



Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
September 21, 2021

There was a public meeting of the Cane River Waterway Commission on September 21, 2021 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. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mrs. Banks.

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

The minutes of the August 17, 2021 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 Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote, by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting, as written.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of August. She also presented the budget to actual comparison and Investment reports for the month of August 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. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Banks, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 11 of 2021 approving the exercise of an option to extend the temporary construction easement with Richard Todd Hampton, Christina Morgan Hampton, Susan Dianne Hampton Abraham and James Daniel Abraham, and authorizing the Chairman of the Cane River Waterway Commission to execute the extension of the temporary construction easement on the behalf of the Cane River Waterway Commission, which easement is necessary for the completion of the pumping station on Hampton lake, and to further execute and sign any and all other necessary documents associated therewith. 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. Banks, and unanimous vote, by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Banks, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved Resolution 11 of 2021.

The Commission discussed the Commission's surplus property. 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. Banks, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Wiggins the Commission introduced Ordinance 3 of 2021 declaring movable property to be surplus and authorizing the Chairman of the Cane River Waterway District, to convey said movable surplus property to the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Department, a Political subdivision of the State whose functions include public safety. Further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to set and advertise a public hearing for October 19, 2021.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from August 16 – September 20, 2021, for the review of the Commission. She also presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.0 MSL. She issued six building permits, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and monitoring for 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, and worked two complaints. Enforcement reported no injury or fatalities; Sheriff's office worked possible theft attempted, warned three boats for life-jacket violation, ran sonar and radar, and worked fireworks in the downtown area. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Banks, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, the August 16 – September 20, 2021 expenditure report contained therein and the gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from August 16 – September 20, 2021.

She further presented the Commission's 2020/2021 draft audit and related documents for Commission review and updated the Commission on Verizon tracking and trolling motor process. 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 Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the Commission's 2020/2021 draft audit further authorizing the Chairman and Secretary to sign related documents.

Chairman Rhodes advised the Commission that the Williamson signage would cost about \$1,000.00 and provided location for the signage.

Chairman Rhodes updated the Commission on the Fish Hatchery and Bermuda road projects.

Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, Mrs. Banks, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission went in executive session at 6:47 pm to discuss project litigation. At 7:28 pm the Commission exited executive session and went back into regular session.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: October 19, 2021

