

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION
Commission Meeting
5:00 p.m. Thursday, August 27, 2020

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission meeting was held on August 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Governor John Bel Edwards Proclamation Number 101-JBE-2020 continued the state of emergency issued as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. 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. Hall L. Davis, IV
Mr. Mike DeLaune
Rev. 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. Donald M. Schexnayder
Mr. James E. Walters, Jr.
Mr. Bobby Watts

ABSENT

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 - Introduction of newly appointed commissioners.

Ms. Brenda Hurst addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by stating that all of the newly appointed commissioners were introduced and spoke at last week's Committee meeting. The newly appointed commissioners and their respective parishes are as follows: Patrick W. Bernhard, East Baton Rouge Parish; Rev. Shelton C. Dixon, East Baton Rouge Parish; Ted H. Glaser, Pointe Coupee Parish; Brenda R. Hurst, Pointe Coupee Parish; Jessel M. Ourso, III, Iberville Parish; Lawrence G. Pierson, Iberville Parish; Donald M. Schexnayder, West Baton Rouge Parish and James Walters, Jr., East Baton Rouge Parish.

Agenda Item 6 - 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.

Agenda Item 7 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding bids for the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal Dock Fender Improvements Project.

Mr. Cortney White addressed the Board by stating that seven (7) bids were received for the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal Dock Fender Improvements Project, with the low bid being submitted by Cajun Industries in the amount of \$898,242.00, as outlined in the bid tabulation presented to all Board members. Mr. Cortney White and Port staff recommend approval.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Shelton Dixon, seconded by Mr. James Walters, the Commission unanimously approved the low bid from Cajun Industries in the amount of \$898,242.00 for the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal Dock Fender Improvements Project.

Agenda Item 8 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding authorization for contract with and payment to Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel Company for dredging with the dredge Wallace McGeorge at Dock No. 1 to maintain adequate depth.

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Committee by stating that the Port engaged Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel Dredge Wallace McGeorge, executed a contract with them, and received an invoice in the amount of \$183,487.50, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members. Mr. Hardman and Port staff recommend approval.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Rebecca Cunard, seconded by Ms. Angela Machen, the Commission unanimously approved to ratify the contract and the invoice from Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$183,487.50, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 9 - Presentation of update on status of the Port's and its tenants operations during the emergency.

Mr. Greg Johnson addressed the Commission, for informational purposes only, with an update on Port tenants during the COVID-19 pandemic, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 10 – Discussion and appropriate action, if any, of granting extension of exclusive right-to-enter into option to lease agreement to Greentech Materials, LLC.

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Board by stating that this extends the exclusive option to lease until November 30, 2020.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Ted Glaser, seconded by Mr. Bob Kelly, the Commission unanimously approved extending an agreement with Greentech by granting them an exclusive right for an additional 90 days to enter into an option to lease approximately 163 acres west of Genesis at the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal.

Agenda Item 11 - 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 12 - Discussion and appropriate action concerning approval to change the September meeting dates back to their original dates of September 17th and 24th.

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Commission by stating that it was previously approved in December 2019 to advance the Committee meeting date from September 17th to the 10th to accommodate the Commissioners wishing to attend the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) Annual Conference. The conference has been cancelled due to COVID so we would like to move the Committee meeting back to the original date of September 17th.

On a motion by Mr. Hall Davis, seconded by Mr. Troy LeBoeuf, the Commission unanimously approved to change the September meeting dates back to their original dates of September 17th and 24th.

Agenda Item 13 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Hall Davis, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Pierson, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Bob Kelly

President: Brenda R. Hurst

Date approved: April 22, 2021