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CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION
Regular Board Meeting
Regional Commerce Center, Board Room
6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, LA 71115
March 9, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Commission President Roy Griggs called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Regional Commerce Center, 6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, LA.

Commissioner Bill Altimus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called. Commissioners: Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Bill Altimus, Sam N. Gregorio, James D. Hall and Capt. Thomas F. Murphy with Erica R. Bryant joining the meeting at 4:35 p.m. Absent: None. A quorum was present.

Introduction of guests: Jacqueline Scott, Jacqueline Scott & Associates; Patricia Parker, Dave Rambin Geosciences, LLC; Lt. Richard Jennings, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and Ed Walsh and Sarah McKinney, Romph & Pou Agency and Wes, grandson of Commissioner Gregorio. Staff: Eric England, Danye Malone, Gloria Washington, Rick Nance, Tyler Comeaux, Zazell Dudley, Kathy French and Hettie Agee.

Commissioner Griggs asked if there are any public comments on agenda items. Hearing none, he called for the first item of Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Commissioner Altimus, seconded by Commissioner Prescott, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2020. Motion approved by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners: Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Bill Altimus, Erica R. Bryant, Sam N. Gregorio, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy and Rick C. Prescott. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

Motion by Commissioner Altimus, seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve the January 2020 Financial Reports. Motion approved by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners: Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Bill Altimus, Erica R. Bryant, Sam N. Gregorio, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy and Rick C. Prescott. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

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MEMBERS: Roy Griggs, President; Walter O. Bigby Jr., Vice President; Bill Altimus, Secretary Treasurer; Erica R. Bryant; Sam N. Gregorio; James D. Hall; Capt. Thomas F. Murphy; Rick C. Prescott

NEW BUSINESS:

PORT COMPLEX LAND EXPANSION/MASTER PLANNING: Mr. England presented the recently purchased tracts. These are sites on the west of Hwy. 1, approximately 900 acres. What we've done is place an RFQ for master planning these 900 acres, Robson Farms Tract, Leonard Road Farms tract, the Cupples West and the four Harts Island Homeowners tracts. We'll have an informational meeting on March 31st and submittals due on April 9, 2020. We'll be opening those proposals on the 9th of April.

So moving along into future sites, previously we were under the guidelines that was provided to the staff in July of 2016. We've done that and acquired our recent tracts. We have made contact with two owners of large tracts of land, and before we get there, I just want to have some overlays to show you. This is I-69; this is from the Record of Decision of Utility 15. You can see how 3132 with the preferred Alternative ties in to I-69, how it goes over Robson Road and also, we have what we've been working on the I-69 Service Road, separate from the I-69. The candidate sites from our Port Expansion Plan, you will recall we had B, top ranking site, C, the second highest ranking site, E, the third site and this is F, the fourth candidate site. The two we've identified for future discussions are the Franks property, within the 2nd ranking tract and also a new tract is the Sorensen tract, just over 500-550-acre range with the fourth ranking site. We have two tracts of land we would ask that the Commission give us the authority to conduct some due diligence and continue discussions with those landowners. Will be glad to answer any questions.

Commissioner Hall asked if we acquire these sites, do we have the ability within the RFQ for the Master Plan to add them in and to make that part of the package? Mr. England said we do. We provided a map of the 900 acres in the RFQ and will be able to negotiate it.

Commissioner Hall made a motion we authorize the staff to pursue due diligence on the two tracts that are referenced. The motion was seconded by Capt. Thomas Murphy. Motion approved by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners: Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Bill Altimus, Erica R. Bryant, Sam N. Gregorio, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy and Rick C. Prescott. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. England provided updates on other pertinent Port matters. I am the Chair of the NLCOG MPO and some projects are receiving a lot of attention. With regards to I-69, one of the questions that came up was purchasing right of way (R.O.W.) not only for the I-69 service road but also for the I-69 highway. That was a question that was left on the table and FHWA responded to our question and said they would allow the R.O.W. to be purchased on the south side in the I-69 Service Road project so that we could purchase that property to prevent development within the corridor. Commissioner Gregorio asked if that was a limited part from the Port to I-49? Mr. England said yes. Commissioner Gregorio said let me ask one more question. I'm worried about I-69 not getting built or being bypassed by Texas and Arkansas. Is there anything you could suggest that we as a Board we could do to help move this toward funding so we could actually get something going and actually have something started to be built inside Louisiana? Mr. England said the answer is yes and when that time arrives, we will do those types of things, whether it be resolution or support in every possible way for the I-69 portion, not just necessarily for the Service Road but for the I-69 portion as well

Commissioner Altimus said this tract we're anticipating, this Chicot Island, the R.O.W. is right through the center of that, so they would be negotiating with us..Mr. England said that's right....along with if they do the I-69 Service Road corridor, that section anyway. Mr. England said years ago the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission entered into an agreement with the FHWA and DOTD regarding this tract of land that we would not develop the tract on the right as you drive into the RCC. That agreement we entered into stated that shall the Port Commission purchase tracts of land in the future, it would treat the same terms and conditions of this tract with future tracts. If we are successful in purchasing this tract, the terms of that agreement would reach to this one and we would not lease this property in a way that would obstruct with the future I-69 and that we would consult with DOTD and FHWA regarding any development we might do in and around the site. Commissioner Hall asked is that also given to the master planner? Mr. England said it will be.

3132, also we can see the preferred Alternative which we have overlayed on this drawing. FHWA has signed off on the environmental assessment. That one did not go to a full environmental impact statement. We have a Public Hearing this month regarding such on the 19th at LSU regarding 3132. That final Public Hearing is seen as one of the last steps before the final sign offs on everything in reaching a ROD.

There's going to be a lot of attention drawn to the I-49 completion in NW Louisiana. There's a path that goes through the Inner-City corridor and when you go through the environmental impact statement, you look at a No Build option. No Build doesn't necessarily mean no construction. In recent meetings, there has been an impetus to accelerate the I-49 EIS. The Committee of 100 and several State legislators are wanting to know the status of the project, especially given the fact there was \$100M allocated for the project in last year's legislative session. They want to make sure those funds are used for the project; that they stay in Northwest Louisiana. At this point, we're looking at November of 2021 for the earliest completion date of the EIS. There's some movement to move that \$100M from the I-49 project, but again these are projects that are important to our customers, our prospective customers for these types of projects, to bring us greater connectivity.

Commissioner Griggs adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Altimus
Secretary-Treasurer