

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – DECEMBER 14, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the boardroom of its office located at 100 Port Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Chalmette, Louisiana.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll was called.

Member's present were: Mr. Walter J. Cure IV, President; Mr. Larry M. Aisola, Jr., Vice-President; Mr. Ronald J. Alonzo, Jr., Secretary; Mr. Thomas B. Ajubita, Treasurer and Mr. David L. Kenney, Jr., Commissioner. 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.'s Charles Henry and Michael Berson, Adams & Reese, LLP; Mr. Zeljko Franks, Associated Terminals and Mr.'s Gus Reese and Sean Warner, Gulf Coast Bank.

President Cure 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. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 14, 2023.

President Cure then announced that Request for Proposals were received at the Port office for a Fiscal Agent. Proposals were as follows:

Fiscal Agents

Capital One Bank (No Response)	First Horizon
Chase Bank	Regions Bank (No Response)
Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company	Whitney Bank

On motion of Mr. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Aisola, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved to award the RFP to Gulf Coast Bank.

President Cure 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 Cure then recognized Mr. Heaphy who gave the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Heaphy informed the Board that he and Mr. Cure attended the St. Bernard Middle School Maritime Exposure Field Trip, and it was a great success. He also mentioned to all who were in attendance that the Christmas Open House would be following the meeting, and everyone was welcome to attend. Mr. Heaphy then recognized Mr. Roche who gave an update on current and future construction projects. The Board discussed the Executive Director's report.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the Health Insurance Premiums (office of Group Benefits), consistent with Board policy.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a professional services contract with Adams and Reese, LLP for consulting services relating to federal governmental relations. Mr. Michael Berson gave the board a legislative update.

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

President Cure asked if there were any New Business. Mr. Heaphy informed the Board that he enclosed a draft copy of the LaBIC Comprehensive Development Plan for their review.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Ronald J. Alonzo, Jr., Secretary