

**GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION**  
**Commission Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 22, 2024**

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2024 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

Ms. Rebecca A. Cunard  
Mr. Hall L. Davis, IV  
Mr. Michael D. DeLaune  
Mr. Shelton C. Dixon  
Mr. Ted H. Glaser  
Ms. Brenda R. Hurst  
Mr. Bob Kelly  
Mr. Troy S. LeBoeuf  
Ms. Angela R. Machen  
Mr. Travis M. Medine  
Mr. Jessel M. Ourso, III  
Mr. Lawrence G. Pierson  
Ms. Lynn Robertson  
Mr. Donald M. Schexnayder  
Mr. Cedric A. Upshaw  
Mr. James E. Walters, Jr.

ABSENT

Agenda Item 4 - 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 5 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

On a motion by Mr. Hall Davis, seconded by Mr. Travis Medine, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 6 - Monthly Engineering Report

Mr. Cortney White presented the monthly engineering report, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

A. Discussion and appropriate action regarding approval to execute an engineering contract for grain elevator improvements.

Mr. Cortney White addressed the Board by stating that the engineering contract has not been prepared so the item was deferred until such time as it is ready to present for appropriate action. No action was required at this time.

Agenda Item 7 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding the purchase of vehicles.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Bob Kelly, seconded by Mr. Shelton Dixon, the Commission unanimously approved to purchase and replace two 2012 Ford F150 pick-

up trucks for maintenance for approximately \$90K, purchase and replace two 2014 Chevy Tahoe's for administration for approximately \$120K, and purchase and replace one 2008 Chevy Tahoe for security for approximately \$60K, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 8 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding lease of property at the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal to Performance Contractors, Inc. for a laydown yard and parking.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Rebecca Cunard, seconded by Ms. Lynn Robertson, the Commission unanimously approved the lease of property at the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal to Performance Contractors, Inc. for a laydown yard and parking for \$1,500.00 per acre per month on approximately 19 acres with an initial term of the lease to be four months with a 90-day cancellation clause, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 9 - Financial Report

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

Agenda Item 10 - Other matters

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by stating that (1) Grön Fuels continues to work on the re-design of their facility at Inland Rivers Marine Terminal and that the rules of the Inflation Reduction Act, the IRA Act, benefits what they are trying to accomplish (2) American Queen Voyages is experiencing financial issues and has suspended operations on the Mississippi River, and guests and customers should expect a full refund for cancelled cruises. American Queen had close to 100 bookings at the Pointe Coupee landing scheduled this year. Viking will continue to run one ship and American Cruise Lines will continue to run three.

Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Hall Davis, seconded by Mr. Ted Glaser, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Lawrence G. Pierson

President: Bobby Watts

Date approved: March 28, 2024