Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Calcasieu Ship Channel Funding Management Board held at 11:30 A.M., March 18, 2021 in the Board Room of the Port of Lake Charles located at 1611 W. Sallier St., Lake Charles, Louisiana.

In attendance and constituting a quorum, were:

 Charles Harper, President

 Richert Self, Vice President

 Renee Lapeyrolerie, Secretary/Treasurer (by phone)

Absent:

None

Also present:

 Jon Ringo, General Counsel

 Channing Hayden, Director of Navigation

Mr. Harper called the meeting to order at 11:34 A.M.

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1. Approval of the November 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

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Mr. Self offered a motion to approve the November 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Lapeyrolerie seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. Update regarding 2020 payments and 2021 invoicing.

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Mr. Ringo stated they have received all payments for the year 2020. They have also received a payment from the State of Louisiana and from the Port of Lake Charles. They are currently in the process of invoicing the industry partners for 2021. It is a complicated process of getting an estimated ship count for 2021. They also have to true up the 2020 numbers. They intend to do all of that in the same invoice. They are working through that process with their energy partners. It is going well, but will take a couple of weeks to get those counts in to get the invoices out.

As far as the state’s portion goes, they are working with the legislative process. He does not anticipate any problems. The Port will have its money available as well. That should complete the year 2021.

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3. Discussion of the obligations of the not-federal sponsor invoicing for 2022 and 2023.

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Mr. Hayden presented a video showing the expansion of disposal sites D and E. The committee previously approved expenditure of $6 million as the nonfederal match for the project to expand these Calcasieu Lake disposal sites out to the rock wall.

Mr. Hayden said that as far as FY 22, they have not seen the budget yet from the President. He hopes there is $9 million in the budget for construction. The required nonfederal match to that will be $3 million.

The next site after DA D is Disposal Area three. That will be the next project to come before this Board for funding. No approval for expenditures related to DA 3 is requested at this time.

Also in FY 22, the Corps and the Port expects progress on the purchase of a permanent disposal easement on DAs 12A and B. That is currently in process with the Corps of Engineers. The Port has given the Corps a total of $8.7 million for that real estate transaction. The Corps is redoing their appraisal. Once that appraisal is finalized, the Port may have to request additional funds from the Board if the appraisal increases.

Mr. Harper said regarding 2022 the commitments of the Port and industries for meeting the nonfederal match is $5 million. So, they have $5 million and if they expend $3 million, they have $2 million over, does that go to real estate? Mr. Hayden replied that they have $9 million in the account - 6 million has been committed by Port and $3 million from the state. They will also be collecting another $10 million this year.

Mr. Hayden said the maritime industry is in the process of starting their request to Congress for funding for FY 22. Regarding FY 23, given the funds the Port estimates will be available, the maritime industry will ask for $19.5 million to be included in the budget for construction. This will require a $6.5 million contribution from the local sponsor. Estimating $13 million in revenue this year, the calculation of the federal construction dollars needed is based on using half of the $13 million for construction and reserving half for real estate costs. This was presented to the advisory committee and they did not object to this approach. This information is provided so the Funding Board knows what might be expected in the future.

Mr. Harper asked if the funding request the maritime industry will make next month in Washington DC was for FY 23. Mr. Hayden replied that it will cover both FY22 and Fy23.

The President’s budget is not out as of yet, which is why FY22 will be included. In addition, the House may bring back something similar to earmarks, called community projects, for the FY 22 budget and the local maritime industry should take advantage of “community projects” if and when they become available.

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4. Other matters which may properly come before the Board

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There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion made by Mr. Self seconded by Mr. Harper and approved unanimously among those present, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

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