

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION
Commission Meeting
5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 23, 2023

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 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

Ms. Rebecca A. Cunard
Mr. Michael D. DeLaune
Mr. Shelton C. Dixon
Mr. Ted H. Glaser
Ms. Brenda R. Hurst
Mr. Bob Kelly
Ms. Angela R. Machen
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.
Mr. Bobby Watts

ABSENT

Mr. Hall L. Davis, IV
Mr. Troy S. LeBoeuf
Mr. Travis M. Medine

Mr. DeLaune introduced meeting guests Stephen Gunn with CraneWerks and Mr. Neil Martin with Terral River Services.

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 26, 2023.

On a motion by Ms. Brenda Hurst, seconded by Mr. Cedric Upshaw, 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 rehabilitation of the Fire Protection System for the Transit Sheds.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Bob Kelly, seconded by Mr. Shelton Dixon, the Commission unanimously approved staff to proceed with repairs within the Transit Sheds, beginning with Transit Shed 3, for an approximate amount of \$140,000.00, which is within the approved Capital Budget.

B. Discussion and appropriate action regarding Port Security Grant Projects.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Rebecca Cunard, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Walters, the Commission unanimously approved projects (1) Small Craft and Drone Detection for \$670,000 and (2) System Sustainment for \$400,000, to be funded through the port security grant program.

Agenda Item 7 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding the procurement of equipment for the Port Maintenance Department.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Rebecca Cunard, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Walters, the Commission unanimously approved procurement of equipment for the Port Maintenance Department consisting of (1) two pick-up trucks for an amount not to exceed \$90,000 (2) a Tractor 90 hp 4 WD w/loader for \$65,000 (3) a Man Lift (telescopic boom lift) approximately 65 foot for \$140,000. These items will replace existing equipment. (4) Side by Side ATV – John Deere Gator for approximately \$10,000. All items are outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

On a motion by Mr. Shelton Dixon, seconded by Ms. Lynn Robertson, the Commission unanimously approved procurement of equipment for the Port Maintenance Department as outlined above.

Agenda Item 8 - Discussion and appropriate action concerning entering into a letter agreement with Grön Fuels and Entergy agreeing to grant necessary servitudes to facilitate Entergy providing electrical power to the Grön Fuels facility.

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Commission by stating that the letter agreement is close to being finalized and would be back on the agenda in March 2023. No action was required at this time.

Agenda Item 9 - Discussion and appropriate action concerning an amendment to the lease with West Baton Rouge Parish for the Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness, 911 Office in the MSOC building to increase the annual rent to \$19,800.00 and add an annual inflation escalation clause.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Rebecca Cunard, seconded by Mr. Donald Schexnayder, the Commission unanimously approved an amendment to the lease with West Baton Rouge Parish for the Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness, 911 Office in the MSOC building to increase the annual rent to \$19,800 and add an annual inflation escalation clause.

Agenda Item 10 - Financial Report

Mr. Jay Hardman presented the monthly financial report. No action was required.

Agenda Item 11 - Other matters

Mr. Jay Hardman introduced Mr. Neal Martin with Terral River Services, who briefly addressed the Commission by stating that Terral River Services leases property and operates a dock at the Port of Pointe Coupee. The property and dock are a hub for Terral's marine operation, which includes 40 vessels and approximately 300 barges. The location is a strategic point for Terral because they have operations on the Inland Waterways.

Agenda Item 12 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Bobby Watts, seconded by Mr. Cedric Upshaw, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Lynn Robertson

President: Michael D. DeLaune

Date approved: March 23, 2023_____