

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING – November 10, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 12:00 noon in the boardroom of its office located at 100 Port Boulevard, Chalmette, Louisiana.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll was called.

Members present were: Mr. William T. Bergeron, President; Mr. Larry M. Aisola, Jr., Vice President; Ms. Rachel L. Nunez, Secretary and Rev. Henry Ballard, Jr., Commissioner. Absent was Mr. Harold J. Anderson, Treasurer. 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. Ricky Melerine, Project Manager Assistant; Ms. Emily Miceli and Mr. Suresh Shah, All South Consulting; Mr.'s Todd Fuller and Zeljko Franks, Associated Terminals; Mike Caparotta, Hienz & Macaluso; Mark Melancon, ITS; Ken Jefferson, K&K Jefferson; Mr. Joey DiFatta, St. Bernard Sheriff's Department and Violet Community: Alanie Aisola, Trenell Aisola, Lucille Alveris, Lily Mae Brown, Sharen Brown, David Clayton, Darin Dison, Carolyn Fernandez, Kim Harris, Larry Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Rose Mary Jones, Darius Syke and Shelienna Turner.

President Bergeron asked if there were any public comments in accordance with R.S. 42:14(D). The Board recognized Mr. Thomas Johnson who voiced his concerns and the concerns of the black community with the possible acquisition of the Violet Terminal by the Port of New Orleans. President Bergeron thanked Mr. Johnson for his presentation.

On motion of Ms. Nunez, seconded by Rev. Ballard, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 13, 2020.

President Bergeron recognized Mr. Caparotta who presented the Board with the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Audit. The Board and Mr. Caparotta discussed the Audit. Mr. Caparotta stated the Port received an unmodified opinion and there were no matters to report. Mr. Caparotta and Mr. Heaphy thanked the Port staff for their help and assistance during the audit process.

On motion of Ms. Nunez, seconded by Rev. Ballard, and after asking for any public comments, the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Audit.

On motion of Ms. Nunez, seconded by Rev. Ballard, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 for AMKO Fence relating to the Installation of Security Fence, Violet Terminal project. An addition of 94 contract days.

On motion of Ms. Nunez, seconded by Rev. Ballard, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved Substantial Completion for AMKO Fence relating to the Installation of Security Fence, Violet Terminal project.

President Bergeron recognized Mr. Gonzales who gave the Finance Report. Mr. Gonzales discussed the Operating and Capital Budgets, Professional Services Summary, and Lessees' Arrears. The Board discussed the Finance Report. President Bergeron thanked Mr. Gonzales for the report.

President Bergeron recognized Mr. Heaphy who gave the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Heaphy discussed damages the Port incurred during Hurricane Zeta and then recognized Mr. Ted Roche who updated the Board on current and future construction projects. The Board discussed the Executive Director's Report. President Bergeron thanked Mr. Heaphy and Mr. Roche for his report.

On motion of Ms. Nunez, seconded by Rev. Ballard, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved to reappoint the Director of Administration, Ross Gonzales, as representative to the St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation Board, term ending January 2024.

On motion of Ms. Nunez, seconded by Rev. Ballard, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved to enter into Executive Session at 12:39 p.m. to discuss litigation relating to the expropriation of the Violet Dock Port, 34th Judicial District Court, Case #116-860 and United States District Court Case #2:19-cv-11586-ILRL-DMD.

On motion of Rev. Ballard, seconded by Ms. Nunez, the Board reconvened Regular Session at 2:20 p.m.

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On motion of Ms. Nunez, seconded by Rev. Ballard, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Rachel L. Nunez, Secretary