

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION
Commission Meeting
5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 22, 2023

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2023 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

Mr. Michael D. DeLaune
Mr. Shelton C. Dixon
Mr. Ted H. Glaser
Ms. Brenda R. Hurst
Mr. Troy S. LeBoeuf
Ms. Angela R. Machen
Mr. Jessel M. Ourso, III
Mr. Lawrence G. Pierson
Ms. Lynn Robertson
Mr. James E. Walters, Jr.
Mr. Bobby Watts

ABSENT

Ms. Rebecca A. Cunard
Mr. Hall L. Davis, IV
Mr. Bob Kelly
Mr. Travis M. Medine
Mr. Donald M. Schexnayder
Mr. Cedric A. Upshaw

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, May 25, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Troy LeBoeuf, seconded by Ms. Angela Machen, 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. No action was required at this time.

A. Discussion and appropriate action regarding change orders and/or additional testing services for the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal Container Yard Repairs project.

Mr. Cortney White addressed the Board by stating that a crack in the beam was found during surface preparation for the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal Container Yard Repairs project. The crack in the beam was recently discovered but was not included in the additional testing and change order items discussed in the Committee meeting last week.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Jimmy Walters, seconded by Mr. Ted Glaser, the Committee approved additional testing and change orders, which include the contractor to form and flowable fill the void and any gaps for the cost of \$31,000.00, to use ground penetrating radar after the concrete pour for the cost of \$17,000.00, to perform additional chipping due to shadowing for the cost of \$25,154.84, chipping debris removal for the cost of \$22,208.00, and beam demo and reconstruction for the cost of \$144,345.88, as discussed and outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 7 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding the replacement of hydrographic sounding equipment used to support berth safety and dredging efforts.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Ted Glaser, seconded by Mr. Shelton Dixon, the Commission unanimously approved replacement of hydrographic sounding equipment used to support berth safety and dredging efforts, in the amount of \$45,000.00, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members. The sounding equipment will be paid for with federal funds from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, Water Resources Reform and Development Act Section 2106.

Agenda Item 8 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding the replacement of a Security Camera Archive Server.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. LeBoeuf, the Commission unanimously approved replacement of a Security Camera Archive Server for an estimated cost of \$19,000.00, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 9 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding authorization to pay invoices totaling \$26,226.66 from Torrey Enterprises in connection with consulting services and preparation of grant application for PIDP grant for infrastructure improvements for the container on barge service.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Jessel Ourso, seconded by Ms. Angela Machen, the Commission unanimously approved to pay invoices totaling \$26,226.66 from Torrey Enterprises, LLC in connection with consulting services and preparation of grant application for Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant for infrastructure improvements for the container on barge service at Inland Rivers Marine Terminal, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 10 - Finance Report

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

Agenda Item 11 - Presentation of report by auditors on the 2022 audited financial statements.

A presentation of report by Josh Faubert, Manager, Accounting and Audit Services, with Ericksen Krentel CPAs and Consultants for the 2022 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was given, as outlined in documentation prepared by Ericksen Krentel and presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 12 - Other matters

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Commission, for informational purposes only, by stating that (1) the ethics and sexual harassment training scheduled for today will be rescheduled for another time and (2) a slide show was presented showing the wood pellet loader incident in which strong winds (estimated at 70mph) blew the loader down the rails where it came to rest, off the rails, on the south end of the docks. No one was hurt in the incident.

Agenda Item 13 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Lawrence Pierson, seconded by Mr. Shelton Dixon, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Lynn Robertson

President: Michael D. DeLaune

Date approved: July 27, 2023