

CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 28, 2018

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened 8:00 AM, February 28, 2018, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Present were: Norman Welch, President; Dave Clabo, Jesse Doyle, Dr. Haywood Joiner; Corey Lair; Bryon Salazar; Basil Smith, Terry Spruill, Blake Cooper, Executive Director

Absent: Michael Grant, John Scott

Also Present: John Ryland, Provosty, Sadler; Donna Howe, Congressman Abraham; Brad Fontenot, Distran; Tracey Turner, Distran; Randy Humphries, CLRP; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

Upon establishing a quorum, the meeting was called to order by President Norman Welch.

Invocation given by Commissioner Basil Smith

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Dave Clabo

Guest welcomed by President Norman Welch

VI. Action Items:

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner D. Clabo, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried without opposition.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner B. Salazar to approve minutes of meeting held on January 24, 2018; motion carried without opposition.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner D. Clabo to approve financial statements for January 2018; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Motion by Commissioner D. Clabo, seconded by Commissioner J. Doyle to amend Employee Handbook (*page 10*) regarding retirement plan (*Policy & Procedure Manual 4.1 / Employee Handbook: Section 7:1*); motion carried without opposition.
- e. Motion by Commissioner B. Salazar, seconded by Commissioner H. Joiner, to approve Resolution 2018-1; whereas the Port fully supports the efforts of the RRWC and RRVA to get the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway authorized for a 12-foot channel; motion carried without opposition.
- f. Motion by Commissioner D. Clabo, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Grant Port Commission upon approval of legal counsel; motion carried without opposition.
- g. Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner D. Clabo to introduce the 2018-2019 Operation Budget and Capital; motion carried without opposition.

Motion by Commissioner C. Lair, seconded by Commissioner D. Clabo, to Amend the Agenda dated February 28, 2018. Motion approved unanimously and item "h" was added to the agenda.

Roll Call for amending the agenda and adding agenda item "h" as follows:

Yays - Norman Welch, Haywood Joiner, Terry Spruill, Dave Clabo,
Jesse Doyle, Corey Lair, Bryon Salazar, Basil Smith

Nays - none

Absent - Michael Grant, John Scott

- h. Motion by Commissioner B. Salazar, seconded by Commissioner H. Joiner to authorize the Executive Director to sign a land use agreement with Diamond B Construction for use of roadways for military operations, with approval of legal counsel; motion carried without opposition.

Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner D. Clabo, to Amend the Agenda dated February 28, 2018. Motion approved unanimously and item "i" was added to the agenda.

Roll Call for amending the agenda and adding agenda item "i" as follows:

Yays - Norman Welch, Haywood Joiner, Terry Spruill, Dave Clabo,
Jesse Doyle, Corey Lair, Bryon Salazar, Basil Smith

Nays - none

Absent - Michael Grant, John Scott

- i. Motion by Commissioner B. Salazar, seconded by Commissioner H. Joiner to approve the recommendation by Personnel Committee to institute a 1% cost of living allowance to all employees effective March 30th payroll; motion carried without opposition.

VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Port Director – B. Cooper provided port updates.
- b. Comments by Legal - none
- c. Comments by Economic Development - none
- d. Comments / Questions by Commissioners - none
- e. Comments by public (limited to 3 minutes per person, not to exceed 30 minutes)

There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner D. Clabo motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith; the meeting was adjourned by President Norman Welch at 8:40 AM.

Next meeting date March 28, 2018.

Norman E. Welch, Jr, President