# CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

# **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

# February 27, 2019

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened 8:00 AM, February 27, 2019, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Present were: Norman Welch, Haywood Joiner, Terry Spruill, Michael Grant, Gil McKee, John Scott,

Basil Smith, Blake Cooper, Executive Director

**Absent:** Corey Lair, Bryon Salazar

Also Present: John Ryland, Provosty, Sadler; Keith Hillman, MMLH; Ross Babineaux, DTPS; Donna

Howe, Congressman Abraham; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

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

A moment of silence was offered in memory of Ms. Johnie Varnado.

Invocation was given by President N. Welch

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner T. Spruill

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

# VI. Action Items:

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried without opposition.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to approve Minutes of meeting held on January 23, 2019; motion carried without opposition.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to approve financial statements for January 2019; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee to approve Resolution 2019-1 certifying compliance with public bid laws on CP 2018.05 (Bulk Commodity Facility Improvements) upon the recommendation of the Engineer of Record;

Roll Call was held for the approved motion as follows for Agenda Item "d":

Yays - Norman Welch, Haywood Joiner, B. Smith, Terry Spruill, Michael Grant, Gil McKee, John Scott

Nays - none

Absent – Corey Lair, Bryon Salazar

- e. Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to approve audit engagement letter with Kolder, Slaven, et al to perform the 2018-2019 audit; motion carried without opposition.
- f. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to authorize the Executive Director to execute a task order with Monceaux and Buller to perform services relative to CP 2019.02 (laydown area/cranes); motion carried.
- g. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith to approve the notice of intent to amend the lease with Distran at the next regularly scheduled meeting and to authorize the Executive Director to take any necessary steps to comply with Louisiana Law as it pertains to the lease of public property; motion carried without opposition.
- h. Motion by G. McKee, seconded by B. Smith to appoint nomination committee as recommended by Commission President Norman Welch; motion carried without opposition.
  - Nominating Committee consists of Chairman Bryon Salazar, Basil Smith and Mike Grant

# 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 G. McKee motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner H. Joiner; meeting was adjourned by President Welch at 8:27 AM.

Next meeting date March 27, 2019.
Norman Welch, President