

CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 22, 2023

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:07 AM, February 22, 2023, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Present were: Dr. Haywood Joiner, Dr. Paul Coreil, Michael Grant, Daniel Lonsberry, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill

Absent: Corey Lair, Gill McKee, John Scott

Also Present: Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; John Ryland, Provosty, Sadler; Keith Hillman, MMLH; Representative Ed Larvadain, 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 B. Smith

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner M. Grant

President Joiner offered a Public Comment Period Pursuant to LRS 42:14; there were none.

VI. Action Items:

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried without opposition.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on December 28, 2022; motion carried without opposition.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith, to approve financial statements for December 2022; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Financial: Motion by Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner D. Lonsberry, to approve financial statements for January 2023; motion carried without opposition.
- e. Motion by Commissioner D. Lonsberry, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith, to accept nomination committee as recommended by Commission President Haywood Joiner as follows: Mike Grant, Chair; Paul Coreil, Terry Spruill; motion carried without opposition.
- f. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve Change Order No, 3 for SPN H.011394 (326) Repurposing 620 Building; motion carried without opposition.
- g. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve **RESOLUTION 2023-1** certifying project acceptance for State Project Number H.011394 (326) with Tudor, Inc.; motion carried without opposition.
- h. Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to approve the notice of intent to amend the lease with Avant Organics at the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 22, 2023, at 8:00 a.m., Port's Central Office, and to authorize the Executive Director to take any necessary steps to comply with Louisiana Law as it pertains to the lease of public property; motion carried without opposition.

MOTION by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith to Amend Agenda Item "I" posted as 'motion to approve **RESOLUTION 2023-2** authorizing the Executive Director to prepare and submit an application for Louisiana Port Construction and Development Port Priority Program for assistance in funding a port improvement project to include a new building and repurposing 600 warehouse building' to exclude the words "and repurposing 600 warehouse building"; motion carried without unanimously.

- i. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil, to approve **RESOLUTION 2023-2** authorizing the Executive Director to prepare and submit an application for Louisiana Port Construction and Development Port Priority Program for assistance in funding a port improvement project to include a new building; motion carried without opposition.
- j. Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to authorize the Executive Director to request funding from RRWC for a port improvement project; motion carried without opposition.

- k. Motion by Commissioner M. Grant, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to approve the Executive Director enter into negotiations with RRWC to acquire 52 plus acres of land from North Port Investments LLC.; motion carried without opposition.
- l. Motion by Commissioner M. Grant, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil, to execute a CLRP indemnification agreement for non-exclusive use of the lower dock; motion carried without opposition.

VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director, Ben Russo – Tenant updates, recap of D.C. trip, military affairs, Mardi Gras weekend, and possible funding opportunities were provided.
- b. Comments by Legal – no comments
- c. Comments by Economic Development – none
- d. Comments from Elected Officials – Rep. Ed Larvadain acknowledged his position on the State’s Transportation Committee and assures his support for future growth of CLRP and Cenla community.
- e. Comments by public– none
- f. Comments / Questions by Commissioners

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner T. Spruill, motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner D. Lonsberry; meeting was adjourned by President Joiner at 8:50 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for March 22, 2023.

Dr. Haywood Joiner, President