

**CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

July 8, 2015

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened 8:00 AM, July 8, 2015, at the Port Operations Center, 600 Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by President Bryon Salazar.

Present were: Bryon Salazar, President; James Whittle, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer; Corey Lair, Basil Smith, Rev. Henry Williams, Jr., Blake Cooper, Executive Director

Absent: None

Also Present: John Ryland, Robert Hughes, Keith Hillman, Scotty Holmes, Jules Green, Ed Larvadain

A quorum was present.

Invocation given by Commissioner Henry Williams, Jr.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Norman Welch

Welcomed Guest: President Bryon Salazar

VI. Action Items:

- a. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as proposed. Motion by C. Lair, second by J. Whittle, motion carried without opposition.
- b. Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of meeting held on May 20, 2015. Motion by N. Welch, second by H. Williams, motion carried without opposition.
- c. Financial: Motion to approve financial statements for May and June. Motion by C. Lair, second by J. Whittle, motion carried without opposition.
- d. Motion to select The Alexandria Town Talk as the Official Journal for public notices and any other related Port business. Motion by N. Welch, second by C. Lair, motion carried without opposition.
- e. Motion to authorize the President to sign the amended lease agreement with Distran. Public Meeting held July 8, 2015, 7:55 a.m., acknowledging no comments or opposition. Motion by N. Welch, second by J. Whittle, motion carried without opposition.
- f. Motion to award bid to the low bidder for the RRWC project 2015 Site Improvements contingent upon final recommendation from MMLH that contractor is the most responsible and responsive bidder. Motion by C. Lair, second by J. Whittle, motion carried without opposition.
- g. Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute a resolution certifying the Port acted in compliance with the public bid laws relative to the Biofuels project Phase #2. Motion by C. Lair, second by N. Welch, motion carried without opposition.
- h. Motion to approve Change Order #2 relative to the Biofuels project Phase #1. Motion by N. Welch, second by B. Smith, motion carried without opposition.
- i. Motion to allow the Executive Director, with consent of President or Vice-President, to execute any change order relative to the Biofuels project Phase #1, #2, and #3 within scope of approved and available contingency funds. Motion by J. Whittle, seconded by B. Smith, motion carried; a roll call vote was made as follows:
Yea: B. Salazar, J. Whittle, N. Welch, C. Lair, B. Smith, H. Williams
Nay: None
- j. Motion to allow the Executive Director to execute a CEA with GAEDA for grant funding. Motion by C. Lair, second by J. Whittle, motioned carried without opposition.
- k. Motion to nominate and elect the Commission's Vice-President, serving the remaining term of outgoing Commissioner S. Bonnette. J. Whittle nominated Norman Welch, seconded by H. Williams, with no other nominations, upon unanimous consent N. Welch was elected to serve as Vice-President.
- l. Motion to approve travel for Executive Director's attendance to Union Pacific's Railroad & Port Conference during August 24-26, 2015. Motion by C. Lair, second N. Welch, motion carried without opposition.

VII. Reports/Updates: The Executive Director provided the following updates:

- a. DIS-TRAN – Update
- b. PAAL/CTSL – Update
- c. CoolPlanet/Construction - Update
- d. P&G/Warehouse services - Report
- e. CHS –Update

VIII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Port Director
- b. Comments by Economic Development officials – no comments
- c. Comments by Legal Counsel
- d. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – no comments
- e. Comments by public (limited to 3 minutes per person, not to exceed 21 minutes) – no comments

There being no further business to come before the board, meeting was adjourned by Bryon Salazar, President.

Next meeting date August 12, 2015.

Bryon Salazar, President