

# CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 25, 2023

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:08 AM, October 25, 2023, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

**Present were:** Dr. Paul Coreil, Michael Grant, Dr. Haywood Joiner, Brannin Leglue, Daniel Lonsberry, John Scott; Basil Smith, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

**Absent:** Gill McKee

**Also Present:** Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; John Ryland, Attorney at Provosty, Sadler; Keith Hillman, MMLH; Nicholas Fowlkes, Kolder, Slaven & Company; Rick Ranson, City of Alexandria; Randy Humphries, CLRP; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

Upon establishing a quorum, the meeting was called to order by President Daniel Lonsberry.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Larry Turner

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Daniel Lonsberry

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

### VI. Action Items:

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried without opposition.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner L. Turner, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on August 23, 2023; motion carried.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve financial statements for August 2023; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Financial: Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to approve financial statements for September 2023; motion carried without opposition.
- e. Financial: Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to accept the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Audit Report as prepared by Nicholas Fowlkes with Kolder, Slaven & Co. LLC; motion carried without opposition.
- f. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to authorize the Executive Director to appoint Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson as CLRP's engineer on record for the EDA 2023 Disaster Grant as a result of a RFQ; motion carried without opposition.
- g. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith to approve change in Accounting Policy 3.14, Credit Card/Purchasing Card Policy & Charges; motion carried.
- h. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to approve meeting dates for 2024; motion carried.
- i. Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith to adopt **RESOLUTION 2023-9** authorizing the Executive Director to sign closing documents on the 45-acre purchase from Northport Investments.  
Roll call was held for the approved motion as follows:  
Yays - Dr. Paul Coreil, Michael Grant, Dr. Haywood Joiner, Brannin Leglue, Daniel Lonsberry, Terry Spruill, John Scott, Basil Smith Larry Turner  
Nays – none  
Absent - Gill McKee

### VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director; Ben Russo provided updates on tenants, river closure, community concerns and grant opportunities.
- b. Comments by Legal – no comments
- c. Comments by Economic Development – none
- d. Comments from Elected Officials – none
- e. Comments by public– none
- f. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – none

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner T. Spruill motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith. This meeting of October 25, 2023, was adjourned by President Lonsberry at 9:08 AM. Next meeting scheduled for November 29, 2023.

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Daniel Lonsberry, President