



Cane River Waterway Commission

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RE: CRWC Budget Message

Commission Members,

The 2019/2020 General and Capital Budget(s) addresses the needs of the lake, provides for infrastructure improvements, governmental partnership projects, lake enhancement program, and safety enforcement that benefit the lake and the people of the State of Louisiana. It further provides for operations of establishing, operating and maintaining a navigable waterway system.

The general fund balance holds a minimum of no less than 1-2 months operating expenditures. A budget letter, signed by the commission administrator, was submitted that requested authorization to draft the budget resolutions, amendments, advertisements, public hearing/meeting, agenda postings, completion certification, and provided the commission with budget requirements and attendance as required by state law.

The Commission has reviewed drafts, held discussions, and authorized projects and partnerships that best benefit the lake for the 2019/2020 budget(s) and the 2020/2021 projected budget(s).

The majority of the Commission's revenues come from a millage tax of the parish of Natchitoches. The Commission adopted a resolution to keep the same 6 mil as the previous year that will produce an estimated income of \$1,977,390.00 for the 2019 tax year. The Commission's total proposed expenditure expenses do not exceed the total of estimated funds available for the ensuing fiscal year.

The budget finalizes a project that will maintain a constant water source during drought conditions at a cost of \$500,000.00 to complete. The budget provides for supplemental enforcement to enhance safety, reduce accident, injury, and fatalities on the lake. The budget provides for a lake enhancement program that will give the people of the state useful information about the lake. The budget provides for an infrastructure plan to dredge the north end of the lake that will preserve the navigable waterway. Project is estimated to cost over \$6,000,000.00. The scope of the project is yet to be finalized, a study was completed by Shuler Consulting Company and submitted to the Commission at the March 19, 2019 Commission meeting. Budget figures are based on projections, trends, and data provided by the Commission's engineer Henry Shuler.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Fuller
CRWC Commission Administrator