

# CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 26, 2020

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:00 AM, August 26, 2020, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

**Present were:** Terry Spruill, Dr. Paul Coreil, Dr. Haywood Joiner, Daniel Lonsberry Gil McKee, Basil Smith, Norman Welch

**Absent:** Michael Grant, Corey Lair, John Scott

**Also Present:** John Ryland, Provosty, Sadler; Keith Hillman, MMLH; Donna Howe, Congressman Abraham; Randy Humphries; CLRP; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

Upon establishing a quorum, the meeting was called to order by President Terry Spruill.

Invocation was given by Commissioner H. Joiner

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner G. McKee

President Spruill offered a Public Comment Period Pursuant to LRS 42:14; there were none.

### VI. Action Items:

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner N. Welch, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried without opposition.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil, to approve Minutes of Special meeting held on July 22, 2020; motion carried without opposition.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner D. Lonsberry, to approve financial statements for July 2020; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner D. Lonsberry to award contract to Johnny Williams for installation of a new water line and back flow preventer for tug boat use; motion carried without opposition.
- e. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner D. Lonsberry to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire Ben Russo as Executive Director effective October 1, 2020, and to approve B. Russo to be the Authorized Representative and Signatory on all financial business (Resolution 2020-2); motion carried without opposition.

SUBSEQUENT Motion #1 by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation to adjust R. Humphries' salary, resulting from a mid-year evaluation, to be \$58,603.26; motion carried without opposition.

SUBSEQUENT Motion #2 by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation to change S. Ryland's job title from Administrative Assistant to Executive Assistant and increasing her compensation to be in line with said position totaling \$53,970.59; motion carried without opposition.

### VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by President Spruill –Port updates were provided; asked the Port's Legal Committee to meet with J. Ryland regarding Cool Planet's lease.
- b. Comments by Legal – J. Ryland gave a brief update on CLRP's rights regarding Cool Planet's departure.
- c. Comments by Economic Development - none
- d. Comments / Questions by Commissioners –Comments by public (limited to 3 minutes per person, not to exceed 30 minutes) – none.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner D. Lonsberry motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner N. Welch; meeting was adjourned by President Spruill at 8:46 AM.

Next meeting date September 23, 2020.

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Terry Spruill, President