

**GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION**  
**Commission Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 16, 2021**

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 16, 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. Michael D. DeLaune  
Mr. Shelton C. Dixon  
Mr. Ted H. Glaser  
Mr. Bob Kelly  
Mr. Troy S. LeBoeuf  
Ms. Angela R. Machen  
Mr. Lawrence G. Pierson  
Ms. Lynn Robertson  
Mr. Donald M. Schexnayder  
Mr. Cedric A. Upshaw  
Mr. James E. Walters, Jr.  
Mr. Bobby Watts

ABSENT

Mr. Hall L. Davis, IV  
Ms. Brenda R. Hurst  
Mr. Travis M. Medine  
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. The meeting chairperson may also allow further comments from the public as and when each agenda item is considered during the meeting process.

Mr. Jay Hardman introduced Mr. Dan Shapiro and Mr. Bengt Jarlsjo with Fidelis Infrastructure, LP, the independent infrastructure fund management firm involved in the development of the Gron Fuels project at Inland Rivers Marine Terminal. Also, in attendance, were Tim Barfield with CSRS; John Plumlee, chief projects officer with Fidelis; Keith Bluford, leads Fidelis' renewable power organization as well as government affairs and DEI; Byron Best, chief engineer; and Larry Whaley, David Shapiro and Claire Barfield. A presentation followed. The floor was opened to questions.

Agenda Item 5 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Troy LeBoeuf, seconded by Ms. Lynn Robertson, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 6 - Approval of minutes of a Joint Executive Committee, Engineering/Finance Committee meeting held on November 4, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Cedric Upshaw, seconded by Mr. Bob Kelly, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the Joint Executive Committee, Engineering/Finance Committee meeting held on November 4, 2021.

Agenda Item 7 - Approval of minutes of a Special Executive Committee meeting held on November 9, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Bobby Watts, seconded by Mr. Mike DeLaune, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the Special Executive Committee meeting held on November 9, 2021.

Agenda Item 8 - Monthly Engineering Report

Mr. Cortney White presented the Monthly Engineering Report, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members. No action was required at this time.

Agenda Item 9 - Consideration and appropriate action on entering into a docking agreement with American Cruise Lines for the Old New Roads Ferry Landing.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Ted Glaser, seconded by Mr. Donald Schexnayder, the Commission unanimously approved entering into a docking agreement with American Cruise Lines for the Old New Roads Ferry Landing, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 10 - Consideration and appropriate action on entering into a lease with Baton Rouge Transit (Drax) for .792 acres and the warehouse located thereon.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Bob Kelly, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Pierson, the Commission unanimously approved entering into a lease renewal for five (5) years with Baton Rouge Transit (Drax) for .792 acres and the warehouse located thereon, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 11 - Consideration and appropriate action concerning entering into a lease for the Ascension Parish property on the land side of the levee with Hyterra, LLC.

Mr. Greg Johnson addressed the Board by stating that Gron Fuel representatives, in attendance at this meeting, also represent Hyterra, LLC. They are interested in a three-year option in order to conduct due diligence on the 184-acre site for a renewable fuel facility, for a 25-year lease. Once capital improvement requirements are met, we will grant them the option to renew this lease for five (5) additional successive terms of five (5) years each for a total 50-year lease, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Shelton Dixon, seconded by Ms. Lynn Robertson, the Commission unanimously approved entering into a lease for the Ascension Parish property on the land side of the levee with Hyterra, LLC, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 12 - Financial Report

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

Agenda Item 13 - Presentation of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Commission, for informational purposes only, by stating that a draft of the 2022 Fiscal Year Budget, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members, will be presented at the January 2022 meetings for review and approval.

Agenda Item 14 - Consideration and appropriate action on changing the October Joint Committee Meeting date to October 13<sup>th</sup> due to the AAPA Convention and the dates of the November and December Joint Committee and Commission meetings to November 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> respectively due to the Thanksgiving holidays and to December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> respectively due to the Christmas holidays.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Shelton Dixon, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Pierson, the Commission unanimously approved to change the dates, as outlined in the agenda item listed above.

Agenda Item 15 - Other matters

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Commission, for informational purposes only, by stating that (1) a container yard ad was presented to all Board members (2) introduced two guests from Whitney Bank, Beth Zeigler and David Lonibos (3) the ethics and sexual harassment training session for the 2022 calendar year will be held following the March full Commission meeting on March 24 (4) Mr. Hardman recognized Mr. Bob Kelly with a plaque for his distinguished service as the 2021 Commission President.

Agenda Item 16 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Bob Kelly, seconded by Mr. Shelton Dixon, the Commission meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Bobby Watts

President: Rebecca A. Cunard

Date approved: January 27, 2022