

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – JANUARY 12, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session in accordance with ACT 302 of the Regular Session R.S. 42:17.1 and in consideration of the safety and well-being of the Board’s members, staff, and communities directly impacted by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (Proclamation 27 JBE 2020), the Board’s regular meeting was convened remotely, via teleconferencing/videoconferencing on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 12:00 noon, Chalmette, Louisiana.

Roll was called.

Members present were: Mr. William T. Bergeron, President; Mr. Larry M. Aisola, Jr., Vice President; Mr. Harold J. Anderson, Treasurer and Rev. Henry Ballard, Jr., Commissioner. Absent was: Ms. Rachel L. Nunez, Secretary. Also present were: Mr. Drew Heaphy, Executive Director; Ms. Denise Kraesig, Executive Assistant; Mr. Ross Gonzales, Director of Administration; Mr. Ted Roche, Director of Operations; Mr. Gary Poirrier, Associated Terminals; Mr. Mark Melancon, Intelligent Transportation Systems; Mr.’s Manual “Monty” Montelongo, III and Monty Montelongo, St. Bernard Ecotourism, LLC; Mr. Joseph DiFatta, St. Bernard Parish Sheriff’s Office; Mr. Justin Walton, St. Bernard Voice and Rep. Ray Garofalo, State of Louisiana.

President Bergeron announced that the floor was open for nominations for the office of President.

Mr. Anderson nominated Mr. Aisola for the office of President. Rev. Ballard seconded the nomination. President Bergeron closed nominations and after asking for public comment, called for the vote.

The Board voted three (3) yeas and one (1) abstaining to elect Mr. Aisola President by acclamation.

President Bergeron announced that the floor was open for nominations for the office of Vice President.

Mr. Aisola nominated Ms. Nunez for the position of Vice President. Mr. Anderson seconded the nomination. President Bergeron closed nominations and after asking for public comment, called for the vote.

The Board voted three (3) yeas and one (1) abstaining to elect Ms. Nunez Vice President by acclamation.

President Bergeron announced that the floor was open for nominations for the office of Secretary.

Mr. Bergeron nominated Mr. Anderson for the position of Secretary. Mr. Aisola seconded the nomination. President Bergeron closed nominations and after asking for public comment, called for the vote.

The Board voted three (3) yeas and (1) abstaining to elect Mr. Anderson Secretary by acclamation.

President Bergeron announced that the floor was open for nominations for the office of Treasurer.

Mr. Aisola nominated Rev. Ballard for the position of Treasurer. Mr. Bergeron seconded the nomination. President Bergeron closed nominations and after asking for public comment, called for the vote.

The Board voted three (3) yeas and one (1) abstaining to elect Rev. Ballard Treasurer by acclamation.

Next, Mr. Heaphy presented Mr. Bergeron with the President's Plaque for 2020.

President Aisola asked if there were any public comments in accordance with R.S. 42:14(D). Not hearing from anyone, he continued with the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Rev. Ballard, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the special meeting held on December 16, 2020.

On motion of Mr. Bergeron, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a new month-to-month lease with Coit of New Orleans for four (4) parking spots located in Parking Area 1, Chalmette Terminal.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, the Board unanimously approved to discuss a lease amendment for St. Bernard Eco-Tourism to reduce their monthly rent amount for January, February and March of 2021 to \$1,000.00 with an option to extend the amended rent amount for an additional three months, if necessary, due to continued reduction in business relating to the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr.'s Anderson, Heaphy and Montelongo all spoke regarding the necessity for this amendment.

Mr. Anderson put forth an amended motion, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, to amend the St. Bernard Eco-Tourism lease abating monthly lease payments from January 2021 to December 2021, due to continued reduction in business relating to the Covid-19 pandemic. The motion failed: Aisola, Nay; Anderson, Yea; Ballard, Nay; Bergeron, Yea.

President Aisola recognized Mr. Gonzales who gave the Finance Report. Mr. Gonzales reported on the operating and capital budgets, professional services, Balance Sheet and Lessees Arrears. The Board discussed the Finance Report. President Aisola thanked Mr. Gonzales for his report.

President Aisola then recognized Mr. Heaphy who gave the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Heaphy discussed the new St. Bernard Port website and Personal Disclosure forms required by the Louisiana Board of Ethics that are due by May 15, 2021. Mr. Heaphy then recognized Mr. Roche who updated the Board on current and proposed construction projects. President Aisola thanked Mr. Heaphy for his report.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution certifying compliance with public bid laws relating to State Project Number H.013882, Chalmette Terminal Transit Shed:

STATE PROJECT NO. H.013882
PARISH OF St. Bernard

RESOLUTION

St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District

Whereas, the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District has solicited bids for State Project No. H.013882 in accordance with the current bid laws of the state of Louisiana, including, but not limited to R.S. 38:2211 et. seq; and

Whereas, the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District has submitted to DOTD Certification of proof of publication, one(1) copy of the bid proposals and bid bonds as submitted by each of the three(3) lowest bidders, a legible copy of the bid tabulation of all bids received, and certified to be correct by the Engineer and an authorized official of the Sponsor, a copy of the engineer's recommendation, contract documents, Notice of Award of Contract, and a copy of the recordation data in the Clerk of Court's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District in Regular session, assembled on this 12th day of January, 2021, does hereby certify that the bidding procedures comply with Louisiana Revised Statutes 38:2211, et. seq.

Mr. Harold Anderson, Secretary

Mr. Larry Aisola, Jr., President

President Aisola asked if there were any Old Business.

On motion to reconsider from Rev. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Aisola, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a lease amendment for St. Bernard Eco-Tourism to abate the monthly rent amount for six months with an option to extend the abatement for an additional six months, if necessary, due to continued reduction in business relating to the Covid-19 pandemic.

President Aisola asked if there were any New Business. Not hearing from anyone, he continued with the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Bergeron, seconded by Rev. Ballard, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Harold J. Anderson, Secretary