

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION
Commission Meeting
5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 2021

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 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
Ms. Brenda R. Hurst
Mr. Bob Kelly
Ms. Angela R. Machen
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

Mr. Hall L. Davis, IV
Mr. Shelton C. Dixon
Mr. Ted H. Glaser
Mr. Troy S. LeBoeuf
Mr. Travis M. Medine

Agenda Item 4 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday, April 22, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Bobby Watts, seconded by Mr. Donald Schexnayder, 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 roadway repairs on Peter Riviere Drive at Capital Drive.

No action was required at this time.

Agenda Item 7 - Discussion and appropriate action, if any, on a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Pointe Coupee Parish Government.

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Commission by stating that the Parish of Pointe Coupee has funds for the account of the Port of Pointe Coupee in the amount of \$193,311.95, which is now the property of the Port of Greater Baton Rouge. Mr. Hardman and Pointe Coupee Parish President Major Thibaut agreed that the Parish of Pointe Coupee will pay the Port of Greater Baton Rouge \$40,000.00 annually for five years. It was also agreed upon that Pointe Coupee Parish may also provide in-kind services and reduce the payment at that time. A financial overview of the Port of Pointe Coupee was presented and outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Bobby Watts, seconded by Ms. Brenda Hurst, the Commission unanimously approved a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Pointe Coupee Parish Government, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

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 Commission by stating that the Port would like to engage the dredge Wallace McGeorge at Dock No. 1 when their contract with the Corps of Engineers is completed. Mr. Hardman reviewed a summation of the Port's Water Resources Reform & Development Act funds we receive for dredging, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members. It will be brought before the Board when the work has been completed. No action was required at this time.

Agenda Item 9 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding the surplus and replacement of a 1999 New Holland tractor, boom attachment and cutter head.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Lynn Robertson, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Walters, the Commission unanimously approved surplus and replacement of a 1999 New Holland tractor, boom attachment and cutter head with the purchase of a 145 hp tractor with a 30 ft. boom and a 60 inch rotary motor for the approximate state contract cost of \$170,000.00.

Agenda Item 10 - Financial Report

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

Agenda Item 11 - Other matters

Ms. Lynn Robertson addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by stating that she and Mr. Lawrence Pierson are tasked with recommending a procedure for election of officers. They will meet prior to the July Committee meeting and would have a recommendation for the Executive Committee by the end of July. This would allow the Board to have discussions on the procedures at the August meeting.

Ms. Rebecca Cunard addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by asking if the Port currently has any grants. Mr. Jay Hardman responded by stating that they are currently working on a grant for expansion of the container yard and a security grant. Both will be submitted when complete.

Mr. Jay Hardman introduced Mr. Wade Stephens and Mr. Doug Schexnayder with Lard Oil Company regarding an interest in fuel sales to the American Queen Steamboat Company. No action was required.

Mr. Bob Kelly addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, with a reminder of the ethics and sexual harassment training on July 22, 2021.

Mr. Rob Marionneaux addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, with a reminder that the Commissioners photographs will be taken prior to the June 24th Board meeting.

Ms. Angela Machen addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by inquiring as to when a tour of the new equipment at Inland Rivers Marine Terminal will be scheduled. She also asked for an update on tenants and their impact during the pandemic.

Agenda Item 12 - Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Lynn Robertson, seconded by Mr. Jessel Ourso, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Michael D. DeLaune

President: Bob Kelly

Date approved: June 24, 2021