

GREATER KROTZ SPRINGS PORT COMMISSION

MAY 01, 2023

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Prayer and Pledge
4. Welcome Guests
5. Approve Minutes of April 03, 2023
6. Industrial Inducement Committee Report
7. Executive Committee Report
8. OTHER BUSINESS
9. Next Meeting Date – Monday, June 05, 2023
10. Adjourn

**GREATER KROTZ SPRINGS PORT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MAY 01, 2023**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Greater Krotz Springs Port Commission was held Monday, May 01, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the office of the Greater Krotz Springs Port Commission. The following Commissioners were present which constituted a quorum:

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Batiste, Cannatella, Carter, Cornelius, DiCapo, Haynes, Reed, Soileau, and Vidrine.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Thibodeaux and Thompson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rachel Sanders, Cindy Stelly and Jacque Pucheu, Jr.

President Monita Reed called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. Commissioner Joyce Soileau led the Prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 03, 2023:**

**MOTION: DICAPO                      SECOND: CARTER**

A motion was made by Commissioner Paul DiCapo and seconded by Vice President Cheryl Carter to approve and accept the APRIL 03, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. All Commissioners agreed unanimously.

**INDUSTRIAL INDUCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**MOTION: VIDRINE                      SECOND: BATISTE**

A motion was made by Treasurer Ken Vidrine and seconded by Commissioner Senic Batiste to accept the APRIL 17, 2023 Industrial Inducement Committee Meeting minutes as written. All Commissioners agreed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**MOTION: VIDRINE                      SECOND: CORNELIUS**

A motion was made by Treasurer Ken Vidrine and seconded by Commissioner Clovis Cornelius to accept the APRIL 24, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written. All Commissioners agreed unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT:**

A Pre-Construction Meeting was held at the Port office on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Attendees were representatives from Delek, Colonial Pipeline, Rigid Constructors, Morgan Goudeau & Associates, and Keystone Engineering. Cindy, along with President Reed, represented the Port. Topic of discussion were the contract schedule, coordination between all parties, the construction of the project, and administration items. The anticipated start date for the project is late June or early July. After the Notice To Proceed is issued, another Pre-Construction Meeting will be held. The tentative date for that meeting is June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**MMJ PROPERTIES:**

Jody Fontenot was supposed to call the Port office last week to give an update on their plans. As of this meeting day, he has not. Cindy will contact Mr. Fontenot one day this week.

**SGS:**

Cindy contacted Thomas Phan and Gemma Suarez to get an update from them on locating an office at the Port. They replied and said that things are still in the works but it has been pushed back to their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

**SURFACE LEASE AGREEMENT:**

Cindy finally got a reply from Neil Alden, with Delek, that the Accounting team at the KS Refinery has resolved all issues with the monthly payment on the Surface Lease Agreement. He said the April payment should post to our General Fund Account and not the Special Projects Account.

Attorney Jacque Pucheu, as of this meeting time, has had no reply from Thomas Siwo, with Delek, on the renewal of the Surface Lease Agreement on the 19.86 acres.

**HB 581:**

Rep. Mark Wright, who drafted HB 581, which would create the Louisiana Port Authority and said this bill would be postponed, has now had a hearing on it before the Transportation Committee. It will be on the House floor for debate today (May 1, 2023). Executive Director of PAL Jennifer Marusak emailed all Port Directors saying that the Ports

Association is opposed to this bill and asked that directors contact their local representatives and ask them to oppose this bill as well.

**SB 214:**

Senator Patrick McMath, has introduced SB 214. This bill would move the office of Intermodal Commerce from DOTD to the Louisiana Economic Development (LED). But a subsidy would be created called Dept. of Commerce and a Secretary would be named titled Secretary of Commerce.

The monthly PAL Meeting will be held Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and will enter into executive session. It is believed SB 214 will be discussed.

**HEH LEASE:**

The port received the lease check from HEH Lease on the first year of the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment. It is an increase in revenue of \$11,312.00. Attorney Jacque Pucheu provided the Port office with an executed copy of the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the HEH lease.

**FENCE DISPUTE:**

The Jarreau's have retained Attorney Bruce Gaudin to represent them on the fence dispute. All Commissioners present were given a copy of the letter sent to Jacque from Mr. Gaudin along with pictures the Jarreau's furnished as well. Mr. Gaudin said he will be filing an answer to Jacque's petition. Commissioners present expressed that they do still want to move forward with this dispute.

The next meeting date is scheduled for June 05, 2023. There being no further business, Commissioner Paul DiCapo motioned for the meeting to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Clovis Cornelius.



RACHEL SANDERS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY