

CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 29, 2023

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:08 AM, November 29, 2023, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

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

Absent: Michael Grant

Also Present: Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; John Ryland, Attorney at Provosty, Sadler; Jeffrey Hess, Helm; Rick Ranson, City of Alexandria; Keith Hillman, MMLH, Rep. Ed Larvadain; 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 Basil Smith

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 T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried without opposition.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner B. Leglue, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on October 25, 2023; motion carried.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith, to approve financial statements for October 2023; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to adopt **RESOLUTION 2023-10** authorizing the Executive Director to prepare and submit an application to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program requesting funds for green methanol docks, access road, pipelines, and environmental controls.

Roll call was held for the approved motion as follows:

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

Nays – none

Absent - Michael Grant

- e. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner H. Joiner to adopt **RESOLUTION 2023-11** authorizing the Executive Director to prepare and submit an application to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program requesting funds for an electrical substation factory and warehouse facility.

Roll call was held for the approved motion as follows:

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

Nays – none

Absent - Michael Grant

- f. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to authorize the Executive Director to make an unsolicited purchase offer to the City of Alexandria for the 14-acre tract that is adjacent to CLRP's 7-acre tract. The offer would be for the appraised value; motion carried.
- g. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee to authorize the Executive Director to formally approach and engage with RRWC for the allocation and utilization of the unspent funds from the August 2023 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, specifically for the development and enhancement of hardstand areas, roadwork, and the relocation of overburden to the lower dock area.; motion carried.
- h. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee to authorize the Executive Director to purchase a Mobile Loading Dock in the amount of \$48,483.68 in connection with the warehouse portion of the 2023 CEA with the RRWC.; motion carried.

VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director; Ben Russo provided updates on all funding possibilities for the Port.
- b. Comments by Legal – no comments
- c. Comments from Elected Officials – Rep. Ed Larvadain commented on current legislative activities and offered continued support of the Port.
- d. Comments by Economic Development – Rick Ranson appreciates the board’s professionalism and expressed pleasure working with Ben Russo. The City of Alexandria is committed to helping the Port flourish.
- e. Comments by public– none
- f. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – D. Lonsberry complimented Ben Russo for an outstanding job as executive director.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner T. Spruill motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil. This meeting of November 29, 2023, was adjourned by President Lonsberry at 9:04 AM. Next meeting scheduled for December 20, 2023.

Daniel Lonsberry, President