

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 25, 2021

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission meeting was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The state of emergency declared by Governor John Bel Edwards as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic continues. The Port of Greater Baton Rouge and many of the tenants and terminals operating in the Port are essential businesses and critical infrastructure as designated by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Accordingly, the continued operations of the Port of Greater Baton Rouge and management of its affairs in response to the emergency are essential to the welfare of the public, and pursuant to ACT 302 of the Louisiana Legislature's 2020 Regular Session, the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission, through its presiding officer, certifies 1) that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, a physical meeting of the number of people involved in the space available would be problematic insofar as the increased risk of contracting COVID-19 by those in attendance, including the public, and such increased risk of the spread of the disease would further increase the risk of the spread to the general public, and a physical meeting would thus be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the public; and 2) the agenda of the meeting is limited to one or more of the matters set forth in LA R.S. 17.1A(2).

Accordingly, this meeting was held by teleconference. The call-in information for the teleconference to allow public participation was included on the agenda as well as the means of providing written public comment prior to the meeting. The agenda and notice were sent to media outlets as required.

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

PRESENT

Mr. Patrick W. Bernhard
Ms. Rebecca A. Cunard
Mr. Mike DeLaune
Mr. Shelton C. Dixon
Mr. Ted H. Glaser
Ms. Brenda R. Hurst
Mr. Bob Kelly
Mr. Troy LeBoeuf
Ms. Angela R. Machen
Mr. Travis M. Medine
Mr. Lawrence G. Pierson
Ms. Lynn Robertson
Mr. Donald M. Schexnayder
Mr. James E. Walters, Jr.
Mr. Bobby Watts

ABSENT

Ms. Hall L. Davis, IV
Mr. Jessel M. Ourso, III

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, and public comments received electronically prior to or during the meeting electronically will be read into the record. 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 - Presentation of report on status of Port construction projects and discussion and appropriate action as necessary.

Mr. Cortney White presented the report on status of Port construction projects, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members. No action was required at this time.

- A. Discussion and appropriate action, if necessary, regarding (Project No. 2020-11-1) (Phase One of the Grain Elevator Improvements Project) and (Project No. 2020-12-1) (Phase Two of the Grain Elevator Improvements Project).

Mr. Cortney White addressed the Board by stating that good progress was made over the last week towards a satisfactory value engineering proposal and we are closer to being 95% likely to award the project. There are still a few items to verify before awarding. Based on the original bid opening date and public bid law, we have until March 10th to award or reject the bid for being over budget. The bid law allows us to extend that time frame in 30-day increments by mutual consent of the Commission and the low bidder. After discussion with the low bidder and Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) and based on the next Board meeting being scheduled for March 18th (which is after March 10th deadline), Mr. White and port staff recommends that the (1) Board approve for staff to extend the bid award time frame by 30 days and award of the bid if the value engineering proposal meets the originally established requirements (i.e. LDC approval, cost less than \$9.6 million, Division of Administration approval) (2) Rejection of the bid for cause (being over budget) if we do not satisfactory come to an agreement within the extended time period and permission to re-advertise the project with approval by the Division of Administration and Louis Dreyfus Company.

On a motion by Mr. Mike DeLaune, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Walters, the Commission unanimously approved to extend the bid award time frame by 30 days, grant permission to reject the bid if an agreement cannot be reached, and permission to re-advertise the project, as discussed and described above.

Agenda Item 6 - Presentation of report on the Port's financial status and impact of pandemic.

Ms. Katie LeBlanc presented the monthly financial report. The Port seems to be doing well despite the pandemic. No action was required.

Agenda Item 13 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Shelton Dixon, seconded by Mr. Mike DeLaune, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Michael D. DeLaune

President: Bob Kelly

Date approved: April 22, 2021