

**GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION**  
**Commission Meeting**  
**4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2016**

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2016 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

Mr. Harang  
Mr. Hardy  
Mr. Juneau  
Mr. Medine  
Mr. Poche  
Mr. Sarullo  
Mr. Seneca  
Mr. Sheets  
Mr. Watts

ABSENT

Ms. Hurst  
Mr. Loup  
Ms. Robertson  
Mr. Sanchez

Agenda Item 4 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday, March 24, 2016

On a motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Medine, and 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. Hardman presented the monthly engineering report.

- A. Discussion and appropriate action regarding a resolution to accept State Project Number H.010101 Wood Pellet Handling System.

Following a discussion in the monthly engineering report, on a motion by Mr. Watts, seconded by Mr. Sheets, the Commission unanimously approved a resolution to accept State Project Number H.010101 Wood Pellet Handling System.

- B. Discussion and appropriate action regarding Change Orders for Grain Dock Access Bridge, Project Number 2014-09-1.

This item will be tabled until a later date. The Change Order is not ready to be presented.

C. Discussion and appropriate action regarding resolution Certifying Compliance with Public Bid Laws for State Project Number H.011086 Dock Fender Improvements.

Following a discussion in the monthly engineering report, on a motion by Mr. Poche, seconded by Mr. Harang, the Commission unanimously approved a resolution certifying compliance with public laws for State Project Number H.011086 Dock Fender Improvements.

D. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the procurement of a bush hog.

Following a discussion in the monthly engineering report, on a motion by Mr. Poche, seconded by Mr. Seneca, the Commission unanimously approved the purchase of a bush hog off state contract not to exceed \$16, 517.15, as listed in documentation presented to all Board members.

E. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the procurement of a forklift.

Following a discussion in the monthly engineering report, on a motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Medine, the Commission unanimously approved the purchase of a forklift off state contract for approximately \$22,000.00, as listed in documentation presented to all Board members.

F. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the procurement of a warehouse sweeper.

Following a discussion in the monthly engineering report, on a motion by Mr. Sheets, seconded by Mr. Medine, the Commission unanimously approved the purchase of a warehouse sweeper off state contract for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, as listed in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 7 - Consideration, discussion and appropriate action as may be required regarding entering into a contract with Richard Stroot as a consultant in connection with preparation of an updated application for a TIGER 2016 Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to aid in the funding of rail infrastructure improvements in and around the Port of Greater Baton Rouge.

Mr. Johnson addressed the Commission by stating that the port will be resubmitting the 2016 TIGER grant for funding for the port's proposed Chambering Yard and related rail improvements and seeks approval to retain Richard Stroot in the amount of \$20,000.00 as a consultant in connection with preparation of an updated application.

On a motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Poche, the Commission unanimously approved a contract in the amount of \$20,000.00 with Richard Stroot, a consultant with Stroot Rail Consulting in connection with preparation of an updated application of a 2016 TIGER grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to aid in the funding of rail infrastructure improvements in and around the port, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 8 - Consideration, discussion and appropriate action as may be required regarding a resolution supporting supplemental appropriations to repair flood damage to the Mississippi River flood control system and infrastructure, yearly funding for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the passage of a comprehensive flood control project for the upper Mississippi River Basin; and passage of federal legislation to streamline regulatory and environmental processes.

Mr. Hardman addressed the Commission by stating that the head of the Mississippi River Flood Association approached the port and most levee districts from here further north with a push to obtain federal money to mitigate and prevent the recent flooding. The resolution offers the port's support into strengthening the flood control process, is non-binding, and does not commit the port financially.

On a motion by Mr. Poche, seconded by Mr. Hardy, the Commission unanimously approved a resolution supporting supplemental appropriations to repair flood damage to the Mississippi River flood control system and infrastructure, yearly funding for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the passage of a comprehensive flood control project for the upper Mississippi River Basin, and passage of federal legislation to streamline regulatory and environmental processes, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

#### Agenda Item 9 - Financial Report

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

#### Agenda Item 10 - Other matters

- A. Update and reminder regarding filing of required financial reports by Commissioners.

Mr. Glusman addressed the Commission, for informational purposes only, on the mandatory Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, which must be filed by each member by May 15, 2016.

Mr. Hardman addressed the Commission, for information purposes only, by stating that former Commissioner, Alvin "Bully" Dragg, passed away April 27, 2016.

#### Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Watts, the meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Secretary: Brenda Hurst

President: Bobby Watts

Date approved: May 26, 2016