

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION
Commission Meeting
5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 2020

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met pursuant to Governor John Bel Edwards executive order (Proclamation Number 84-JBE-2020) continuing the state of emergency declared as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission certifies 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 commission will be unable to obtain a quorum at such a physical meeting. Accordingly, this meeting was held by Teleconference. The notice of the call-in information was included in the agenda which was posted and sent out in accordance with the applicable requirements and provided clear means for the public to provide comment.

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

PRESENT

Mr. Scotty E. Chabert, Jr.
Mr. Hall L. Davis, IV
Mr. Michael DeLaune
Ms. Brenda R. Hurst
Mr. Eric T. Johnson
Mr. Jerald Juneau
Mr. Bob Kelly
Mr. Troy S. LeBoeuf
Ms. Angela R. Machen
Mr. Travis M. Medine
Ms. Lynn Robertson
Mr. Clint Seneca
Mr. Kevin J. Stevens
Mr. Bobby Watts

ABSENT

Ms. Rebecca A. Cunard

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 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday, May 28, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Travis Medine, seconded by Mr. Jerald Juneau, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 6 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on June 25, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Travis Medine, seconded by Mr. Eric Johnson, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 7 - Monthly Engineering Report.

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

Agenda Item 8 - Discussion and appropriate action on renewing a Docking Agreement with American Queen Steamship Company to dock at the Old Pointe Coupee Ferry Landing.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Bobby Watts, seconded by Mr. Kevin Stevens, the Commission unanimously approved renewing a Docking Agreement with American Queen Steamship Company to dock at the Old Pointe Coupee Ferry Landing for when sailings resume.

Agenda Item 9 - Report, for informational purposes only, concerning the Annual Foreign Trade Zone Report.

Mr. Rob Marionneaux reported, for informational purposes only, by stating that all documents have been filed and all payments to the Port have been received.

Agenda Item 10 - Financial Report

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

Mr. Greg Johnson addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, with an update on port tenants during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Agenda Item 11 - Other matters

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Committee, for informational purposes only, by stating that (1) Due to the current status of the COVID pandemic, it is unlikely that Mr. Glen Fortune will be able to present the sexual harassment and ethics training in-person this year before the December 31, 2020 deadline. Mr. Hardman recommended that all Commissioners complete the training online. (2) The final 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is complete and will be mailed to all Commissioners for review when we receive the printed version. A legislative auditor will join us for a presentation at the August Committee or Board meeting.

Agenda Item 12 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Hall Davis, seconded by Mr. Eric Johnson, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Bob Kelly

President: Brenda R. Hurst

Date approved: April 22, 2021