

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION
Commission Meeting
5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2019

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2019 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. DeLaune

Ms. Hurst

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Juneau

Mr. Kelly

Mr. LeBoeuf

Ms. Machen

Mr. Medine

Ms. Robertson

Mr. Seneca

Mr. Watts

ABSENT

Mr. Davis

Mr. Stevens

Agenda Item 4 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday, February 28, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Medine, seconded by Mr. Johnson, 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 bids received for the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal Container Yard Expansion Project (State Project No. H.013149).

Mr. White addressed the Board by stating that Hendrick Construction, Inc. is the low bid in the amount of \$4,457,510.28, as outlined in the bid summary presented to all Board members. That amount was approximately \$325,000 over budget. An amended budget and Resolution to award the project was outlined and presented to all Board members. GSA Consulting Engineers and Port staff recommends awarding the contract to Hendrick Construction.

On a motion by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Juneau, the Commission unanimously approved to award the contract to Hendrick Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$4,457,510.28 for the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal Container Yard Expansion Project (State Project No. H.013149).

B. Discussion and appropriate action regarding Inland Rivers Marine Terminal Dock repairs and upgrade.

Mr. White addressed the Board by stating that no action is required at this time.

Agenda Item 7 - Discussion and appropriate action, if any, on a servitude agreement and Cooperative Endeavor Agreement regarding, and contributing to construction of, a roadway providing access to Barge Canal property in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Ms. Machen, seconded by Mr. Seneca, the Commission unanimously approved the Servitude Agreement and Cooperative Endeavor Agreement regarding contributing to construction of a roadway providing access to Barge Canal property in East Baton Rouge Parish for the Port's contribution of \$300,000, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 8 - Discussion and appropriate action, if any, on approval of a sublease agreement between Savoie Industries LLC and Noel Sugars LLC on Ascension Parish acreage.

Following a discussion, on a motion by Mr. LeBoeuf, seconded by Mr. DeLaune, the Commission unanimously approved consenting to the sublease agreement between Savoie Industries LLC and Noel Sugars LLC on Ascension Parish acreage, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

Agenda Item 9 - 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 informational purposes only, by stating that we continue to work on the escrow agreement that is in the hands of DRAX and then we will be ready to move forward to advertise the project. No action was required at this time.

Agenda Item 10 - Update and appropriate action, if any, concerning status of request by Pointe Coupee officials to have the Pointe Coupee Harbor and Terminal District merged into the Port of Greater Baton Rouge.

Mr. Hardman addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by stating that Senate Bill 30, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members, was filed by Senator Rick Ward. Mr. Hardman will continue to keep all Board members informed as the bill proceeds through the legislative process. Mr. Hardman also presented a compilation of maps and leases pertaining to the Pointe Coupee Harbor and Terminal District. No action was required at this time.

Agenda Item 11 - For informational purposes only, update on port related safety activities and issues.

Mr. Hardman addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, referring to his report at the committee meetings regarding port safety activities and procedures and entertained further questions, if any. There were no additional questions. No action was required.

Agenda Item 12 - Financial Report

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

Agenda Item 13 - Other matters

Mr. Hardman addressed the Board, for informational purposes only, by stating that (1) the Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals 2019 Annual Conference will be held in Baton Rouge April 23-25 with a welcome reception at the Port on Monday, April 22. (2) Members of the Mississippi River Commission will be at the Port the evening of April 11. All Board members are invited to attend both events.

Agenda Item 14 - Adjournment

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

NOTE: Immediately following adjournment, Glen Fortune presented the annual sexual harassment and ethics training that is required of all public servants.

Secretary: Clint Seneca

President: Kevin J. Stevens

Date approved: April 25, 2019