



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
July 28, 2020

There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission on July 28, 2020 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, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Wiggins.

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

Present as guests of the Commission were Jim Bison, Janet Johnson, Pete Johnson, Sylvia Lofton, Jamie Vanderlick, Lorraine Theriot, and John Vercher.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 10 of 2020. The Chairman read aloud the purpose for the Resolution and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

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Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 12 of 2020. The Chairman read aloud the purpose for the Resolution and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 13 of 2020. The Chairman read aloud the purpose for the Resolution and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 14 of 2020. The Chairman read aloud the purpose for the Resolution and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

At 6:55 P.M., the Chairman adjourned the public hearing.

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on July 28, 2020 at 6:56 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. Methvin, and Mrs. Vienne.

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

Present as guests of the Commission were Jim Bison, Janet Johnson, Pete Johnson, Sylvia Lofton, Jamie Vanderlick, Lorraine Theriot, and John Vercher.

The minutes of the June 9, 2020 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 Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting, as written.

The minutes of the July 21, 2020 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 Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of June. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of June 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 Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, 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 June 8 to July 27, 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. Methvin and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from June 8 to July 27, 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 10 of 2020 authorizing the 2020 millage adjusted millage rate(s). 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 Mrs. Vienne and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 10 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 11 of 2020 authorizing the set forth adjusted millage rate(s) and roll forward to millage rate(s) not exceeding the maximum authorized rate(s). 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. Methvin and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 11 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 12 of 2020 authorizing an intergovernmental agreement to be entered into by and between the Cane River Waterway Commission, the City of

Natchitoches, the Parish of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District Parish, providing for sharing of expense and cost of Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix and Hixson to prepare the required Hydrologic and Hydraulic modeling to complete an application under the Louisiana watershed initiative in the desire of improving drainage authorizing the Commission to delegate funds needed to support completion of the application and further authorizing the Chairman, Jim Rhodes to execute the intergovernmental agreement on behalf 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. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Methvin and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 12 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 13 of 2020 authorizing the proposal for Shell Beach facility renovations & improvements submitted by Shuler Consulting Company dated June 29, 2020, to provide engineering, surveying and related technical services for Shell Beach parking lot rehabilitation and expansion project, and further authorizing the Chairman, Jim Rhodes, to execute and sign the proposal and to execute any and all other necessary document on behalf of 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 Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Wiggins and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 13 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 14 of 2020 authorizing a cooperative endeavor agreement and indemnification, defense and hold harmless agreement with the Parish of Natchitoches to provide for the rehabilitation of Fish Hatchery Road., delegating funds for the project, and further authorizing the Chairman, Jim Rhodes, to execute the cooperative endeavor agreement on behalf 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. Wiggins and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 14 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that she placed the no-wake zone buoys at Melrose Bridge. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. The Commission designated Melrose Bridge as a Hazard Zone area and authorized Mrs. Fuller to replace the no-wake zone buoys with hazard buoys.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the Corp of Engineers wanted to move the relationship dealing with lake permitting from verbal to written. She presented a draft copy for Commission review. After discussion the Commission had no objection and authorized Mrs. Fuller once the process is complete to present the final copy to Mr. Murchison for review and Commission authorization.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.0 MSL. Due to Covid-19 boating traffic has been very high on the lake. She issued seventeen building permits, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and invasive species on the lake, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, service agreements, attended State of Louisiana liaison ethic class, and prepared all documentation, reports, and requests that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. She worked 8 lake complaints, removed one abandoned boat from the lake, and has started the lake signage update. Enforcement reported one accident. 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 Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the March 16 to June 8, 2020 expenditure report contained therein.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: August 18, 2020