

# CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 25, 2021

The state of emergency declared by Governor John Bel Edwards as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic continues. The Central Louisiana Regional Port (CLRP) and many of the tenants and terminal operating in the Port are essential businesses and critical infrastructure as designated by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Accordingly, the continued operations of Central Louisiana Regional Port (CLRP) and management of its affairs in response to the emergency are essential to the welfare of the public, and pursuant to ACT 302 of the Louisiana Legislature's 2020 Regular Session the Central Louisiana Regional Port Commission, through its presiding officer's signature below, certifies 1) that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, a physical meeting of the number of people involved in the space available would be problematic insofar as the increased risk of contracting COVID-19 by those in attendance, including the public, and such increased risk of the spread of the disease would further increase the risk of the spread to the general public, and a physical meeting would thus be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the public; and 2) the agenda of the meeting is limited to one or more of the matters set forth in LA R.S. 42:17.1A(2)

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:00 AM, August 25, 2021, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

**Present were:** Dr. Paul Coreil, Michael Grant, Dr. Haywood Joiner, Corey Lair, Daniel Lonsberry, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill

**Absent:** none

**Also Present:** Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; John Ryland, Attorney with Provosty, Sadler; Eric Gilmore, RRWC; Keith Hillman, MMLH; Jeffrey Hess, Helm; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

Upon establishing a quorum, the meeting was called to order by President Haywood Joiner.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Basil Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner P. Coreil

President Joiner introduced guests and offered a Public Comment Period Pursuant to LRS 42:14; there were no comments.

### VI. Action Items:

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith, to approve amended agenda as proposed; motion carried without opposition.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on July 28, 2021; motion carried without opposition.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith, to approve financial statements for July 2021; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to approve **RESOLUTION 2021-9** certifying compliance with the public bid law for State Project Number H.011394(325 c); motion carried without opposition.
- e. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee to approve **RESOLUTION 2021-10** requesting authority to advertise State Project Number H.011394 (325 a), Repurposing 612 Building (Phase V of SPN H.011394), CLRP Capital Project #325a; motion carried without opposition.
- f. Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to approve **RESOLUTION 2021-11** authorizing the Port to prepare and submit an application to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for assistance in the implementation of a port improvement project; motion carried without opposition.
- g. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee to authorize a contract with Lemoine's Roofing & Construction to replace roof on 608 office, not to exceed \$6,120; motion carried without opposition.
- h. Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant to approve an agreement with Bar S Farm LLC to harvest hay from port property; motion carried without opposition.

### VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director, Ben Russo –Port updates were provided. Comments by Legal – no comments
- b. Comments by Economic Development / Elected Officials - none
- c. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – Several compliments were given to the Port staff for their diligence in continuing to move the Port forward.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner P. Coreil, motioned to adjourn, second by Commissioner T. Spruill; meeting was adjourned by President Joiner at 8:25 a.m.

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President Haywood Joiner