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CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION

Regular Board Meeting, May 11, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

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Commission President Roy Griggs called the Regular Board meeting of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission to order at approximately 4:30 p.m. via Go to Meeting. He said good afternoon Commissioners and staff. I hope you and your family are doing well.

Commissioner Bigby 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 Thomas F. Murphy were present via the GoToMeeting. A quorum was present.

Guests: Markey Pierre, Southern Strategy Group; Brandon Aillet, Halff Associates; Ed Walsh and Sarah McKinney, Romph & Pou Agency. Staff: Eric England, Dannye 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 Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2020 as sent. Hearing no changes, motion approved by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners: Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Bill Altimus, Sam N. Gregorio, James D. Hall and Capt. Thomas F. Murphy. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Erica R. Bryant and Rick C. Prescott. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

Motion by Commissioner Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve the March 2020 Financial Reports as sent by email. Hearing no questions, motion approved by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners: Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Bill Altimus, Sam N. Gregorio, James D. Hall and Capt. Thomas F. Murphy. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Erica R. Bryant and Rick C. Prescott. 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:

Resolution No. 7, 2020

National Maritime Day

Resolution

WHEREAS, on May 22, 1819, the steamship *The Savannah* set sail from Savannah, Georgia on the first successful transoceanic voyage under steam propulsion, thus making a material contribution to the advancement of ocean transportation, and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1933, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled and approved that May 22 of each year shall be designated and known as National Maritime Day, and

WHEREAS, during WW II in what became the world's largest sealift operation, more than 250,000 members of the American Merchant Marine served their country, with more than 6,700 giving their lives, hundreds being detained as prisoners of war and more than 800 ships being sunk or damaged, and

WHEREAS, waterways have enabled much of the commerce that has expanded America's economy, sprouted cities near waterways and facilitated vast domestic and international commerce crucial to our economy today, and

WHEREAS, merchant mariners have served America with distinction throughout our history, but especially at critical moments of war and natural disaster, and

WHEREAS, the United States Merchant Marines and thousands of other workers in our Nation's maritime industry continue to make immeasurable contributions to our economic strength and ongoing efforts to build a more peaceful world, and

WHEREAS, the United States Merchant Marines also shepherd the safe passage of American goods, move exports to customers around the world, support the flow of domestic commerce on our maritime highways, strengthen our Nation's economy, bolster job creation and, along with the transportation industry, employ Americans on ships and tugs, and in ports, like our Port of Caddo Bossier, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission to increase the awareness of the maritime industry within Caddo and Bossier Parishes and the State of Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION joins the President of the United States of America in proclaiming May 22, 2020, as National Maritime Day and calls upon the citizens of Caddo and Bossier Parishes to celebrate this observance.

This Resolution was adopted in a meeting legally and remotely convened via teleconferencing by the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission on the 11th day of May, 2020 pursuant Sections 4 of Proclamation 30 and Proclamation 52 issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 16, 2020 and April 30, 2020, respectively.

/s/ Roy Griggs
President

/s/ Bill Altimus
Secretary-Treasurer

RS. NO 7, 2020 NATIONAL MARITIME DAY: Mr. England said this is our annual recognition of National Maritime Day. We, in addition to the four appointing authorities, adopt a resolution recognizing Friday, May 22nd, as National Maritime Day. It's recommended for approval.

Motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Gregorio, to approve Resolution No. 7 of 2020 from the May 11, 2020 Agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners: Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Bill Altimus, Sam N. Gregorio, James D. Hall and Capt. Thomas F. Murphy. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Erica R. Bryant and Rick C. Prescott. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

PORT TENANT RENT DEFERRAL DISCUSSION: Mr. England provided an overview of the anticipated land lease rentals for the remainder of the year and how the Commission could entertain a rent deferral program in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. Our recommendation at this time is for a rent deferral for June and July, payments equal to an amount of 15% of their annual rental and that deferred amount be repaid in the final quarter of 2020 and we offer this to our tenants who pay us monthly or annual rentals. Commissioner Griggs said I agree on the rent deferral versus the rent abatement because that could be very costly. I think that's the way most of the companies are working with the tenants that are having a difficult time during the Covid-19 since we have the surplus of funds that we can do that.

Motion by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Altimus, to approve deferral of tenants' rent for June and July to be repaid in the final quarter of 2020. Motion approved by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners: Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Bill Altimus, Sam N. Gregorio, James D. Hall and Capt. Thomas F. Murphy. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Erica R. Bryant and Rick C. Prescott. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. England provided updates on various matters of the Port.

Commissioner Griggs said so, if there's nothing else, our meeting will stand adjourned at 4:57 p.m. Thank you

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Altimus
Secretary-Treasurer

Audit Committee Meeting, Monday, June 8, 2020 3:45 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, June 8, 2020 4:30 p.m.

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