

**GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION**  
**Commission Meeting**  
**4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 2017**

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2017 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. Chabert  
Ms. Cunard  
Mr. Davis  
Mr. DeLaune  
Mr. Juneau  
Mr. Kelly  
Mr. LeBoeuf  
Ms. Machen  
Ms. Robertson  
Mr. Seneca  
Mr. Watts

ABSENT

Ms. Hurst  
Mr. Johnson  
Mr. Medine  
Mr. Stevens

Agenda Item 4 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday, March 23, 2017.

On a motion by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, 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.

- A. Discussion and appropriate action regarding procurement of a backhoe for an amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$75,000.00.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Machen, seconded by Mr. Chabert, the Commission unanimously approved procurement of a backhoe for an amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$75,000.00.

- B. Discussion and appropriate action to ratify the Executive Director's authorization of \$32,000.00 to repair port's water well.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Machen, seconded by Mr. DeLaune, the Commission unanimously approved to ratify action of the Executive Director to repair the port's water well in the amount of \$32,000.00.

Agenda Item 7 - Update, discussion and appropriate action, if any, regarding status of funding for and construction of a chambering yard, necessary agreements related thereto.

Mr. Hardman addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by stating that approval is sought for the Bond Inducement Resolution in the form presented in order to obtain state Bond Commission approval to issue up to \$15 million in bonds to finance construction of the Chambering Yard.

Mr. Marionneaux addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by stating that the recommendation discussed has been the port contributing \$5M, the state \$5M, and the tenants making up the difference of an approximate \$20M project. In HB 2 for the last couple of years, there has been an \$18M appropriation for Louis Dreyfus Company rail tracks. In this year's bill, they are removing \$5M from the \$18M in Priority 5 and moving it into Priority 1 for the state's commitment of the \$5M for the Chambering Yard.

Mr. Hardman reiterated that there has been a shift from Priority 5 to Priority 1, which is necessary for the entire project to move forward. The port now has the \$5M commitment from the state, \$5M from the port, and the inducement resolution enables the port through the state bond commission to incur up to and amount not to exceed \$15M in debt.

Mr. Glusman addressed the Board by stating if the \$5M does not come to fruition, the port will not issue the bonds. A motion only authorizes port staff to go to the bond commission.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. LeBoeuf, the Commission unanimously approved forwarding the Bond Inducement Resolution in an amount not to exceed \$15M.

Agenda Item 8 - 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.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Cunard, seconded by Mr. DeLaune, the Commission unanimously approved renewal of agricultural lease of approximately 67.1 cultivable acres in Ascension Parish to Savoie Industries, LLC for sugar cane production, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 9 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding entering into a Site Access and Railcar Storage Agreement with Heritage-Crystal Clean, LLC for transfer used oil and oily water between trucks and railroad cars.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Commission unanimously approved entering into a Site Access and Railcar Storage Agreement with Heritage-Crystal Clean, LLC for transfer used oil and oily water between trucks and railroad cars for a one-year lease with a two-year option for \$500.00 per railcar, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 10 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding approval of an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad granting a temporary construction servitude on a portion of port property adjacent to the UP right-of-way to provide ingress and egress to their right-of-way and staging in order to facilitate construction of I-10 bridge support corridor protection barriers.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. LeBoeuf, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Commission unanimously approved a servitude agreement with Union Pacific granting a temporary construction servitude on a portion of port property adjacent to the UP right-of-way to provide ingress and egress to their right-of-way and staging in order to facilitate construction of I-10 bridge support corridor protection barriers, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 11 - Update and discussion, if any, regarding status of Foreign Trade Zone and filing of Foreign Trade Zone annual report.

Mr. Marionneaux addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by stating that the mandatory Foreign Trade Zone Annual Report has been filed with the United States Department of Customs.

Agenda Item 12 - Financial Report

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

Agenda Item 13 - Other matters

Reminder – All current commissioners as well as all former commissioners who served during 2016 are required to file their Tier 2.1 Financial Reports by May 15.

Mr. Marionneaux addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by stating that SB 20 was heard on the Senate floor with Senator Rick Ward offering an amendment recommended by the Commission to put a cap of \$300.00 on the per diem for Board members. The bill passed unanimously. The bill will now proceed to the House Committee and onto the House floor to be heard. If it is approved and not amended, it becomes law if signed by the governor. If it is amended, it will go back to the Senate for either acceptance or rejection of those amendments. If Senator Ward accepts them, it is completed. If he rejects them, it then goes to Conference Committee, which is made up of three Senate and three House members.

Agenda Item 14 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Secretary: Angela R. Machen

President: Bobby Watts

Date approved: May 25, 2017