

**GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION**  
**Commission Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 24, 2018**

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at the Maritime Security Operations Center meeting room in West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

PRESENT

Mr. DeLaune  
Ms. Hurst  
Mr. Johnson  
Mr. Juneau  
Mr. Kelly  
Ms. Machen  
Mr. Medine  
Ms. Robertson  
Mr. Seneca  
Mr. Stevens  
Mr. Watts

ABSENT

Mr. Chabert  
Ms. Cunard  
Mr. Davis  
Mr. LeBoeuf

Agenda Item 4 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday April 26, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Medine, seconded by Ms. Hurst, 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 Pete Riviere Road Culvert Replacement Project.

Mr. White addressed the Committee by stating that bids were received for this project and he and port staff recommend awarding the contract in the amount of \$44,000.00.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Commission unanimously approved to award the contract for the Pete Riviere Road Culvert Replacement Project in the amount of \$44,000.00.

Agenda Item 7 - Discussion and appropriate action, if any, concerning lease of office area and nearby chain link fenced area in Transit Shed No. 1 to BR Port Services (Genesis).

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Medine, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the lease of office area and nearby chain link fenced area in Transit Shed No. 1 to BR Port Services (Genesis), as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members. This lease will terminate in 2024 and is a stand-alone lease, independent of their ground and thru-put commercial lease, but will run concurrently with that lease.

Agenda Item 8 - Discussion and appropriate action, if any, concerning removal from ground lease with BR Port Services (Genesis) of approximate 5 acre tract.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Ms. Robertson, the Commission unanimously approved to remove the 5.6 acre ground lease with BR Port Services (Genesis) and reduce their ground lease payment by approximately \$37,000.00, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 9 - Discussion and appropriate action, if any, concerning amendment to lease with Carmeuse Lime & Stone, Inc. to grant an additional 5 year option upon Lessee's investment of \$2.1 million in capital infrastructure improvements on the premises.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Seneca, the Commission unanimously approved the First Amendment to Lease with Carmeuse Lime & Stone to grant an additional 5-year option upon Lessee's investment of approximately \$2.2 million in capital infrastructure improvements on the premises, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 10 - Discussion of the Chambering Yard project – status of pipeline protection designs and costs, utility relocation costs, overall project budget, and status of releasing bid package to be advertised – and necessary action, if any, by the Commission.

Mr. Hardman addressed the Commission, for informational purposes only, by stating that Board members were updated at last week's Committee meeting on the Chambering Yard project and the finalization of that discussion was that there was an attempt to set up a meeting with the governor's staff. The meeting has now been set for May 31, 2018 to inform them of the proposed solution that Johnson and Pace recommend. The Port's recommendation for the pipeline protection will enable the pipeline to be able to handle fully loaded railcars parked on the tracks for an extended period of time. Revisions will also be made in the event that the Port expands the Chambering Yard to its fullest capacity that we had planned for in the future. In their design, Johnson and Pace encompassed six tracks. The improvements discussed during the Committee meeting of the two separate arch bridges would encompass a road and six tracks. No action was required at this time.

Agenda Item 11 - Discussion and appropriate action concerning resolution of the Port's claim for damages to Dock No. 1 against the MT MARAN SAGITTA. This matter may be discussed in executive session (if approved via a roll call vote of the commission) pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17 A(2) which provides for executive sessions for strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to . . . prospective litigation after formal written demand . . . when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body. Formal written demand has been made by the Port upon the vessel MARAN SAGITTA, its owner Bocca Shipping Enterprises, and its insurer, GARD, seeking recovery of damages incurred to Dock No. 1 fender elements when the vessel impacted the dock in March 2017. (Mr. Glusman)

Mr. Marionneaux addressed the Commission by stating that the Port received a contractor repair cost estimate approximately \$77,337.00. A consulting firm for the vessel offered a repair cost of \$42,508.00. At last week's meeting, the Joint Committee recommended that the Port negotiate the repairs for no less than \$42,508.00.

Following a discussion, on a motion Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Robertson, the Commission unanimously approved to allow Port staff to continue to negotiate the repairs for no less than \$42,508.00.

#### Agenda Item 12 - Financial Report

Ms. LeBlanc presented the monthly financial report.

#### Agenda Item 13 - For informational purposes only, update to the Commission on HB 804.

Mr. Marionneaux addressed the Commission with a legislative update, for informational purposes only, by stating that (1) HB 804 by Representative Major Thibaut, at the Port's request, allowed the Port to extend leases up to 99 years, has now passed into law. (2) The Capitol considered new revenue measures and passed Representative Jimmy Harris' 1/3 of a renewal of a sales tax that would generate about \$278 million. (3) HB 2 Capital Outlay Budget, which the Port has an interest in particularly with the rail tracks for Louis Dreyfus and other ongoing operations.

#### Agenda Item 14 - For informational purposes only, update to the Commission on Westlake Chemical Corporation FTZ expansion application.

Mr. Marionneaux addressed the Commission, for informational purposes only, by stating that at last week's Joint Committee meeting it was reported that the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Board approved Westlake Chemical Corporation and the Plaquemine facility (Axiall Corporation) is now an additional component to our FTZ.

#### Agenda Item 15 - Presentation by Jim Durbin with Ericksen Krentel CPAs and Consultants, of the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission as prepared by Katie LeBlanc, Director of Finance and Administration and audited by Ericksen Krentel CPAs and Consultants.

A presentation by Claude Silverman and Jim Durbin with Ericksen Krentel CPAs and Consultants of the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was given, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members. No action was required at this time.

#### Agenda Item 16 - Other matters

Mr. Juneau addressed the Board on the recent loss of his wife.

#### Agenda Item 17 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Medine, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Brenda R. Hurst

President: Angela R. Machen

Date approved: June 28, 2018