

CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 28, 2023

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:03 AM, June 28, 2023, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

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

Absent: Michael Grant, Gill McKee, Basil Smith

Also Present: Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; John Ryland, Provosty, Sadler; Tommie Seaton, Senator Cassidy; Donna Howe, Cong. Letlow; 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 Daniel Lonsberry.

A welcome was extended to CLRP's new commissioner Larry Turner appointed by the City of Alexandria; John Scott was recognized as a re-appointment to the Board also 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:

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner H. Joiner, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried without opposition.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill seconded by Commissioner H. Joiner, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on May 24, 2023; motion carried without opposition.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to approve financial statements for May 2023; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to approve financial statements for end of fiscal year 2022-2023; motion carried without opposition.
- e. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner to T. Spruill to approve the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Red River Waterway Commission contingent on Red River Waterway Commission's approval for funding to purchase the 45 Acre tract from Northport Investments LLC; motion carried without opposition.
- f. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner to T. Spruill to approve the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Red River Waterway Commission contingent on Red River Waterway Commission's approval for funding to build a bridge to gain access to the 45 Acre tract contingent on successful purchase of property from Northport Investments LLC; motion carried without opposition.
- g. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner to H. Joiner to approve the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Red River Waterway Commission contingent on Red River Waterway Commission's approval for funding to build a 19,200 SF fabric warehouse structure and to build out additional acres of hardstand; motion carried without opposition.
- h. Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner to T. Spruill to approve Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson as engineers on record for the hardstand and fabric warehouse project; motion carried without opposition.

AMENDMENT – motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to ‘amend’ agenda item ‘I’ separating the approval for solicitation of the hardstand and warehouse into 2 separate approved motions. Agenda ‘I’ will address the additional hardstand project only and add agenda item ‘J’ to address the fabric warehouse project.

Roll call was held for the approved motion as follows:

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

Nays – none

Absent - Michael Grant, Gill McKee, Basil Smith

- i. Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner to J. Scott to approve the Executive Director to solicit public bids for additional hardstand; motion carried without opposition.
- j. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner to P. Coreil to approve the Executive Director to solicit public bids for fabric warehouse 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– Keith Hillman with MMLH expressed appreciation to the Board for entrusting their services with the projects mentioned in this meeting.
- f. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – none

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner P. Coreil motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner H. Joiner. This meeting of June 28, 2023, was adjourned by President Lonsberry at 8:56 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for July 26, 2023.

Daniel Lonsberry, President