



Cane River Waterway Commission

Minutes

February 19, 2019

There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission on February 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm located at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

The hearing was called to order and roll was called, the following members being present: Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Wiggins.

Also present were administrator, Betty Fuller, and attorney, Tommy Murchison.

Present as guests of the Commission were Hunter Lancaster, Mat Mixin, Don Cummins, and Halie Errington.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 1 of 2019. The Chairman read aloud the purpose for the ordinance and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 2 of 2019. The Chairman read aloud the purpose for the ordinance and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

Mrs. Fuller presented and read aloud a budget letter describing the purpose for the General and Capital budget beginning balance amendment. The Chairman opened the floor to public comment and after discussion closed the floor to discussion.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 1 of 2019. The Chairman read aloud the Resolution and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 2 of 2019. The Chairman read aloud the Resolution and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

The Chairman at 6:09 pm adjourned the public hearing.

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on February 19, 2019 at 6:10 pm located at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order and roll was called, the following members being present: Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Wiggins.

Also present were administrator, Betty Fuller, and attorney, Tommy Murchison.

Present as guests of the Commission were Hunter Lancaster, Mat Mixin, Don Cummins, and Halie Errington.

Ms. Errington addressed the Commission requesting sponsorship support for the St. Mary's Rubber Duck event that will be held on the downtown riverbank. Ms. Errington advised that the rubber ducks will be made available to other groups that would like to hold similar events on Cane River Lake. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes, with Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Methvin abstaining from vote, the Commission authorized a \$2,000.00 sponsorship with St. Mary's for the Rubber Duck event.

Mrs. Fuller presented the professional agreement between Air Data Solution and the Cane River Waterway Commission. After discussion, 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 by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the professional agreement between Air Data Solution and the Cane River Waterway Commission.

Mr. Lancaster and Mr. Mixon provided a comprehensive report to the Commission regarding the potential dredging project on the north end of the lake. After discussion the Commission tabled the project pending further review.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 1 of 2019 amending the General Account beginning fund balance. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission adopted Resolution 1 of 2019.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 2 of 2019 amending the Capital Account beginning fund balance. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission adopted Resolution 2 of 2019.

Mrs. Fuller presented the 2019 Budget letter for Commission review and authorization. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the 2019 Budget letter.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that it was time to renew the Department of Natural Resources agreement. After discussion 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 by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to begin the renew process with the Department of Natural Resources.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that there would be one day, out of town, state government-training classes available during the 2019 calendar year. After discussion 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 by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to travel and attend available state government-training classes during the 2019 calendar year, further authorizing all associated expenses.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that it was time to begin the 2019 millage process. After discussion 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. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to begin the millage process.

The Commission discussed the St. Augustine Church, Shell Beach Expansion, Mill Street project, Spillway landing, and shoreline recovery projects. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission directed Mrs. Fuller to remove these projects from the Old Business on the Agenda.

The Commission discussed Enforcement, stored properties, and the old condemned bridge at Shell Beach. After discussion the Commission tabled these project pending further review, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller and attorney Murchison to draft an Ordinance for disposal of stored boats recovered from the lake.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 1 of 2019 which provides for an amendment to ordinance 1 of 2012, as amended by ordinance 2 of 2017. Ordinance 1 of 2012 provides for permitting of pumps or other mechanical instrumentality used for the removal of water from Cane River Lake in order to monitor the use of water from Cane River. The amendment removes the requirement for a permit fee. After discussion, 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. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission adopted ordinance 1 of 2019.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 2 of 2019 which provides for an amendment to ordinance 2 of 2002. Ordinance 2 of 2002 proved for the operation of watercraft on Cane River Waterway on evenings when firework displays occur in downtown Natchitoches. The Amendment brings the Commission's ordinance in line with a recent change in a similar ordinance adopted by the City of Natchitoches. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr.

Methvin, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission adopted ordinance 2 of 2019.

The minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting of the commission were presented. After discussion, 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. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller provided the January treasurer's report. She presented invoices from Corkern, Crews, Guillet in the amount of \$1,420.00, Shuler Consulting Company in the amount of \$11, 125.00 & \$23,500.00, and Dock & More in the amount of \$5,475.00. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for January for Commission review. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that Charles Carruth lost a service agreement check, and he has requested that the Commission stop payment and reissue the check. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the stop payment and reissuing of the loss check, further requiring the Contractor to pay for the \$25.00 stop payment fee.

Mrs. Fuller advised that the two maintenance contracts for Shell Beach would be ending in April. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to obtain quotes for a one 7-acre contract for Shell Beach for a period of one year with two additional one-year options.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from January 18 – February 18, 2019 for the review of the Commission. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige, the Commission approved the logs for the period from January 18 – February 18, 2019.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator report. The current lake level is 98.4 MSL. She issued four building permits, issued one fishing tournament permit, worked one incident, obtaining supplies for the upcoming school project, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and addressing giant salvinia in a canal leading into the North end of the lake, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, service agreements, and prepared all documentation, reports, and request that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries submitted no report. Sheriff's Office issued no citations and made no arrests. After discussion, 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. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the January 18 – February 19, 2019 expenditure report contained therein.

The Chairman advised that the Commission needed to go into executive session for a strategy session regarding pending litigation. The Chairman open the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission went into executive session at 7:55 pm. At 8:00 pm the Commission exited executive session and went back into regular session.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller

Date Approved: March 19, 2019