

CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 22, 2024

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:00 AM, May 22, 2024, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Present were: Mike Grant, Haywood Joiner, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

Absent: Paul Coreil, Daniel Lonsberry, Brannin Leglue,

Also Present: Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP; Keith Hillman, MMLH; Luke Miller, MMLH; Ms. Tommie Seaton, Office of Senator Bill Cassidy

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

Upon establishing a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Terry Spruill.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Basil Smith

Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-President Terry Spruill

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

- Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner H. Joiner to add agenda item "O" to today's agenda approving engineer on record.

Roll Call Vote was held for the approved motion as follows:

Yays: Mike Grant, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith,
Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

Nays - none

Absent: Paul Coreil, Brannin Leglue, Daniel Lonsberry,

VI. Action Items:

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on April 22, 2024; motion carried.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner L. Turner, to approve financial statements for March 2024; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-04** authorizing an agreement and designation of person authorized to sign relative to the port security project with LaDOTD.

Roll Call Vote was held for the approved motion as follows:

Yays: Mike Grant, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith,
Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

Nays - none

Absent: Paul Coreil, Brannin Leglue, Daniel Lonsberry

- e. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-05** award bid to The Migues Deloach Company in the amount of \$168,000 relative to State Project Number H.011394 (327).

Roll Call Vote was held for the approved motion as follows:

Yays: Mike Grant, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith,
Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

Nays - none

Absent: Paul Coreil, Brannin Leglue, Daniel Lonsberry

- f. Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-06** certifying compliance with public bid law for State Project Number H.011394 (327).

Roll Call Vote was held for the approved motion as follows:

Yays: Mike Grant, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith,
Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

Nays - none

Absent: Paul Coreil, Brannin Leglue, Daniel Lonsberry

- g. Motion by Commissioner L. Turner, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-07** awarding the bid to Tudor, Inc. in the amount of \$537,000 for the Construction for FTZ-Industry Activation project under the Delta Regional Authority program (DRA Project No. LA-54529 for Avant Organics).
 Roll Call Vote was held for the approved motion as follows:
 Yays: Mike Grant, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner
 Nays - none
 Absent: Paul Coreil, Brannin Leglue, Daniel Lonsberry
- h. Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee, to authorize the Executive Director to execute the CEA with RRWC relative to the Electrical Substation Manufacturing Facility Port Priority project; carried without opposition.
- i. Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner L. Turner, to hire a contractor per engineer's recommendation for emergency repairs to hardstand and bank due to damage from excessive rain and highwater not to exceed \$60,000; motion carried without opposition.
- j. Motion by Commissioner M. Grant, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee, to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with MMLH for engineering services associated with DRA-DisTran 2024 Project the Executive Director to; motion carried without opposition.
- k. Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-08** authorizing the Executive Director to execute all project documents related to the PIDP (Community Funding) 2024 Transloading Grant.
 Roll Call Vote was held for the approved motion as follows:
 Yays: Mike Grant, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner
 Nays - none
 Absent: Paul Coreil, Brannin Leglue, Daniel Lonsberry
- l. Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-09** authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application for the United States Marine Highway Program Grant for Fiscal Year 2024 and to commit the necessary local match of \$895,886.46.
 Roll Call Vote was held for the approved motion as follows:
 Yays: Mike Grant, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner
 Nays - none
 Absent: Paul Coreil, Brannin Leglue, Daniel Lonsberry
- m. Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant to Ratify the Selection of the Engineering Firm by the Executive Director Pursuant to the Request for Qualifications Process for the Electrical Substation Manufacturing Facility; motion carried.
- n. Motion by Commissioner M. Grant, seconded by B. Smith to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-10** authorizing the Executive Director to execute all documents related to the EDA 2024 Grant.
 Roll Call Vote was held for the approved motion as follows:
 Yays: Mike Grant, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner
 Nays - none
 Absent: Paul Coreil, Brannin Leglue, Daniel Lonsberry
- o. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by J. Scott to approve MMLH as Engineer on Record for the LaDOTD PPP security fencing project; motion carried.

VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director - Ben Russo gave an update to the board regarding guests John Casey and John Pickles with AQRRL. CLRP is still waiting on research documentation from AQRRL. Upcoming military rotation was discussed.
- b. Comments by Legal – none
- c. Comments by Economic Development – none
- d. Comments from Elected Officials – none
- e. Comments by public– Keith Hillman expressed his gratitude to Ben and the Board for their collaboration with MMLH on port projects.
- f. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – none

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner G. McKee motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner John Scott. This meeting of May 22, 2024, was adjourned by vice-President Spruill at 9:00 AM.

Terry Spruill, Vice-President