

CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 22, 2023

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:04 AM, March 22, 2023, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Present were: Dr. Haywood Joiner, Michael Grant, Daniel Lonsberry, Gill McKee, John Scott
Terry Spruill

Absent: Corey Lair, Dr. Paul Coreil, Basil Smith

Also Present: Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; John Ryland, Provosty, Sadler;
Keith Hillman, MMLH; Donna Howe, Cong. Letlow; Randy Humphries, CLRP;
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 G. McKee

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner T. Spruill

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

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 T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on February 22, 2023; motion carried without opposition.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner D. Lonsberry, to approve financial statements for February 2023; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Financial: Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve the proposed 2023-2024 General Operating Budget as presented; motion carried without opposition.
- e. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to provide a public hearing relative to CLRP's proposed 2023-2024 General Operating Budget on April 26, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. at CLRP's central office; motion carried without opposition.
- f. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to accept Letter of Engagement with Kolder, Slavin & Company, LLC to perform specified procedures on the control and compliance of Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures for fiscal year ending April 30, 2023; motion carried without opposition.
- g. Motion by Commissioner M. Grant, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to approve proposed insurance coverage from Traveler's Insurance for CLRP property, inland marine, marine general liability, and hired/non-owned auto liability policies as presented by McGriff Insurance Company; motion carried without opposition.

- h. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to approve the Town Talk as the port's official journal; motion carried without opposition.
- i. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee, to approve indemnification agreement for non-exclusive use of the lower dock with CLRP; motion carried without opposition.
- j. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve the notice of intent to amend the lease with Avant Organics at the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 26, 2023, at 8:00 a.m., Port's Central Office, 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.

VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director, Ben Russo – provided updates on grants, port priority, project completions and projects pending
- b. Comments by Legal – no comments
- c. Comments by Economic Development – none
- d. Comments from Elected Officials – none
- e. Comments by public– none
- f. Comments / Questions by Commissioners

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 Joiner at 8:35 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for April 26, 2023.

Dr. Haywood Joiner, President