

**GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION**  
**Commission Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 22, 2017**

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, 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

Mr. Davis

Mr. DeLaune

Ms. Hurst

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Juneau

Mr. Kelly

Ms. Machen

Mr. Medine

Ms. Robertson

Mr. Seneca

Mr. Stevens

Mr. Watts

ABSENT

Ms. Cunard

Mr. LeBoeuf

Agenda Item 4 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday, May 25, 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Seneca, 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 - Update and discussion regarding status of funding for and construction of a chambering yard.

There was no new information on this matter and no need for any discussion.

Agenda Item 8 - Discussion and appropriate action on approval of granting a servitude to Thermaldyne, LLC for a railroad crossing from Northline Road across the port's railroad track in that location.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Medine, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Commission unanimously approved granting a servitude to Thermaldyne, LLC for a railroad crossing from Northline Road across the port's railroad track in that location, subject to approval by port counsel and staff of the final drawings and exhibits for the placement of the crossing.

Agenda Item 9 - Financial Report

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

Agenda Item 10 - Discussion and appropriate action on approval of the 2016 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.

Following the presentation by Mr. DeFalco of Broussard & Company in May, on a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Seneca, the Commission unanimously approved the final audited 2016 Comprehensive Annual Report.

Agenda Item 11 - Update, discussion and action of the Commission, if any, regarding Senate Bill 20.

Mr. Marionneaux addressed the Commission by stating that Senate Bill 20, sponsored by Senator Rick Ward, passed unanimously through the whole process and signed by the Governor whereby this Commission is now authorized to raise the per diem up to \$300.00 per meeting.

Following a discussion, Mr. Juneau moved, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Commission approve said approval to be effective as of the effective date of Senate Bill 20 (Act 43), that the per diem rate for Commissioners be set at \$300 per meeting as authorized by the governing statute, The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Agenda Item 12 - Report on, discussion and appropriate action, if any needed, concerning derailment incident beginning on Union Pacific main line and damaging interchange tracks, status on re-rail and repair of damage and effect on port operations and tenants.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Chabert, the Commission unanimously ratified the executive director's contracting with B&P Enterprises for the re-rail and Simmons Railroad Group, LLC for the repairs to the interchange tracks. The Port received documentation from Union Pacific Railroad indicating that we will be reimbursed for any repairs through invoices submitted along with the usual railroad maintenance.

Agenda Item 13 - Other matters

Mr. Hardman addressed the Commission, for informational purposes only, with a follow up to Mr. Seneca's recommendation to direct a letter to Louis Dreyfus Company on their failure to maintain appropriate housekeeping and cleanliness at their facility, by stating that a letter has been sent and he was informed by Bruce Chapin with Louis Dreyfus Company that the housekeeping of their facility will be taken care of.

Agenda Item 14 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Robertson, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Angela Machen

President: Bobby Watts

Date approved: July 27, 2017