



**Cane River Waterway Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**May 16, 2017**

There was a regular meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission held at 6:00 p.m., on May 16, 2017 at 244 Cedar Bend, Natchez, Louisiana.

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

Also present were Patrol Persons Betty Fuller and Glynn Fuller and attorney Tommy Murchison.

Present as guests of the commission were representatives of the Wildlife and Fisheries: Villas Dowden, Jarett Thaxton, and Patrick Ireland.

Mr. Dowden advised the commission that Wildlife and Fisheries is treating Fredericks lake for Giant Salvinia. He further advised that Wildlife and Fisheries would leave the boom located on the tributary to Cane River Lake in place for the commission to use at their discretion in the future. Mr. Dowden indicated that he will work with Mrs. Fuller as needed to prevent Giant Salvinia from entering the lake.

Mrs. Fuller advised the commission that the canal leading to Cane River Lake has been treated. Giant Salvinia likely still survives behind Giant Cut Grass, Cypress Trees, etc; therefore, she is recommending that additional barriers be placed in advance of large rainfall events to prevent the movement of salvinia. She further recommends placement of hazard buoys at the mouth of the canal to deter boat traffic. 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. Rhodes, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission authorized the purchase of 200 feet of 18 inch boom for

Giant Salvinia control, and further authorized the placement of hazard buoys to deter boat traffic in the area.

The minutes of the April 18, 2017 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. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting, as written.

Chairman Rhodes and Mr. Methvin advised the Commission on their inquiries regarding the possibility of dredging Cane River Lake. After discussion the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to check into SB148 for possible assistance.

The Commission discussed the authorized storage building purchase from the April 18, 2017 meeting. After further discussion the Commission tabled purchasing the storage building until June 20, 2017 meeting.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that it was time to select a firm and sign an engagement letter for the 2016/2017 fiscal year annual audit of the Commission's records. 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 Mrs. Vienne, unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission authorized Johnson, Thomas, and Cunningham to conduct the annual audit on the Commission 2016/2017 fiscal year records.

Mrs. Fuller presented the state required CRWC Budget Message for commission review. 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. Rhodes, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission authorized the CRWC Budget Message submitted by Mrs. Fuller.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 3 of 2017; the commission's 2017/2018 General Account Budget for review. 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. Rhodes, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission introduced Resolution 3 of 2017.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 4 of 2017; the commission's 2017/2018 Capital Account Budget for review. 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. Rhodes, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission introduced Resolution 4 of 2017.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 5 of 2017; the commission's 2016/2017 General Account Budget final amendment for review. 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. Rhodes, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission introduced Resolution 5 of 2017.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 6 of 2017; the commission's 2016/2017 Capital Account Budget final amendment for review. 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. Rhodes, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission introduced Resolution 6 of 2017.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report. Mrs. Fuller further provided financials and an invoice from Power Squadron in the amount of \$104.00. 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. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented an invoice from Womack Construction in the amount of \$201,069.00 for Commission review. 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. Rhoded, Mrs. Vienne, the Commission approved the payment of \$201,069.00 to Womack Construction.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that with the Commission's desire to close the spillway landing she is recommending finalizing the open invoice with Bennett heating and air. She additionally recommending moving the pole that he had placed there to the office for storage until the new landing could be developed. The cost of moving the installed pole is \$300.00. 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. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, the Commission authorized final payment and installed pole movement of \$300.00 to Bennett heating and air.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from April 17 to May 15, 2017, for the review of the Commission. 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. Rhodes, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission approved the logs for the period from April 17 to May 15, 2017.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 1 of 2017 for adoption. 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. Rhodes, and Mrs. Vienne, the Commission adopted Ordinance 1 of 2017.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 2 of 2017 for commission review and introduction. 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 a three to zero vote with an abstention by Mr. Methvin, the Commission introduced Ordinance 2 of 2017.

Mrs. Fuller presented the water safety and secretary report. She is currently working on boat disposal process, stored properties, spillway landing process, school project, audit document for members and preparing for the 2017 annual audit. She held an event at the Natchitoches firing range with Green Wing on water safety with approximately 109 kids.

Mrs. Fuller presented the expenditure report. 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. Rhodes, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission approved the April 17 to May 15, 2017 expenditure report.

Mr. Methvin advised the Commission regarding the conclusion of an ethics investigation that involved a review of the donation of a right of way by CDT Farms, LLC to the Commission. The investigation has been concluded with no

adverse finding. The Chairman proposed that Mr. Methvin be reimbursed the costs he incurred responding to the investigation. 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 by three to zero vote with abstention by Mr. Methvin the Commission authorized the reimbursement of the sum of \$1358.52 to Mr. Methvin for attorney fees incurred with McCoy, Roberts and Begnaud.

Mr. Fuller presented the Lake Safety Patrol report. Current lake level is 98.1 MSL. The Cane River Patrol issued six building permit, and worked one complaint, and put new no-wake/hazard markers on existing buoys on the lake. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries issued 21 citations and added two new enforcement officers. Sheriff's Office issued no citations and made no arrests. There were no Accidents, Injuries, or Fatalities to report.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: June 20, 2017