



August 9, 2023

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas, will be held at **9:00 A.M., Monday, August 14, 2023** at the Port Commission office, **221 Houston Avenue, Port Arthur, Texas**, in person with limited capacity and by telephonic meeting in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meeting (also called “Social Distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The public toll-free dial-in number to participate in the telephonic meeting is hosted through conference calling. The toll-free dial-in number is: **1-866-244-8528** and the access code number is: **328412#**. The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. A recording of the telephonic meeting will be made available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, upon written request. The Meeting will include the following matters:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. (9:00 A.M) Receive and open bids for TXDOT Rider 45 Grant Project 1 (4th Street, Houston Avenue and Lakeshore Drive)
4. Recognize guests and receive public comments (limit 3 minutes each)
5. Approve Minutes of July 19, 2023 Regular Meeting
6. Consider approval and ratification of investments, including certificates of deposit and other government-backed securities
7. Consider approval of proposed Property Tax Rates for 2023 Tax Year
8. Consider approval of Property Tax Exemptions for 2023 Tax Year
9. Discuss status of following projects:
 - (A) Economic Development Administration CARES ACT Recovery Assistance Grant Project (Berth 5 Backland Improvement Project)

- (B) Berth 6 Expansion Project (BUILD Grant)
- (C) Replacement of Transit Shed Fire Protection System Project
- (D) TXDOT Rider 37 Grant Project (2.5-Acre Multimodal Laydown Yard and Truck Queuing Area)
- (E) TXDOT Rider 37 Grant Project (5-Acre Truck Queuing Area)
- (F) TXDOT Rider 38 Grant Project (Truck Queuing Area)
- (G) TXDOT Rider 45 Grant – Project 2 (Lakeshore Drive Turnaround)
- (H) FY 2020 MARAD Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant (Transit Shed #1 Project)
- (I) FY 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)
- (J) EDA Disaster Supplemental Grant (Port Rail Yard and Laydown Yard Project)
- (K) Sprinkler System at 748 Houston Avenue
- (L) Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) 2022 Grant Project
- (M) Demolition and Abatement Projects of Port-owned properties
- (N) FY 2024 Community Project Funding Requests
- (O) Parking lot improvements on Port-owned real property

10. Consider payment of invoices

11. Discuss status of electrical service to 501 Houston Avenue and consider acceptance of Change Order No. 1 for professional engineering services (MEP Tech, Inc.)

12. Discuss status of environmental conditions of Port-owned facility and consider acceptance of proposal for professional engineering services to the climate control system (MEP Tech, Inc.)

13. Discuss status of submittal of project grant applications to TXDOT's Seaport Connectivity Project (SCP) 2023 and for TXDOT'S 2024-2025 Port Mission Plan (PMP) projects funded pursuant to Port Capital Investment Report (PCIR)
14. Consider resolution to cast votes for Port nominee to Board of Directors of Jefferson Central Appraisal District (JCAD) as representative of Conservation and Reclamation Districts
15. Discuss status of participation with Texas Ports Association for preparation of an Economic Impact Study (Martin & Associates)
16. Discuss status of Community Outreach and Public Affairs
17. Discuss status of Contractors Assistance Program for Local, Veteran, Minority and Women-owned business enterprises
18. Receive report regarding City of Port Arthur Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1
19. Discuss status of study and cost/benefit analysis services for evaluation of grant opportunities
20. Discuss any items not on agenda without taking action thereon
21. Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel, real property, economic development negotiations, security matters and litigation. Action may be taken on any and all items discussed in Executive Session upon return to Open Meeting regarding:
 - (A) Personnel (GOV'T. CODE SEC. 551.074)
 - (B) Real Property (GOV'T. CODE SEC. 551.072)
 - (1) Discuss potential purchases of real property in Navigation District
 - (2) Discuss potential leases of real property in Navigation District
 - (C) Conduct deliberations regarding economic development negotiations pertaining to (GOV'T. CODE SEC. 551.086):
 - (1) Liquids Terminal Facilities
 - (2) LNG Facilities

(3) Marine Terminal and Inland Storage Area Project

(4) Wood Pellets Storage and Loading Facilities

(D) Security Matters (GOV'T. CODE SEC. 551.076)

(E) Litigation (GOV'T. CODE SEC. 551.071)

(1) Hurricanes Laura and Delta Insurance Claims

(2) Sabine-Neches Navigation District Channel Modification Litigation

(3) IRS examination of Unlimited Tax Port Improvement Bonds, Series 2017A

(4) M/V Nemea grounding incident

22. Return to Open Meeting

23. Consider approval of proposal for engineering services for fire sprinkler system project on Port-owned real property, or in the alternative, authorizing Request for Proposals or Qualifications pertaining to fire sprinkler system (235 Procter Street)

24. Discuss notice of award and consider acceptance of Port Security Grant

25. Discuss status of legislative matters

26. Consider approval of issuance of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for professional engineering services for design and permitting of a liquids loading terminal

27. Consider award of contract for TXDOT Rider 45 Grant – Project 1 (4th Street, Houston Avenue and Lakeshore Drive)

28. Discuss status of USACE-DD7 floodwall replacement project and consider approval of proposed alignment

29. Adjourn

For the Port Commission

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