

# CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 21, 2024

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:09 AM, March 21, 2024, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

**Present were:** Paul Coreil, Michael Grant, Haywood Joiner, Daniel Lonsberry, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

**Absent:** Mike Grant, Brannin Leglue

**Also Present:** Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; Keith Hillman, MMLH; Rick Ranson, City of Alexandria; Donna Howe, Cong Letlow; 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 P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on February 7, 2024; motion carried.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner L. Turner, to approve financial statements for January 2024; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Financial: Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to approve financial statements for February 2024; motion carried without opposition.
- e. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner H. Joiner approving the proposed 2024-2025 General Operating budget as presented; discussion was held, and motion carried.
- f. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee to approve a public hearing relative to CLRP's proposed General Operating Budget on April 10, 2024, at 8:00 am at the CLRP's central office; motion carried without opposition.
- g. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner H. Joiner to approve proposed insurance coverage from Travelers for CLRP property, inland marine, marine general liability, and hired/non-owned auto liability policies; motion carried without opposition.
- h. Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to approve the Town Talk as the port's official journal; motion carried without opposition.
- i. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith to approve changes to CLRP's Open Meetings Policy as presented; discussion was held, and motion carried.
- j. Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to ratify Change Order #3 for the 2023 Hardstand Additions; discussion was held, and the motion carried without opposition.
- k. Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil to award contract to Precision Land Leveling for hauling and leveling dirt for Highwater Hardstand dirt pad project not to exceed \$149,000 as per engineer recommendation; discussion was held, and the motion carried without opposition.
- l. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to award a contract for the 45-acre access road and bridge project based on the engineer's recommendation; discussion was held, and the motion carried without opposition.

- m. Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to approve quote for (N31000C-1PA) 20-foot container spreader beam for military rotation to Tandemloc, Inc; motion carried without opposition.
- n. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee to approve reimbursement to Distran Packaged Substations for modifications done at the 600 warehouse building for the amount of \$238,104.03; discussion was held and motion carried
- o. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-02** requesting authority to advertise for the Avant DRA – FTZ Industry Activation Construction project; discussion was held, and motion carried without opposition.

VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director, Ben Russo – funding opportunities summarized, project updates provided, and tenant progress.
- b. Comments by Legal – Absent
- 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 G. McKee motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott. This meeting of March 21, 2024, was adjourned by President Lonsberry at 9:03 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for April 10, 2024.

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Daniel Lonsberry, President