



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
March 3, 2021

There was a public hearing of the Cane River Waterway Commission on March 03, 2021 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. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mrs. Vienne.

Also present was the administrator, Betty Fuller.

Also present was Ben Barron, Hunter Lancaster, Douglas Dunn, Paul Lohr, and Joe Cunningham.

The Chairman read aloud Ordinance 1 of 2021, Resolution 1 of 2021, and Resolution 2 of 2021. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

At 6:06 pm the Chairman closed the public hearing.

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on March 03, 2021 at 6:07 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, Mr. Methvin, and Mrs. Vienne.

Also present was the administrator, Betty Fuller.

Also present was Ben Barron, Hunter Lancaster, Douglas Dunn, Paul Lohr, and Joe Cunningham.

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

Also present was the administrator, Betty Fuller.

Also present was Ben Barron, Hunter Lancaster, Douglas Dunn, Paul Lohr, and Joe Cunningham.

The minutes of the January 19, 2021 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. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting, as written.

The minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting of the commission were presented. The chairman open 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, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting, as written.

Mr. Lohr and Mr. Dunn addressed the Commission regarding usage of Shell Beach docks for business use. After discussion the Commission tabled pending legal review.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 2 of 2021 A cooperative endeavor agreement and indemnification, defense and hold harmless agreement with the Natchitoches Historic Foundation to provide for the rehabilitation of Pacale-Roque House, delegating funds for the project, authorizing the Chairman to execute the agreement on behalf of the Commission. Chairman Rhodes and Mrs. Vienne advised that due to a conflict of interest they would be abstaining from vote. The floor was opened to public comments, and after discussion, the floor was closed to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Wiggins; with Mr. Rhodes and Mrs. Vienne abstaining from vote, the Commission authorized Resolution 2 of 2021, a cooperative endeavor agreement and indemnification, defense and hold harmless agreement with the Natchitoches Historic Foundation to provide for the rehabilitation of Pacale-Roque House, designation of funds for the project, and authorizing the Chairman to execute the agreement on behalf of the Commission. Mr. Barron thanked the Commission for participating in the Pacale-Roque House project.

Mrs. Fuller presented a projective budget outlook 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. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Rhodes, and Mrs. Vienne the Commission authorized reducing the 2021 millage from 6 mills to 3.5 mills, and further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to begin the millage process.

Mr. Hunter presented the Shell Beach parking lot plans to the Commission. After review the Commission made suggestions and changes to the project. Mr. Methvin was honored to request a name change for Shell Beach citing that Mrs. Vienne's family donated land years ago for the original landing. 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. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized a name change for Shell Beach, further asking Mrs. Vienne to provide Mrs. Fuller with suggested names and authorizing Mrs. Fuller to process. Mrs. Vienne was surprised and grateful thanking the Commission on behalf of her family.

Mr. Cunningham provided a comprehensive investment report to the Commission. After discussion the Commission provided directives for their investments.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 1 of 2021 approving a cooperative endeavor agreement with Stuart Wright, Sheriff of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana to provide for Patrols on Cane River Lake and to provide for supplemental boating enforcement services, and further authorizing the Chairman of the Commission to execute the cooperative endeavor agreement on behalf of the Commission. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to public discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Paige the Commission authorized introducing Ordinance 1 of 2021, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to advertise and set a public hearing for April 20, 2021.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 1 of 2021 General Account Budget amendment. 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Methvin the Commission authorized Resolution 1 of 2021 amending the general account budget.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the months of January and February. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of January and February 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. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

The Commission addressed the Cameras located at the landings on the lake. After discussion, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to research for companies that would provide services.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from January 19 to February 22, 2021 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. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from January 19 – February 22, 2021.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.3 MSL. Fishing season is now in full swing and traffic on the lake is increasing. She issued three building permits, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and giant salvinia in the North canal/lake, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, service agreements, completed the required sexual harassment class, and prepared all documentation, reports, and requests that are required for the commissions review, authorization, and knowledge. Enforcement reported no injury or fatalities but has issued a few fishing license violations on 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. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige, 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 January 19 – February 23, 2021 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: April 20, 2021