

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION
Commission Meeting
5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 2021

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2021 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
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. Bobby Watts

ABSENT

Mr. Troy S. LeBoeuf
Mr. James E. Walters, Jr.

Agenda Item 4 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Mike DeLaune, seconded by Ms. Brenda Hurst, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 5 - 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 6 - Monthly Engineering Report

Mr. Cortney White presented the monthly engineering report. No action was required.

- A. Discussion and appropriate action regarding bids received for the Bulk Scale and Annex Project (Phase 2 of the Grain Elevator Improvements Project (Project No. 2020-12-1).

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Shelton Dixon, seconded by Ms. Angela Machen, the Commission unanimously approved to reject the one bid received due to the fact that the bid was over budget and to re-advertise the project at a later date.

Agenda Item 7 - Discussion and appropriate action, if any, concerning an extension of the lease agreement with WATCO Transloading, LLC on the barge unloading terminal at the Baton Rouge Barge Canal property.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Rebecca Cunard, seconded by Mr. Travis Medine, the Commission unanimously approved the lease extension from 5 years to 10 years.

Mr. Dave Riggs, commercial manager with WATCO, was in attendance and addressed the Board.

Agenda Item 8 - Financial Report

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

Agenda Item 9 - Other matters

Mr. Bob Kelly and Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Commission, for informational purposes only, by stating that (1) Ethics and sexual harassment training will be held immediately following the July 22, 2021 Board meeting (2) A group photo will be taken on the balcony immediately following adjournment of this meeting.

Mr. Ted Glaser addressed the Commission, for informational purposes only, inquiring into purchasing land across from the old ferry landing in Pointe Coupee Parish. Mr. Hardman responded by saying that he and port staff are currently working on determining the property owners and boundaries and also looking into what is available to purchase. Mr. Hardman will return to the Board at a later date with their findings.

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Commission, for informational purposes only, by stating that he has spoken to Patrick Bernhard and Mr. Bernhard spoke highly of the port and stated that he enjoyed his time on the Commission. He stated that his reason for his resignation was that he is involved in family and a lot of other projects at this time and just did not have the time to devote to the Port Commission. Mr. Shelton Dixon addressed the Commission with a recommendation for a plaque for time served for former Commissioner Patrick Bernhard.

Agenda Item 10 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Mike DeLaune, seconded by Mr. Hall Davis, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Michael D. DeLaune

President: Bob Kelly

Date approved: July 22, 2021