

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA
COMMISSION HELD AT THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA GLOBALPLEX
FACILITY (GUESTHOUSE) ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022**

ITEM 1-CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burks called the Meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ITEM 2-ROLL CALL

Vickie Clark Mr. Bazile; Absent
 Miss. Songy; Absent
 Mr. Murray; Absent
 Mrs. Klibert

Mrs. Klibert Here.

Vickie Clark Mr. Hickerson
Mr. Hickerson Here.

Vickie Clark Mr. Joseph; Absent
 Mr. Robichaux

Mr. Robichaux Here.

Vickie Clark Mr. LeBlanc
Mr. LeBlanc Here.

Vickie Clark Mr. Burks
Mr. Burks Here.

Mr. Joseph arrived at 5:06 p.m.

ITEM 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Klibert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RETIREMENT RECOGNITION – PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA GUARD
SUPERVISOR DENNIS MILLET - OVER 21 YEARS OF SERVICE**

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 6, 2022 AND APRIL 27, 2022

A Motion was offered by Mr. Robichaux and seconded by Mrs. Klibert that the Minutes from the Special Commission Meeting held on April 6, 2022 and the Regular Commission Meeting held on April 27, 2022 be approved.

YEAS	Mrs. Klibert, Mr. Hickerson, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Burks, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Robichaux
NAYS	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Mr. Bazile, Miss Songy, Mr. Murray

ITEM 5. FINANCIAL REPORT- March 31, 2022

Treasurer LeBlanc gave the Financial Report. He stated he met with Grant and that the Port's revenues are up slightly over \$3.3 million with expenses up \$660,000. The ratio continues to be healthy. He stated the fiscal year was ending and that Grant would be lining up the books...after that the audit begins.

Grant stated that he wanted to clarify regarding the \$3.3 million. He stated that the revenues are actually up by \$3.3 million as compared to last year in March. He stated it's a very good year.

Mr. Joseph stated that is good to hear considering the supply chain.

A Motion was offered by Mr. Robichaux and seconded by Mr. Joseph that the January 31, 2022, Financial Report be approved, and that the payment of bills be ratified.

YEAS	Mrs. Klibert, Mr. Hickerson, Mr. Joseph, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Robichaux Mr. Burks
NAYS	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Mr. Bazile, Miss Songy, Mr. Murray

ITEM 6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Matthews stated that since the last meeting he attended the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston. He spoke about how new technology is starting to get more

traction as far as a kitchen item issue that is going on in the maritime industry in the state. I'm looking at all kinds of energy transitions.

He stated he went to Galveston to attend the Gulfports Association of Americas (GPAA) Spring Conference, TX. He stated that in that discussion they looked at the tariff's numbers and whether there should be a cross board increases in the tariff because of inflation being higher than it's been in 40 years. The discussion is ongoing and once there is a recommendation he'll come back to the board.

He stated that many of the Commissioners attended the Legislative Dinner. Also, in attendance were Senators Gary Smith and Ed Price; Representatives Randal Gaines, Greg Miller and Ken Brass. The Port's capital projects were discussed. Roy Quezaire has been leading the effort on our capital projects in Baton Rouge. The Port hopes to get the \$15.6 million it needs for the six (6) projects mentioned. Dale will have a lot of work to do from a construction standpoint. He asked if Commissioners had comments about the legislative meeting.

Mr. LeBlanc congratulated the Staff on the Presentation. It was obvious they had done their homework ...everything flowed.

Mr. Burks echoed stating that the Staff had done an outstanding job. Mr. Matthews answered their questions. It was well received and the Senators and Representative had some ammunition to take back with them.

Matthews stated he along with Chairman Burk and Commissioner Klibert attended C100 Legislative Briefing. Governor Edwards, Jay Dardenne, Don Pierson and Senator Magee spoke at the meeting.

Matthews stated that over the past month he and staff have been very busy meeting people around the region and state and telling the Port's story. He was the guest Speaker at the River Region Chamber Annual Meeting. He attended and participated in the following: International Freight Forwarders Custom Brokers Association of New Orleans Symposium and ACECL Chapter Luncheon (Engineers Association), GNO Executive Association and Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) Logistics Panel.

Matthews stated that Delta Regional Authority Leadership Institute, a group of 40, visited the Guesthouse. They discussed how the Port of South Louisiana is helping to make sure that America's farmers are feeding the rest of the world. They discussed potential grant opportunities.

He also spoke at Tulane River & Coastal Center. There was a discussion on how industry, coastal restoration and the environment can work together.

Mr. Burks thanked Mr. Matthews for a very thorough report. He stated he was glad to see him busy and make sure he keeps it going.

