GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION
Commission Meeting
5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19, 2015

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at the Maritime Security Operations Center meeting room in West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

Following the Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called.

PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Hardy	Mr. Harang
Ms. Hurst	Mr. Medine
Mr. Juneau	Mr. Poche
Mr. Loup	Ms. Robertson
Mr. Sanchez	
Mr. Sarullo	
Mr. Seneca	
Mr. Sheets	
Mr. Watts	

Agenda Item 4 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday, October 22, 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Sheets, seconded by Mr. Seneca, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 5 - Public Comments: Comments from the public regarding any/all of the agenda items listed below will be accepted at this point in the meeting. The meeting chairperson may also allow further comments from the public as and when each agenda item is considered during the meeting process.

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 6 - Monthly Engineering Report

Mr. White presented the monthly engineering report.

A. Discussion and appropriate action regarding water system protection and monitoring system upgrades.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Loup, seconded by Ms. Hurst, the Commission unanimously approved port staff to advertise and award the projects with an estimated cost of $450,000.00 to bring the port's water system up to current day standards and install modern system monitoring and control capabilities. This will be included in the 2016 Capital Budget. The project is anticipated to be complete in the first quarter of 2016.

B. Discussion and appropriate action regarding rail yard storm sewer drainage repairs.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Seneca, the Commission unanimously approved port staff to advertise and award the project with a budget amount of $300,000.00, which port staff expects to be reimbursed by Union Pacific Railroad under the port's maintenance agreement contract with them. This will be included in the 2016 Capital Budget.

Agenda Item 7 - Financial Report

Ms. LeBlanc presented the monthly financial report. No action was required.

Agenda Item 8 - Other matters

Mr. Wilkinson addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by stating that the annual, mandatory on-line training for all public servants, including Port Commissioners, for Ethics and Sexual Harassment must be completed by December 31, 2015.

Mr. Hardman addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by stating that he is attempting to get a representative with the East Baton Rouge Clerk of Courts office to come to the port and give a class on Ethics and Sexual Harassment for the 2016 mandatory requirement.

Mr. Hardman addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by stating that the 2015 budget, in draft format, has been given to all Board members for their review and a formal presentation will be made at the December Board meeting along with the Capital Budget for consideration and appropriate action.

Mr. Glusman addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by stating that an asbestos case has been set for trial in May 2016 with two additional cases set for trial in September and October of 2016.

Mr. Hardman recognized Mr. Seneca with a plaque for his distinguished service as the 2015 Commission President.

Agenda Item 9 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Watts, seconded by Mr. Loup, the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Secretary: Jimmy Sanchez

President: Corey Sarullo

Date approved: December 17, 2015