

# CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 18, 2021

This notice declares that, as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Central Louisiana Regional Port (CLRP) held its November 18, 2021, meeting in accordance with Louisiana R.S. 42:17.1 which provides for a public body to conduct, and its members to attend and participate, in a meeting via electronic means, when the Governor has declared a state of disaster or emergency in which a public meeting could be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

Considering an unknown and indefinite period in which the state of emergency may be in effect, and in accordance with Louisiana R.S. 34:2308, which states that the Commission shall constitute and instrumentality of the State of Louisiana exercising public and essential government functions, this notice shall certify, through its presiding officer's signature below, that the items on the agenda are deemed to be matters that, if delayed, will cause curtailment of vital public services and/or matters that are critical to the continuation of the business of the Commission and that are not able to be postponed.

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The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:02 AM, November 18, 2021, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

**Present were:** Michael Grant, Dr. Haywood Joiner, Daniel Lonsberry, Gil McKee, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill and John Scott via Zoom

**Absent:** Dr. Paul Coreil, Corey Lair

**Also Present:** Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; John Ryland, Attorney with Provosty, Sadler; Keith Hillman, MMLH; Tommy Fontenot, Avant; Jeffrey Hess, Helm; Wayne Denley, City of Alexandria; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

Upon establishing a quorum, the meeting was called to order by President Haywood Joiner.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Gil McKee

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Daniel Lonsberry

President Joiner introduced guests and offered a Public Comment Period Pursuant to LRS 42:14; there were no comments.

### VI. Action Items:

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner D. Lonsberry, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried without opposition.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on October 27, 2021; motion carried without opposition.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner M. Grant, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to approve financial statements for October 2021; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to approve **RESOLUTION 2021-13** certifying compliance with public bid law upon the recommendation of the Engineer of Record; motion carried without opposition.
- e. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by D. Lonsberry to approve **RESOLUTION 2021-14** to Award Bid to Pat Williams Construction, LLC in the amount of \$554,000.00 relative to SPN H.011394 (325A), Infrastructure for Biofuels Facility – Repurposing 612 Building, General Warehouse Improvements; motion carried without opposition.
- f. Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner D. Lonsberry to approve the hire of Crump Wilson Architects to perform engineering services related to 620 warehouse repurposing; motion carried without opposition.

### VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director, Ben Russo –Port updates were provided and a brief discussion of the City of Alexandria's potential rail project.
- b. Comments by Legal – no comments
- c. Comments by Economic Development / Elected Officials - none
- d. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – Dr. Joiner expressed gratitude to Ben for the great work he is doing as Executive Director.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner T. Spruill, motioned to adjourn, second by Commissioner J. Scott; meeting was adjourned by President Joiner at 8:46 a.m.

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President Haywood Joiner