

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION
Commission Meeting
5:00 p.m. Thursday, January 26, 2023

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 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. 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. Cedric A. Upshaw
Mr. James E. Walters, Jr.
Mr. Bobby Watts

ABSENT

Mr. Donald M. Schexnayder

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, December 15, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Lawrence Pierson, 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. No action was required at this time.

Agenda Item 7 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding entering into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with Chambers of Commerce within the port jurisdictional area and other maritime and trade associations for 2023.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Ted Glaser, seconded by Mr. Troy LeBoeuf, the Commission unanimously approved entering into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with Chambers of Commerce within the Port jurisdictional area and other maritime and trade associations for FY 2023, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 8 - Discussion and appropriate action concerning Annual Customer Appreciation Crawfish Boil.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Lynn Robertson, seconded by Mr. Jessel Ourso, the Commission unanimously approved the port funding of the Annual Customer Appreciation Crawfish Boil for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 as opposed to seeking sponsorships from the port tenants and maritime stakeholders.

Agenda Item 9 - Update on dredging for 2022

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Commission, for informational purposes only, by stating that the funds from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund for FY 2022 in the amount of \$877,500.00 have been received by the port. The Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, Water Resources Reform and Development Act Section 2106 funds that the port received through the Corps of Engineers to sustain our berths to the navigable channel of the Mississippi River is outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 10 - Financial Report

Ms. Katie LeBlanc presented the monthly financial report.

Agenda Item 11 - Presentation and approval of 2023 Fiscal Year Budget.

Ms. Katie LeBlanc presented the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

On a motion by Ms. Rebecca Cunard, seconded by Mr. Shelton Dixon, the Commission unanimously approved the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 12 - Discussion and appropriate action concerning annual evaluation and compensation of the executive director.

Ms. Lynn Robertson addressed the Commission by stating that the Executive Committee met last week prior to the Joint Committee meeting and Commission meeting to finalize their recommendation regarding the executive director's evaluation and compensation. Mr. Hardman's evaluation was overwhelmingly positive. The Executive Committee recommended to the Commission to approve a 5% pay raise for Mr. Hardman.

On a motion by Ms. Lynn Robertson, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Cunard, the Commission unanimously approved a 5% pay raise for Mr. Jay Hardman, the port's executive director.

Agenda Item 13 - Other matters

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Commission, for informational purposes only, by stating that there is a 2023 listing of American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) events at their place. AAPA states that you must first register for the convention of your choice before making a hotel reservation using the AAPA room block rate.

Agenda Item 14 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Hall Davis, seconded by Mr. Bob Kelly, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Lynn Robertson

President: Michael D. DeLaune

Date approved: February 23, 2023