

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – JANUARY 15, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 12:00 p.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. Larry M. Aisola, Jr., President; Mr. Ronald J. Alonzo, Jr., Vice-President, Mr. Thomas B. Ajubita, Secretary; Mr. David L. Kenney, Jr., Treasurer (12:07); and Mr. Walter J. Cure, IV., Commissioner. Also present were: Mr. Drew Heaphy, Executive Director; Ms. Emily Alphonso, Executive Assistant; Mr. Ross Gonzales, Director of Administration; Mr. Ted Roche, Director of Operations; and Mr. Tom Schreiner, Principal Engineering INC.

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

Mr. Cure nominated Mr. Aisola for the office of President. Mr. Ajubita seconded the nomination. President Cure 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 Cure announced that the floor was open for nominations for the office of Vice President.

Mr. Cure nominated Mr. Alonzo for the position of Vice President. Mr. Aisola seconded the nomination. President Cure 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. Alonzo Vice President by acclamation.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Alonzo nominated Mr. Kenney for the position of Treasurer. Mr. Ajubita seconded the nomination. President Cure closed nominations and after asking for public comment, called for the vote.

The Board voted four (4) yeas to elect Mr. Kenney Treasurer by acclamation.

Next, Mr. Heaphy presented Mr. Cure with the President's Plaque for 2024.

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. Cure, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 18, 2024.

President Aisola informed the board that Bids were received by Principal Engineering, Inc. on December 20, 2024 for the Main Lift Station Rehabilitation project. Bids were as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Alt. 1</u>	<u>+Alt. 1&amp;2</u>
Boasso Const.	\$212,971.00	\$197,471.00	\$203,471.00
Gottfried Const.	\$246,180.00	\$230,350.00	\$236,014.00
Command Const.	\$298,525.00	\$283,525.00	\$288,525.00
BLD Services	\$320,166.00	\$300,166.00	\$310,166.00
LA Contracting Enterprise	\$332,100.00	\$314,700.00	\$330,700.00
Industrial & Mechanical Contr.	\$485,400.00	\$469,600.00	\$485,900.00

On motion of Mr. Cure, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved to award the bid to Boasso Const. in the amount of \$203,471.00.

On motion of Mr. Cure, seconded by Mr. Kenney, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a Tariff change to St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District Vessel Mooring Tariff No. 1: Page 25, Item 414.

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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 reviewed the delinquent arrears for several tenants and discussed potential solutions to mitigate the problems. The Board discussed the Finance Report.

President Aisola then recognized Mr. Heaphy who gave the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Heaphy discussed the Christmas Open House. He also reminded the Board to submit their Personal Disclosure forms by May 15, 2025. 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. Cure and seconded by Mr. Ajubita, the Board discussed approval of Fourth Amendment to the Executive Director's contract.

On amended motion of Mr. Cure, seconded by Mr. Ajubita, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved of Fourth Amendment to the Executive Director's contract upon review and approval of Legal Counsel Sher Garner.

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On motion of Mr. Cure, seconded by Mr. Kenney, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Thomas B. Ajubita, Secretary