

# CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 25, 2024

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:00 AM, September 25, 2024, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

**Present were:** Paul Coreil, Mike Grant, Haywood Joiner, Brannin Leglue, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill

**Absent:** Gil McKee, Larry Turner

**Also Present:** Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP Executive Assistant; Tommie Seaton, Senator Cassidy; Donna Howe, Congresswoman Letlow; 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:

Motion to add agenda item ‘i’ to the agenda to approve engineering service to MMLH was made by Commissioner B. Leglue, seconded by P. Coreil; motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call vote was held for the approved motion as follows:

Yays - Paul Coreil, Mike Grant, Haywood Joiner, Brannin Leglue, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill

Nays - none

Absent: Gil McKee, Larry Turner

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on July 31, 2024; motion carried.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant to approve financial statements for July 2024; motion carried.
- d. Financial: Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil, to approve financial statements for August 2024; motion carried.
- e. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-11** authorizing the Executive Director to represent CLRP by signing a MOU with respect to Non-financial Direct Technical Assistance (DTA) under FEMA’s Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program; motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call vote was held for the approved motion as follows:

Yays - Paul Coreil, Mike Grant, Haywood Joiner, Brannin Leglue, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill

Nays - none

Absent - Gil McKee, Larry Turner

- f. Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to authorize the executive director to execute all documents relating to possible acquisition of the City of Alexandria’s 12.95 acres of property located on Industrial Site Road; motion carried.
- g. Motion by Commissioner B. Leglue, seconded by Commissioner J. Soctt to authorize the executive director to negotiate and engage engineering services and project management for the Department of Defense Grant # CIP 2168-24-01; motion carried.

- h. Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-12** authorizing the executive director to sign all documents related to the Department of Defense Grant # CIP 2168-24-01; motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call vote was held for the approved motion as follows:

Yays - Paul Coreil, Mike Grant, Haywood Joiner, Brannin Leglue, John Scott,  
Basil Smith, Terry Spruill

Nays - none

Absent - Gil McKee, Larry Turner

- i. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith approve agreement with MMLH to provide engineering service relative to the Department of Defense Grant # CIP 2168-24-01 not to exceed \$99,634.00; motion carried.

VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director – Ben Russo provided updates
- b. Comments by Legal Counsel – none
- c. Comments by Economic Development – none
- d. Comments from Elected Officials – none
- e. Comments by public– none
- f. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – John Scott asked Executive Director Ben Russo if further consideration had been given to getting an intern to help in the office. Ben acknowledged he is open to the idea. Dr. Paul Coreil provided a name at LSUA to contact for information.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner B. Leglue motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil. This meeting of September 25, 2024, was adjourned by Vice President T. Spruill at 8:40 AM.

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Terry Spruill, Vice President