

# CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**July 31, 2024**

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 12:05 PM, July 31, 2024, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

**Present were:** Paul Coreil, Mike Grant, Haywood Joiner, Brannin Leglue, Gil McKee, John Scott, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

**Absent:** Basil Smith

**Also Present:** Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP Executive Assistant; Rick Ranson, City of Alexandria, Keith Hillman, MMLH; Luke Miller, MMLH

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

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

Invocation was given by Commissioner Haywood Joiner

Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-President Terry Spruill

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

### VI. Action Items:

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner L. Turner, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on June 26, 2024; motion carried.
- c. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner B. Leglue, to approve Minutes of the Special meeting held on July 19, 2024; motion carried.
- d. Financial: Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to approve financial statements for June 2024; motion carried without opposition.

### VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director – Ben Russo provided updates on grant applications including the DRA Avant project and the upcoming military rotation scheduled to begin August 6<sup>th</sup>. Ben has been appointed as Secretary of the Ports Association of Louisiana (PAL). Additionally, Governor Jeff Landry recently appointed Ben to the Ports & Waterways Investment Commission.
- b. Comments by Legal Counsel – John Ryland expressed his appreciation to the commissioners as he continues his legal service to the CLRP Board.
- 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 H. Joiner motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner B. Leglue. This meeting of July 31, 2024, was adjourned by Vice President T. Spruill at 12:55 PM.

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Terry Spruill, Vice President