

CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 26, 2023

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:10 AM, July 26, 2023, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Present were: Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Haywood Joiner, Daniel Lonsberry, Gill McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

Absent: Michael Grant, Brannin Leglue

Also Present: Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; John Ryland, Attorney at Provosty, Sadler; Rick Ranson, City of Alexandria, Stephanie Ryland, CLRP

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

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

- A new commissioner Brannin Leglue was appointed to the Board by the City of Alexandria.

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:

- Agenda: Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner H. Joiner, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried without opposition.
- Minutes: Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on June 28, 2023; motion carried without opposition.
- Financial: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to approve financial statements for June 2023; motion carried without opposition.
- Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for audit year ending April 2023; motion carried without opposition.
- Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner to T. Spruill to approve **RESOLUTION 2023-8**, authorizing the executive director to execute an Intergovernmental Replacement Agreement with LaDOTD relative to SPN: H.014967 reimbursement for the petroleum offloading facility; motion carried without opposition.
- Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner to G. McKee to approve change in Accounting Policy 3.6 allowing invoices to be paid electronically utilizing the port's active checking account as deemed necessary; motion carried without opposition.
- Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner to G. McKee to authorize the Executive Director to advertise lease availability on the 132 acres across the river from port office/dock; motion carried without opposition.
- Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner to J. Scott to authorize the Executive Director to approve agreement with contractor to clear & grub per the High-Water Hardstand Capital Outlay project providing total is under \$40,000 and meets US ACE permit requirements; motion carried without opposition.

AMENDMENT – motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee to ‘add’ agenda item ‘I’ to authorize the Executive Director to approve agreement with winning bid to provide a 19,200 square foot fabric warehouse, contingent on the engineer on record’s approval, the winning bid is within the projected price range and the availability of funds for the project.

Roll call was held for the approved motion as follows:

Yays - Dr. Paul Coreil, Gill McKee Dr. Haywood Joiner, Daniel Lonsberry, Terry Spruill,
John Scott, Basil Smith Larry Turner

Nays – none

Absent - Michael Grant, Brannin Leglue

- i. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner to J. Scott to authorize the Executive Director to approve agreement with winning bid to provide a 19,200 square foot fabric warehouse, contingent on the engineer on record’s approval, the winning bid is within the projected price range and the availability of funds for the project; motion carried without opposition.

VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director, Ben Russo – updates were provided
- b. Comments by Legal – no comments
- c. Comments by Economic Development – none
- d. Comments from Elected Officials – none
- e. Comments by public– Rick Ranson provided promotional items from the City of Alexandria’s new initiative. On behalf of the City of Alexandria, Mr. Ranson expressed the desire to assist CLRP with projects and appreciates Ben’s cooperation with the new administration.
- 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 T. Spruill. This meeting of June 28, 2023, was adjourned by President Lonsberry at 9:09 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for August 23, 2023.

Daniel Lonsberry, President