

# CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 26, 2023

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:04 AM, April 26, 2023, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

**Present were:** Dr. Haywood Joiner, Dr. Paul Coreil, Michael Grant, John Scott, Basil Smith  
Terry Spruill

**Absent:** Corey Lair, Daniel Lonsberry, Gill McKee

**Also Present:** Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; John Ryland, Provosty, Sadler;  
Tommy Fontenot, Avant; Rick Ranson, City of Alexandria; Donna Howe, Cong.  
Letlow; Randy Humphries, CLRP; 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 President Haywood Joiner

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Basil Smith

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

### VI. Action Items:

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, 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 March 22, 2023; motion carried without opposition.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to approve financial statements for March 2023; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Financial: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve **RESOLUTION 2023-3** adopting the 2023-2024 General Operating Budget as presented; this roll call vote was unanimously in favor therefore, motion passes.
- e. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to approve Nominating Committee's recommendations for the two-year term, May 2023 – April 2025 as follows: Daniel Lonsberry for President, Terry Spruill for Vice-President, and John Scott for Secretary/Treasurer; motion carried without opposition.
- f. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant to approve recommendations from the Personnel Committee regarding salary adjustments for employees and continue CLRP's 4% contribution to each employee's 457(B) retirement plan; motion carried without opposition.
- g. Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant to adopt **RESOLUTION 2023-4** accepting project completion for SPN: 014967 (321) Petroleum Offload Facility, Crane Purchase with EBI Cranes, LLC; this roll call vote was unanimously in favor. therefore, motion passes.
- h. Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to adopt **RESOLUTION 2023-5** accepting project completion for SPN: 014967 (322) Petroleum Offload Facility, Demolition and Crane Installation with Standard Crane & Hoist, LLC; this roll call vote was unanimously in favor therefore, motion passes..
- i. Motion by Commissioner M. Grant, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith to adopt **RESOLUTION 2023-6** approving the Contract of Lease with Avant Organics, LLC; this roll call vote was unanimously in favor therefore, motion passes.
- j. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil to approve changes to CLRP's Policy Manual as presented with Summary of Updates; motion carried without opposition.

- k. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to approve **RESOLUTION 2023-7** approving changes of bank signatories; this roll call vote was unanimously in favor therefore, motion passes.

VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director, Ben Russo – provided updates (tenant positions, project completions and potential projects with funding possibilities).
- b. Comments by Legal – no comments
- c. Comments by Economic Development – Rick Ranson, Mayoral Assistant in Economic Development assured CLRP Board that the City’s new administration is eager to assist with future growth of the port.
- d. Comments from Elected Officials – none
- e. Comments by public– none
- f. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – Dr. Joiner expressed his appreciation for the support he received while serving as President of the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner M. Grant motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill. This meeting of April 26, 2023 was adjourned by President Joiner at 8:44 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for May 24, 2023.

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Dr. Haywood Joiner, President