

**GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION**  
**Commission Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 23, 2016**

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 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

Ms. Cunard  
Mr. Davis  
Ms. Hurst  
Mr. Johnson  
Mr. Juneau  
Mr. LeBoeuf  
Mr. Poche  
Ms. Robertson  
Mr. Sheets  
Mr. Stevens  
Mr. Watts

ABSENT

Mr. Kelly  
Mr. Medine  
Mr. Seneca

Mr. Hardman recognized Mr. Sarullo with a plaque for his distinguished service as the 2015 Commission President.

Agenda Item 4 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday, May 26, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Hurst, 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. White presented the monthly engineering report. No action was required.

Agenda Item 7 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding renewal of agricultural lease of approximately 67.1 cultivable acres in Ascension Parish to Savoie Industries, LLC for sugar cane production.

Mr. Hardman addressed the Board by stating that the port has a large section of property in Ascension Parish with approximately 67.1 acres leased to Savoie Industries, LLC for sugar cane production. The port has written a new lease and submitted it to Savoie Industries for their review. Savoie Industries responded and agreed to the commercial terms of the lease. There are a few details that port legal counsel needs to review so Mr. Hardman recommends the item be tabled until July to allow Mr. Glusman time to review the details. No action was required at this time.

Agenda Item 8 - Discussion and acceptance of the 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission as prepared by Katie LeBlanc, Director of Finance and Administration and audited by Broussard & Company, and as initially presented to the commission at the May 26, 2016 Board meeting.

For the new Commissioners and those members who were absent at last month's meeting, Mr. Mike DeFalco with the CPA firm of Broussard & Company yet again presented and the Commission received the final copy of the audited annual financial report. The floor was opened to questions.

The Board and Mr. Hardman expressed appreciation to Mr. DeFalco and Broussard & Company for their complimentary remarks regarding the audit and port staff and their professionalism in conducting the audit.

On a motion by Ms. Cunard, seconded by Mr. Sheets, the Commission unanimously approved the audited 2015 Comprehensive Annual Report as presented by Mr. DeFalco.

Agenda Item 9 - Financial Report

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

Agenda Item 10 - Report by Attorney

Update and appropriate action, if any, regarding the status of pending litigation. These matters are recommended for discussion in executive session pursuant to LA. R.S. 42:6.1(A)(2).

- A. *George Landess, et al v. The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission, et al*, No. 36427, Div. B 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of West Baton Rouge.
- B. *Hayward J. Theriot v. Ports America Baton Rouge, Inc., et al.*, No. 38,990, Div. C, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of West Baton Rouge.
- C. *Victor Stewart v. Asbestos Corp., Ltd., et al.*, No. 41891, Div. C, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of West Baton Rouge.
- D. *David Foreman v. Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission*, No. 1040640, Div. D, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of West Baton Rouge.
- E. *Samual Klack, et al, v. Asbestos Corporation Limited, et al.*, No. 38535, Div. B, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of West Baton Rouge.
- F. *Signal Mutual Indemnity Association, Ltd. V. Asbestos Corporation, Ltd., et al* No. 3:15-cv-633-BAJ-SCR, United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana.
- G. *Camille E. Cazedessus, Jr., et al v. Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission*, No.: 613210, Sec. 25, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge.
- H. *Robert Dalton vs. Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission*, No. 1041747, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of West Baton Rouge.

Mr. Glusman, port legal counsel, explained that there will be a discussion in which executive session is appropriate and recommended due to the existence of ongoing litigation.

Thereafter, Mr. Juneau moved to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Sheets, and the roll was called.

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ms. Cunard		Mr. Kelly
Mr. Davis		Mr. Medine
Ms. Hurst		Mr. Seneca
Mr. Johnson		
Mr. Juneau		
Mr. LeBoeuf		
Mr. Poche		
Ms. Robertson		
Mr. Sheets		
Mr. Stevens		
Mr. Watts		

The motion to go into executive session passed with a unanimous vote of 11 to 0.

Thereafter, the Commission met in executive session.

Thereafter, the meeting reconvened in open session.

Agenda Item 11 - Other matters

Mr. Robert Marionneaux addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, with a legislative update as it pertains to Port Priority / Capital Outlay.

Mr. Hardman addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by stating that there will be a Change of Command Ceremony on July 15, 2016 on Dock 2. All Board members are invited to attend. He also stated that Calvin Ishmael, a former Commissioner who served on the Board for 22 years, passed away June 21, 2016.

Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Davis, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Secretary: Brenda Hurst

President: Bobby Watts

Date approved: July 28, 2016