ITEM 7. NEW BUSINESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ITEM 7A. CONSIDER ENTERING COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE WATER INSTITUTE OF THE GULF FOR THE CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER SMARTPORT AND RESILIENCE CENTER ("SMARTPORT")

Mr. Matthews stated that at the April Commission Meeting LED Secretary Don Pierson and Justin Ehrenwerth with Water Institute of the Gulf provided a presentation of the SMARTPORT program to the board. This program will be working with ports and pilots throughout the region in Louisiana. The US Economic Development Administration is providing a significant amount of grant funding to work with the Louisiana Economic Department in this process to get more information on what is happening at the bottom of the Mississippi River. Justin stated it well we know more about the moon than we know about the bottom of the Mississippi River. The information helps benefit our pilots, and tugs. It will get more ships in and out in an efficient manner. He stated that when the river is shut down by the Coast Guards its costs the American economy \$200million dollars per day and it grow exponentially after the fourth day. The Port of South Louisiana commitment to this project is \$250,000. We recommend approval of this CEA.

Mr. Robichaux talked about paying the \$250,000 quarterly. Mr. Burks asked when would payments start?

Mr. Matthews stated that once it is announced the Port would make an initial payment and then look at quarterly.

Mrs. Klibert questioned who would own the data that is being collected, who receives revenues and royalties?

Mr. Matthews said he feels that is very key...the access of data from the safety and security standpoint...from a financial standpoint it pays for itself. Multiple ports are using the data and all may financially benefit from it and may be able to pool the money for other developments.

A Motion was offered by Mr. Hickerson and seconded by Mr. Robichaux directing and instructing the Executive Director/CEO to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the Water Institute of the Gulf for the creation and development of the lower Mississippi River

Smartport and Resilience Center ("Smartport") which includes a commitment of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) from the Port of South Louisiana.

YEAS Mrs. Klibert, Mr. Hickerson,
Mr. Joseph, Mr. Burks, Mr. LeBlanc,
Mr. Robichaux

NAYS None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Mr. Bazile, Miss Songy, Mr. Murray

ITEM 7B. CONSIDER SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ASSOCIATED TERMINALS

Mr. Matthews stated that the Port has been in discussions with Associated Terminals for the Second Amendment to our lease agreement. This resolution provides the CEO on behalf of the Port to continue discussions with Associated Terminals and execute the agreement. We pretty much have a 99% solution there is nothing that is going to be changed once the final document has been made. Peter Butler, correct me if I am wrong.

Peter Butler stated Mr. Matthew is correct.

Mr. Matthews recommended approval of this resolution to execute once the lawyers review and approve.

A Motion was offered by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Hickerson that a Resolution be passed authorizing the Port of South Louisiana to modify the Amended Restated and Superseding Lease and Operating Agreement dated July 10, 2013, as amended by that certain First Amendment to Amended, Restated and Superseding Lease and Operating Agreement dated July 10, 2013, effective November 15, 2016, between the Port of South Louisiana and Associated Terminals, L.L.C. and to execute an amendment thereto.

YEAS Mrs. Klibert, Mr. Hickerson,
Mr. Joseph, Mr. Robichaux, Mr. LeBlanc,
Mr. Burks

NAYS None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Mr. Bazile, Miss Songy, Mr. Murray

ITEM 7C. CONSIDER RENEWING AIRPORT ON-CALL PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KUTCHINS AND GROH

Mr. Matthews stated that these services include but are not limited to the Master Plan, Capital Improvement Plan and Airport Layout Plan. This renewal is for an additional year. We recommend that it be approved.

Mr. Matthews introduced Charles Palmer, Airport Supervisor.

Mr. Palmer stated he was happy to be there...(inaudible/low noise)

Mr. Matthews state Mr. Palmer is doing a great job.

A Motion was offered by Mr. Robichaux and seconded by Mr. Joseph directing and instructing the Executive Director/CEO to execute an Amendment renewing the Airport On-Call Planning & Implementation Consulting Services Agreement with Kutchins and Groh.

YEAS Mrs. Klibert, Mr. Hickerson,
Mr. Joseph, Mr. Robichaux, Mr. LeBlanc,
Mr. Burks

NAYS None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Mr. Bazile, Miss Songy, Mr. Murray

ITEM 7D. CONSIDER ENGAGING INFINITY ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, L.L.C. TO PROVIDE RESIDENT INSPECTION SERVICES FOR GLOBALPLEX ROADWAY PROJECT

Mr. Matthews state that the item was approved at the Construction Committee meeting held earlier today. The proposal is for a not to exceed fee of \$33,000. Subject to Chairman Burks comments.

Mr. Burks stated the item had been discussed with WSP and Dale Hymel. There is a precedence at the Port to have resident inspection services... some level of oversight.

A Motion was offered by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc directing and instructing the Executive Director/CEO to execute an Agreement with Infinity

Engineering Consultants ,L.L.C. to provide resident inspection services for Globalplex Roadway Project.

YEAS Mrs. Klibert, Mr. Hickerson,
Mr. Joseph, Mr. Burks, Mr. LeBlanc,
Mr. Robichaux

NAYS None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT Mr. Bazile, Miss Songy, Mr. Murray

ITEM 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

No comments.

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was offered by Mr. Joseph and seconded by Mr. Hickerson that the Meeting be adjourned.

YEAS Mr. Murray, Mrs. Klibert, Mr. Hickerson,
Mr. Joseph, Mr. Burks, Miss. Songy, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Bazile,
Mr. Robichaux

NAYS None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT None

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Stanley C. Bazile
Secretary

Ryan E. Burks
Chairman

June 8, 2022