



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
September 15, 2020

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on September 15, 2020 at 6:00 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.

Also present were Anthony Lacour, Mr. McDowell and his son.

The minutes of the August 18, 2020 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 Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting, as written.

Mr. Lacour addressed the Commission about the camera system located at Shell Beach. The hard drive is currently down, there is no internet, and the system needs to be upgraded. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. The Commission tabled the camera system project pending obtaining internet at that location, further authorizing Member Paige to speak with Louisiana Public Service Commission Foster Campbell to obtain AT&T internet line at that location.

Mr. McDowell addressed the Commission about his son performing community service work on the lake. After discussion, the Commission had no objection pending legal review on liability.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 15 of 2020 approving a cooperative endeavor agreement and indemnification, defense and hold harmless agreement with the National Park service Cane River Creole National Historical Park to provide for delegating funds for the project, and further authorizing the Chairman 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. The Commission tabled Resolution 15 of 2020 pending completion of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 16 of 2020 approving the memorandum of understanding between the Cane River Waterway Commission and the U/S. Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District to review application for programmatic general permit-36, minor construction activities shoreline, stabilization/retaining wall, minor dredging/excavation, and boat docks, boat houses, piers, and boat slips on Cane River Lake, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana and further authorizing the Chairman to execute and sign the proposal and to execute any and all other necessary documents 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. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne and unanimous vote by, Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 16 of 2020.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that Hurricane Laura caused tremendous damage to the shorelines. There were several damaged structures, collapsed boathouses, and down trees. Most of the damage to the shoreline was south where the lake is wider and deeper. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. The Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to prepare and set up the shoreline restoration process to begin in January 2021.

Chairman Rhodes updated the Commission on the Fish Hatchery road parish project.

Mr. Paige advised the Commission that he had to leave early for personal reasons; documented time left was 7:00 pm

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of May. She presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of August and the 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, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the financial reports and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from August 17 – September 14, 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 Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Vienne and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from August 17 – September 14, 2020.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.3 MSL. She issued two 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, , and prepared all documentation, reports, and requests that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. She worked 2 lake complaints. Enforcement reported one incident where a truck was removed from the waterway and worked one boating complaint involving an airboat. 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 Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the August 17 to September 14, 2020 expenditure report contained therein.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: October 20, 2020

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