

CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 24, 2019

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened 8:04 AM, April 24, 2019, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Present were: Norman Welch, Haywood Joiner, Terry Spruill, Corey Lair, Daniel Lonsberry, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith, Blake Cooper, Executive Director

Absent: Mike Grant, Bryon Salazar

Also Present: John Ryland, Provosty, Sadler; Keith Hillman, MMLH; Ross Babineaux, DTPS; Steve Davison, Cool Planet; Donna Howe, Congressman Abraham; Larkin Simpson, CLEDA; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

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

Invocation was given by Commissioner B. Smith

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner T. Spruill

Guest welcomed by President Welch and a period for public comment was offered.

VI. Action Items:

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried without opposition.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee, to approve Minutes of meeting held on March 27, 2019; motion carried without opposition.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith, to approve financial statements for March 2019; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith, to approve the 2019-2020 General and Capital Improvement budgets as proposed; motion carried.
- e. Motion by Commissioner C. Lair, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee to approve the recommendation of the Nominating Committee appointing Terry Spruill as President, Dr. Haywood Joiner, Vice President and John Scott as Secretary-Treasurer beginning May 2019 for a two-year period; motion carried without opposition.
- f. Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee to approve *The Town Talk* as CLRP's Official Journal; motion carried without opposition.
- g. Motion by Commissioner C. Lair, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith to approve Resolution 2019-3 authorizing the Executive Director or Board President to execute an amendment to the lease with Distran.
Roll Call was held for the approved motion as follows for Agenda Item "g":
Yays – Norman Welch, Haywood Joiner, Terry Spruill, Corey Lair, Daniel Lonsberry
Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith
Nays – none
Absent – Michael Grant, Bryon Salazar
- h. Motion by Commissioner C. Lair, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill accept the letter of engagement with Payne, Moore, and Herrington for accounting services during FY 2019-2020; motion carried without opposition.
- i. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner C. Lair to approve Change Order #2 as recommended by the Engineer of Record for Capital Project 2018.01 (Cool Planet), in an amount not to exceed available construction funds and upon the concurrence of LaDOTD; motion carried without opposition.
- j. Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner H. Joiner to approve the purchase of a 5-ton bridge crane for Capital Project 2019.02 to the lowest responsible bidder; 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 – CLEDA representative, Larkin Simpson provided an update on the region's workforce.
- 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 G. McKee motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill; meeting was adjourned by President Welch at 8:52 AM.

Next meeting date May 22, 2019.