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CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION

Regular Board Meeting

Regional Commerce Center, Steering Room

6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, LA 71115

May 10, 2021, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

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

Commission President Griggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called. Commissioners: Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy, and Rick C. Prescott. Absent: Bill Altimus and Sam N. Gregorio. A quorum was present.

Introduction of guests: John Barr, U.S. Senator John Kennedy, Jim Firth, Bossier Parish Police Jury, Jacqueline Scott, Jacqueline Scott and Associates, and Sarah McKinney, Romph & Pou Agency. Staff: Eric England, Dannye Malone, Gloria Washington, Rick Nance, and Hettie Agee.

Commissioner Griggs asked if there are any public comments on agenda items. Hearing none, he said we will move to Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Commissioner Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021 if there are no additions, deletions, or changes. Hearing no discussion, motion approved by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners: Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy and Rick C. Prescott. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: William "Bill" Altimus and Sam N. Gregorio. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

Motion by Commissioner Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve the March 2021 Financial Reports if there are no additions, deletions, or changes. Hearing no questions, motion approved by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners: Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy and Rick C. Prescott. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: William "Bill" Altimus and Sam N. Gregorio. 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. 11 OF 2021

BY THE CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO REORGANIZE A GENERAL-PURPOSE FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE WITH THE CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION AS THE GRANTEE ORGANIZATION TO THE FOREIGN-TRADE ZONES BOARD UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE SITE FRAMEWORK, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, on June 18, 1934, Congress approved an Act “to provide for the establishment, operation, and maintenance of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States to expedite and encourage foreign commerce and for other purposes” (the “Foreign-Trade Zones Act”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Foreign-Trade Zones Act and regulations relating thereto, the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission wishes to apply to the Foreign Trade Zones Board (the “Board”) for a grant to reorganize Foreign-Trade Zone No. 145 in Shreveport, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Caddo and Bossier Parish local community leaders have determined, in accordance with the Foreign-Trade Zones Act and regulations relating thereto, that it was desirable to create this Foreign-Trade Zone under the Alternative Site Framework as announced by the Foreign-Trade Zones Board in 74 *Federal Register* 1170 on January 12, 2009 and approved by Board Order No. 1659 on January 15, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission, in legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission, Grantee of the Foreign-Trade Zone No. 145, is hereby duly authorized to submit an Application to Reorganize General-Purpose Foreign-Trade Zone No. 145 under the Alternative Site Framework and is hereby authorized to submit the service area to include Caddo and Bossier Parishes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any subsequent administrative actions, such as a boundary modification to be filed at the Foreign-Trade Zones Board relating to this application, are also specifically authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such subsequent administrative actions will provide the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission with the ability to promptly react to a request by a company located in the service area of the Alternative Site Framework.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this

Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form and content:

/s/ Dannye W. Malone
Dannye W. Malone

5/10/2021
Date

Mr. England said the Port Complex is a Foreign Trade Zone. It's a program that establishes our customers the opportunity to either eliminate or defer their Customs Duty and this program will enhance the application process.

Motion by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Prescott to approve Resolution No. 11 of 2021. Hearing no questions, the motion was approved by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners: Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy, and Rick C. Prescott. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: William "Bill" Altimus and Sam N. Gregorio. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2021
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, 2021, 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 convened by the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission on the 10th day of May, 2021 at which a quorum was present.

/s/ Roy Griggs
President

/s/ William R. "Bill" Altimus
Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. England said we celebrate National Maritime Day in May and we ask commissioners to adopt this Resolution along with the four appointing authorities that we've already contacted as well.

Commissioner Griggs said if there's no questions or comments, I will entertain a motion for adoption. **Motion by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Bigby to approve Resolution No. 12 of 2021. Hearing no discussion, the motion was approved by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners: Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy and Rick C. Prescott. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: William "Bill" Altimus and Sam N. Gregorio. ABSTENTIONS: 0.**

PORT PROPERTY UPDATE:

Using Google Earth, Mr. England provided an overview of the recently purchased properties including the master plan underway with BKI.

During the survey of the MFE tract, we identified an approximate 1.8-acre tract owned by the Caddo Parish School Board. It is a land-locked piece of property adjacent to the MFE tract, and we contacted the Caddo Parish School Board leadership and asked if they were willing to sell the property. They were unaware they owned the property.

They had no plans for it, and they were agreeable to having it appraised. We had it appraised; it came in at approximately \$45,000 which is what we would have expected for that

tract. They're agreeable to it; they've already introduced it to their Board for them to advance it to a final vote. What we'd like to seek from the Board today is a motion that we move forward with the property as well doing our traditional due diligence of survey and Phase I Environmental, of course, abstracting the title. Be glad to answer any questions, but we would like a motion to pursue that tract of land.

Motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Prescott to move forward with the purchase of the Caddo Parish School Board property. Hearing no discussion, the motion was approved by the following vote: AYES: Commissioners: Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy and Rick C. Prescott. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: William "Bill" Altimus and Sam N. Gregorio. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A report was provided on various activities and projects of the Port Commission.

Commissioner Griggs thanked Gloria for her 29 years. Hearing no other comments or business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Griggs adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William "Bill" Altimus
Secretary-Treasurer

Audit Committee Meeting, Monday, June 14, 2021 3:45 p.m.

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