

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

The Board of Commissioners of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. in the boardroom of its office located at 100 Port Boulevard, 3rd 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 (arrived 12:07) Mr. Ronald J. Alonzo, Jr., Secretary; and Mr. David L. Kenney, Jr., Commissioner. Absent was Mr. Thomas B. Ajubita, 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. Dan Robin, DAR, Incorporated; