

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 22, 2020

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission meeting was held on October 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Governor John Bel Edwards Proclamation Number 134-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. 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. 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 - 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 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.

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Committee, for informational purposes only, by stating that (1) reminder of the election of officers at the November 19 Board meeting (2) the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) in-person annual educational seminars and conference have been cancelled for 2020 and have not been rescheduled for 2021 (3) a special Commission meeting will be held in November off-site for discussion on the lease deal and a presentation by renewable fuel company Gron Fuels, LLC. Prior to the meeting, Mr. Hardman will present each Commissioner with an information packet with an overview of the project.

Agenda Item 7 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Hall Davis, seconded by Mr. Shelton Dixon, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Bob Kelly

President: Brenda R. Hurst

Date approved: April 22, 2021