

# CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 22, 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, September 22, 2021, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

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

**Absent:** Michael Grant, Corey Lair

**Also Present:** Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; John Ryland, Attorney with Provosty, Sadler; Keith Hillman, MMLH; 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 P. Coreil

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner T. Spruill

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 agenda as proposed; motion carried without opposition.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on August 25, 2021; motion carried without opposition.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith, to approve financial statements for August 2021; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner D. Lonsberry to accept the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Audit Report as prepared by Nicholas Fowlkes, Kolder, Slaven & Co. LLC; motion carried without opposition.
- e. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil to authorize the Executive Director to execute a CEA with Ceres Barge Line allowing the use of the lower dock and staging area for the upcoming military rotation in October 2021; motion carried without opposition.
- f. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith to Brown & Brown Insurance Agency as the Louisiana Workman's Compensation policy holder as the Agent of Record; motion carried without opposition.

### VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director, Ben Russo –Port updates were provided.
- b. Comments by Legal – no comments
- c. Comments by Economic Development / Elected Officials - none
- d. Comments / Questions by Commissioners - none

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner G. McKee, motioned to adjourn, second by Commissioner D. Lonsberry; meeting was adjourned by President Joiner at 8:42 a.m.

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President Haywood Joiner