

Cane River Waterway Commission

Minutes

October 20, 2015

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:00 p.m., on October 20, 2015, at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order and roll was called, the following members being present: Gerald Longlois, Margaret Vienne, Van Wiggins, Sammy Scruggs, and ex-officio C.D. Brazzel.

Also present were Patrol Person Betty Fuller and Glynn Fuller.

Guests of the Commission were: Jason Brancamp, Wildlife and Fisheries Biologist, Randy Denmon, James and Kayla Womack of Womack Construction, Danny Methvin, Joe Glorioso, Harry McKay, Bob Gutweiler, and Nick Mirza.

The minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting of the commission were presented. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments. Mr. Wiggins noted that at the September 15, 2015 meeting there was a discussion about the fish in Cane River and Jason Brancamp of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries advised that the lake had a healthy fish population. He also noted that during electro-fishing in 2014 a 12 lb bass was documented. After the above comments, the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote, the Commission approved the minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting, as written.

Mr. Methvin advised the commission that with rain approaching he was concerned about his property where the pipeline was located. He went ahead and put the property to grade, and removed excess rock buried in the ground. Mr. Womack advised the commission that his contract was still open and that he had full intention to complete the requirements of the project. Mr. Womack advised that he would work with Mr. Methvin to ensure satisfaction. Mr. Scruggs advised the commission of his concerns about the shoreline on Bayou Possiant, and recommended continuous riprap where the disturbed land is located. The chairman opened the floor to discussion regarding a change order requested by Mr. Womack, and after a lengthily discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Scurggs, and unanimous vote, the Commission authorized a change order for up to 750 tons additional rip rap to the shoreline of Bayou Possiant at a cost of 59 dollars a ton not to exceed \$44,250.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 1 of 2015, Substantial Completion for the Cane River Pipeline and Weir. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Scruggs, and unanimous vote, the Commission authorized Resolution 1 of 2015-Substantial Completion for the Cane River Pipeline and Weir.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Womack Construction in the amount of \$148,089.43. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Scruggs, and unanimous vote, the Commission authorized payment to Womack Construction for \$148,089.43.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Denmon Engineering in the amount of \$21, 344.57. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote, the Commission authorized payment to Denmon Engineering for \$21,344.57.

Mr. Fuller advised the commission that while pulling the commission's boat trailer to the launch area a bolt holding the trailer springs broke causing damage to fender and frame. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by

Mr. Scruggs , seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote, the Commission authorized repairing the commission's boat trailer not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Mrs. Fuller advised that the hot water tank located in the patrol facility was leaking from the bottom. She advised quotes were submitted with the lowest from Paul's Plumbing in the amount of \$750.00. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote, the Commission approved hot water tank replacement by Paul's plumbing at a cost of \$750.00.

Mrs. Fuller advised the commission that Bennett Heating and Air checked the air conditioner and repaired a leak at a cost of \$216.00. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Scruggs, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote, the Commission authorized payment to Bennett Heating and Air in the amount of \$216.00.

Mrs. Fuller provided quotes for payroll services. The lowest bid of \$60.00 per month was submitted by Waskom Brown and Associates. The Chairman opened the floor discussion, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote, the Commission approved payroll services with Waskom Brown and Associates in the amount of \$60.00 per month to commence November 2015.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report, including the financials for the month of September 2015. 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 the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for September 15 – October 19, 2015 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. Wiggins, and unanimous vote the Commission approved the logs for September 15 – October 19, 2015.

Mrs. Fuller presented the water safety report. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote the Commission approved the September 15 – October 19, 2015 expenditure report.

Mr. Fuller presented the Lake Safety Patrol report. Current lake level is 95.9 MSL. The lake was closed on October 14 at 6pm due to low water. On September 19 there were fireworks held in the downtown area. Cane River Patrol worked three complaints, issued one pump permit, and five building permits. Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's office reported no citations, accidents, or fatalities on the lake. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries submitted no report.

The chairman opened the floor to public discussion. Mr. Mirza address the commission about reopening the south end of the lake, after a lengthily discussion the chairman closed the floor to discussion. The commission voted unanimously not to grant an exception citing ordinance 2 of 2011 which was put in placed to protect the river from damage to public and private property, shoreline erosion/exposed tree roots, and safety.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Scruggs, and unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: November 17, 2015

