cost being $4,442,724.56.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing - None

f) Personnel - None

g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget**

Presentation of 2025 Audit and Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures Audit Reports: No action taken.

h) **Legislative** – Session has ended.

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
   - Updates provided on Commissioners Earles and Fleming
   - No contributory funds have been transferred to the Corps of Engineers
   - Corps of Engineers will be giving notice to proceed of an inland dredge to begin at Pool 5

10. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets.
    - St. Maurice comfort station and the Red River National Wildlife Refuge comfort station projects are awaiting final plans
    - Fort Buhlow piers and Grand Ecore dog park are in the pricing phase
    - 1North Adventure Trails mitigation property
      - Phase 1C Lake Improvements – pre-construction conference scheduled for next week
      - Phase 1F Trails – bridge construction. Delayed due to weather conditions
      - Phase 1E Site, Paving, Utility Improvements – next project entering the design phase

11. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - None
12. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - None
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 Greer, seconded by Commissioner Altimus, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER

TROY ROUSSELL
CHAIR DESIGNEE