

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION
Commission Meeting
5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 28, 2018

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2018 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. Juneau

Mr. Kelly

Mr. LeBoeuf

Ms. Machen

Ms. Robertson

Mr. Seneca

Mr. Stevens

Mr. Watts

ABSENT

Ms. Cunard

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Medine

Agenda Item 4 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday, May 24, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Stevens, 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 requests for additional compensation for engineering services on the Grain Elevator Facility Tracks.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Commission voted unanimously to grant permission to proceed with the project once we have a commitment from Louis Dreyfus Company that they will be responsible for the three Change Orders, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

- B. Discussion and appropriate action regarding Change Orders for the Deepwater Dock Fender System Evaluation and Rehabilitation Project.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Ms. Robertson, the Commission unanimously approved the Change Order in the amount of \$26,712.00 for fabrication and installation of weld down plates for 7 EA Cleats, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members, and ratify the action of Mr. Hardman who authorized the contractor to move forward with the project.

Mr. Hardman presented information concerning the need for Genesis to grow their business and dock a particular vessel that requires installation of a different type of mooring attachment at a cost of \$560,000.00 for installation of 3 Bollards at Dock 1 and 4 at the Dock Extension, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members. This project will be advertised through a bid process. Revenue to the Port from these vessels in both dockage and thru-put would be approximately \$20-25,000.00 per vessel and a minimum of 3 vessels per month are expected such that the Port would recoup this cost in under 10 months. In addition, Mr. Hardman advised the Board that Genesis has offered to perform the work on the Water Line Extension Project at their expense of approximately \$140-150,000.00. On a motion by Mr. Chabert, seconded by Mr. DeLaune, the Commission unanimously approved the Change Order at a cost not to exceed \$560,000.00.

Mr. Garland Gaspard, SVP Operations and Engineering with Genesis, was in attendance and addressed the Board.

Agenda Item 7 - 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 Board, for information purposes only, by stating that discussion was held during last week's Committee meeting and a follow-up from the June 19th meeting will be held July 11th to further discuss how best to bridge over the pipelines at a cost that is conducive to the Port. In conjunction with this project is the Interchange Tracks Project, which is coming to completion. Those tracks have been under the guidance and direction of Union Pacific Railroad. Mr. David Black, director of Gulf Port Operations with Union Pacific, was in attendance and addressed the Board by stating that construction is on schedule for completion and the start of operations on the tracks by August 30th.

Agenda Item 8 - Financial Report

Ms. LeBlanc presented the monthly financial report. She also stated that the final 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 9 - Other matters

Ms. Hurst addressed the Board with questions concerning dredging at the docks. Mr. Hardman responded by stating that the equipment currently dredging the Mississippi River is not acceptable and suitable to dredge the docks due to the presence of revetment mats.

Ms. Machen addressed the Board with questions concerning the Chambering Yard Project. Mr. Hardman responded by stating that he is receptive to anything to bridge over the pipelines as long as the cost does not cause the project to exceed the available funding.

Mr. Seneca addressed the Board by stating that another housekeeping letter needs to be sent to Louis Dreyfus Company for the outdoor area of their facility. Mr. Hardman responded by stating that a letter will be sent.

Agenda Item 10 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Juneau, seconded by Mr. Chabert, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Brenda R. Hurst

President: Angela R. Machen

Date approved: July 26, 2018