



**Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
January 21, 2020**

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on January 21, 2020 at 6:04 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. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mrs. Vienne.

Also present was the administrator, Betty Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison and Chris Guillet.

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 Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission went into executive session at 6:01 pm. At 6:30 pm the Commission exited executive session and went back into regular session.

The minutes of the December 03, 2019 meeting of the commission were presented. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the December 03, 2019 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the boats set for disposal were in the final phase.

The Commission tabled the enforcement project pending further review.

Mrs. Fuller updated the Commission on the Dilapidated Structures, and Lake Violations after discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to add Ordinance 1 of 2013 (CRWC water protection act) to Public Relations advertising.

Mr. Rhodes updated the Commission on the St. Augustine Bridge project.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of November. She presented invoices from Corkern, Crews, and Guillet in the amount of \$1,504.00, Air Data Solution in the amount of \$362.50, and Mayeaux Rangers LLC in the amount of \$505.83. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of November and Investment report 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. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from November 11, 2019 to January 20, 2020 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from November 11, 2019 to January 20, 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented easement documents 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission introduced Ordinance 1 of 2020 to enter into a construction easement with Richard T. Hampton, Christina M. Hampton, Susan D. Abraham, and James D. Abraham associated with the ongoing work at the pumping station and further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to advertise and set a hearing for February 18, 2020.

The Commission addressed acquiring an office wall map of Cane River. 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. Paige and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to obtain a photo with frame of Cane River with expenditure not to exceed \$500.00.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that it was time to begin the 2020-2021 budget process.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that 2020 is a state wide reassessment, and that the Commission needed to roll forward to preserve the 6 mills delegated by the State. She further advised that it is a strenuous process, tentatively set for June and that there could be only one member absent. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the roll forward to preserve the 6 mills delegated by the State, further amending the Commission meeting calendar to change the May meeting from May 19 to May 12, 2020 and June meeting from June 16 to June 9, 2020.

Mrs. Fuller advised Commission members that they needed to take the 2020 Ethics training, and presented member manuals. After manual review and discussion the members signed documents as required by the state. They further covered Commission process/requirements and watched a training video dealing with sexual harassment.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.3 MSL. She issued five building permits, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and monitoring for giant salvinia in the north canal, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, service agreements, held one event, attended Millage Class, and prepared all documentation, reports, and requests that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. Fireworks were held downtown on October 18, 2019. There were fireworks held on the lake November 23,30 December 7, 14,21,28, and 31. On December 14 a lighted barge parade and Santa performing skiing tricks was held in the downtown area. She worked two lake complaints. Enforcement reported no injuries or fatalities the lake this period. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the November 12, 2019 to January 20, 2020 expenditure report contained therein. There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: December 03, 2019