

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMAL COUNTY WATER ORIENTED RECREATION DISTRICT**

August 16, 2007

1. The meeting came to order at 4:05 PM at 1928 FM 2673 in Sattler, Texas. Board members present were Paul Rich, Johnnie Bezdek, Karen Vordenbaum, David Davenport, Will Koriath, Crystal Gottfried, and Jim Arnold. Mike Dussere, Manager, and Holly Gilman, board attorney, were also present. Jim Arnold led the pledge and gave the invocation.

WORKSHOP AGENDA:

2. **Presentation of issues and report from Nichol's Landing public forum.**

Mike Dussere reported 35-40 attendees at the public forum. He presented a report detailing concerns, ways to address them, improvements needed, and methods to pay for same. He also went over stats from the attendant logs and a breakdown of WORD taxes in the area vs. expenses for WORD services. Recommendations were made to either decide what use was desired at Nichol's Landing or to increase existing enforcement.

3. **Protest of late fees from Scenic River Properties.**

Bridget McDougal protested late fees assessed based on her office moving, and the tax forms not being received at her new location coupled with her prior good payment record.

4. **Protest of late fees from Canyon Lake/Cranes Mill Marinas.**

Ginger Walker requested a waiver of late fees based on their pristine payment history and a changeover of payment source to their corporate offices in Austin as a one time event.

ACTION AGENDA:

The following subjects will be discussed, considered, passed or adopted, to wit:

5. **Public Comments.**

Bridget McDougal commented that information is getting to the public via internet sites stating that the Guadalupe River is closed, and asked WORD to look into this false information.

Wendall Lyons spoke about Nichol's Landing, and the need for it to stay accessible. He emphasized the need for better and more law enforcement in the area. He also spoke regarding Rebecca Creek crossing and the need for loading/unloading signage.

6. **Review, accept, and/or question the Manager's Report.**

Mike thanked the board members who helped out with the interview process and thanked those applicants who attended the meeting. He also expanded on the Friends For Rivers cleanup, talking about the area to be covered and the educational aspect of the event.

Crystal motioned to accept, Karen seconded. **APPROVED.**

7. Reports from Board Members.

Jim Arnold reported that he and Mike Dussere were at boat ramps the previous two weekends providing traffic direction, and the ramps were very busy. Mike commented he shifted reserve deputies from River Road to the boat ramps on weekends.

8. Tabled items from prior meetings:

a. Vote on options for setting flow limits for water recreation.

Mike reported on the Law Enforcement committee not coming to a consensus on this issue. Recommend no action. Johnnie motioned no action, Crystal seconded. **NO ACTION.**

b. Authorize up to \$3,000 for advertising of river flows and other aspects of Water Recreation.

Karen motioned for no action, Jim seconded. **NO ACTION.**

c. Authorize purchase and implementation of locking boots for parking enforcement.

Mike reported Sheriff's Office recommends not to purchase, pending meeting with County D.A., Justice of the Peace to clear up enforcement issues.

Crystal motioned no action, Karen seconded. 5 yeas, Johnnie and Jim against. **NO ACTION.**

9. Action on issues from public forum regarding Nichol's Landing.

Discussion was held regarding Nichol's. A joint meeting with Commissioner's Court in Spring Branch was discussed. Motion made by Crystal to focus on two directions, Law Enforcement, and use at Nichol's, seconded by Johnnie. **APPROVED.**

10. Accept Proposal from RCI International regarding back taxes due to WORD. TABLED UNTIL NEXT BOARD MEETING.

11. Vote on extension of audit deadline for The Shanty.

David motioned not to grant any additional time to the Shanty for their audit, Will seconded. **APPROVED NOT TO EXTEND.**

12. Vote on forgiveness of late fees for the following permit holders:

a. Scenic River Properties

Holly expressed her concerns for continuity, noting that other businesses have paid their late fees and the dates and needed forms are available online.

David motioned to forgive late fees for both, Johnnie seconded. Six yeas, Crystal abstained. **APPROVED.**

b. Canyon Lake/Crane's Mill Marinas.

See above.

13. Vote on forgiveness of penalties and interest for the following permit holders:

a. RCI International

Tabled pending finalized proposal.

14. Read, correct and/or modify and approve the minutes of the Board meeting of July 19th, 2007.

Motion to accept by Karen, seconded by Johnnie. **APPROVED.**

15. Approve the WORD financial statements for July 2007.

Motion to approve by Karen, seconded by Jim. **APPROVED.**

16. Approve the payment of outstanding claims and accounts of the district.

Motion to approve by Karen, seconded by Johnnie. **APPROVED.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION as authorized by the Government Code sections 551.071 to consult with attorney about pending or contemplated litigation and section 551.074 to discuss personnel matters.

17. Authorize action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

David moved to authorize Holly Gilman to file suit against Castle Avalon unless the Board has a signed agreement from them within 15 days, Will seconded. **APPROVED.**

David moved to authorize manager to hire an Assistant Manager from the applicant pool, seconded by Will. **APPROVED.**

18. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn by Johnnie, seconded by Karen. **APPROVED.**

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2007

Attested: _____

Michael Dussere, General Manager, W.O.R.D.