

CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 26, 2024

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:02 AM, June 26, 2024, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Present were: Paul Coreil, Mike Grant, Haywood Joiner, Daniel Lonsberry, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

Absent: Brannin Leglue

Also Present: Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP Executive Assistant; Keith Hillman, MMLH; Luke Miller, MMLH;

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

Upon establishing a quorum, the meeting was called to order by President Daniel Lonsberry.

Invocation was given by Commissioner L. Turner

Pledge of Allegiance led by President D. Lonsberry

President Lonsberry 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 M. Grant, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on May 22, 2024; motion carried.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve financial statements for March 2024; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Financial: Motion by Commissioner M. Grant, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to approve financial statements for April 2024; motion carried.
- e. Financial: Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to approve financial statements as it relates to the end of fiscal year 2023-2024; motion carried without opposition.
- f. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee, to approve Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for audit year ending April 2024; motion carried without opposition.
- g. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil to approve a monthly increase in bookkeeping services due to numerous ongoing projects, discussion was held; motion carried without opposition.
- h. Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to award the LaDOTD Security Fencing project for the Highwater Hardstand as recommended by the Engineer on record; motion carried without opposition.
- i. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee to award the construction of deadman for mooring barges as recommended by the Engineer on record; motion carried.
- j. TABLED - Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to table this agenda item for emergency expense for dock repairs; motion carried without opposition.
- k. Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to approve recommendations from the Legal Committee regarding Port Priority's commitment to help fund the Electrical Substation Facility and to hire bond lawyers Foley & Judell on a contractual basis; motion carried.
- l. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to approve recommendations Finance Committee regarding Port Priority's commitment to help fund the Electrical Substation Facility and to hire governmental financial consultants; motion carried.

VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director – Ben Russo provided detailed information on all ongoing projects and other possible grant funding.
- b. Comments by Legal – none
- c. Comments by Economic Development – none
- d. Comments from Elected Officials – none
- e. Comments by public – none
- f. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – none

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner G. McKee motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner L. Turner. This meeting of June 26, 2024, was adjourned by President Lonsberry at 9:00 AM.

Daniel Lonsberry, President