

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION
Commission Meeting
5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2024

The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024 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

Ms. Rebecca A. Cunard
Mr. Michael D. DeLaune
Mr. Ted H. Glaser
Ms. Brenda R. Hurst
Mr. Bob Kelly
Ms. Angela R. Machen
Mr. Travis M. Medine
Ms. Jessel M. Ourso, III
Mr. Lawrence G. Pierson
Ms. Lynn Robertson
Mr. Donald M. Schexnayder
Mr. Cedric A. Upshaw
Mr. James E. Walters, Jr.
Mr. Bobby Watts

ABSENT

Mr. Hall L. Davis, IV
Mr. Shelton C. Dixon
Mr. Troy S. LeBoeuf

Agenda Item 4 - 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 5 - Approval of minutes of a Commission meeting held on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

On a motion by Mr. Michael DeLaune, seconded by Mr. Travis Medine, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 6 - Monthly Engineering Report

Mr. Cortney White presented the monthly engineering report, as outlined in documentation presented to all Board members.

- A. Discussion and appropriate action regarding approval to execute an engineering contract for grain elevator improvements.

Mr. Cortney White addressed the Board by stating that the Port has not received the proposal at this time. The item was deferred at this time.

Agenda Item 7 - Discussion and appropriate action regarding the purchase of maintenance equipment.

Mr. Cortney White addressed the Board with a recommendation to defer the item. The item was deferred at this time.

Agenda Item 8 - Discussion and appropriate action on replacement of the 2nd floor air conditioning unit at the MSOC.

Mr. Cortney White addressed the Board by stating that a five-ton air conditioning unit on the 2nd floor of the MSOC needs replacing for the approximate amount of \$17K. This unit is one of nine units at the MSOC. Mr. White and port staff recommend approval.

On a motion by Mr. Bob Kelly, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Walters, the Commission unanimously approved replacement of the 2nd floor air conditioning unit at the MSOC for approximately \$17K.

Agenda Item 9 - Financial Report

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

Agenda Item 10 - Discussion and appropriate action, if any, concerning entering into a “tolling agreement” with the Union Pacific Railroad and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. This matter may be discussed in executive session pursuant to LA. R.S.42:17A(2) regarding:

Union Pacific Railroad Company versus State of Louisiana through the Department of Transportation and Development and Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, No. C-744767; Section 26; filed February 14, 2024.

Mr. Steve Glusman addressed the Board by stating that the item was discussed in detail at the Committee meeting last week. Mr. Glusman recommends entering into a tolling agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development subject to final approval of the document.

On a motion by Ms. Rebecca Cunard, seconded by Ms. Lynn Robertson, the Commission unanimously approved to enter into a tolling agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development subject to final approval of the document.

Agenda Item 11 - Other matters

Mr. Jay Hardman addressed the Committee, for informational purposes only, with (1) an update on port related safety activities (2) 2024 Customer Appreciation event will be held April 25 immediately following the Board meeting.

Mr. Bobby Watts addressed the Committee, for informational purposes only, by stating (1) financial disclosure reports are due by May 15 (2) the Ethics and Sexual Harassment training will be held on May 23 immediately following the Board meeting.

Agenda Item 12 - Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Donald Schexnayder, seconded by Mr. Bob Kelly, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary: Lawrence G. Pierson

President: Bobby Watts

Date approved: April 25, 2024