

CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 16, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

This notice declares that, as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Central Louisiana Regional Port (CLRP) held its December 16, 2021, meeting in accordance with Louisiana R.S. 42:17.1 which provides for a public body to conduct, and its members to attend and participate, in a meeting via electronic means, when the Governor has declared a state of disaster or emergency in which a public meeting could be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public. Considering an unknown and indefinite period in which the state of emergency may be in effect, and in accordance with Louisiana R.S. 34:2308, which states that the Commission shall constitute and instrumentality of the State of Louisiana exercising public and essential government functions, this notice shall certify, through its presiding officer's signature below, that the items on the agenda are deemed to be matters that, if delayed, will cause curtailment of vital public services and/or matters that are critical to the continuation of the business of the Commission and that are not able to be postponed.

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners regular meeting convened at 7:37 AM, December 16, 2021, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Present were: Dr. Paul Coreil, Michael Grant, Dr. Haywood Joiner, Daniel Lonsberry, Gil McKee, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill and John Scott via Zoom

Absent: Corey Lair

Also Present: Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; John Ryland, Attorney with Provosty, Sadler; Keith Hillman, MMLH; 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 Commissioner Basil Smith

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Paul Coreil

President Joiner introduced guests and offered a Public Comment Period Pursuant to LRS 42:14; there were no comments.

VI. Action Items:

Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil to amend today's Agenda dated December 16, 2021 to include Action Item 'i' to approve Resolution 2021-17 to Award Project to Pat Williams Construction, LLC relative to the Avant Tank Farm.

ROLL CALL was held for the motion as follows:

Yays: P. Coreil, M. Grant, H. Joiner, D. Lonsberry, G. McKee, B. Smith, T. Spruill and J. Scott via Zoom

Nays: none

Absent: Corey Lair

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner G. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried without opposition.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee, to approve Minutes of the special meeting held on December 3, 2021; motion carried without opposition.
- c. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to approve financial statements for November 2021; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to approve **RESOLUTION 2021-16** certifying compliance with Public Bid Law for State Project No. H.011394 (325A); motion carried without opposition.
- e. Motion by Commissioner M. Grant, seconded B. Smith to authorize the Executive Director to sign a CEA with Louisiana Port Recovery Program.
- f. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to authorize the Executive Director to request funding from the Red River Waterway Commission for soft costs and 10% match for marine crane; motion carried without opposition.
- g. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by G. McKee to authorize MMLH as Engineer of Record for the marine crane project with cost not to exceed \$17,700.00; motion carried.
- h. Motion by Commissioner D. Lonsberry, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil to authorize Executive Director Ben Russo to travel and attend meetings in Washington D.C. during January 25th-28th; motion carried without opposition.

- i. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant to approve **RESOLUTION 2021-17** to Award Project to Pat Williams Construction, LLC in the amount of \$199,100.00 relative to the Avant Tank Farm; motion carried.

VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director, Ben Russo –Port updates were provided
- b. Comments by Legal – no comments
- c. Comments by Economic Development / Elected Officials - none
- d. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – Commissioner P. Coreil complimented Ben on the great job he is doing as executive director. Commissioner J. Scott stated Ben is doing an outstanding job. All commissioners agreed and are looking forward to a prosperous new year in 2022.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner G. McKee, motioned to adjourn, second by Commissioner B. Smith; meeting was adjourned by President Joiner at 8:06 a.m.

President Haywood Joiner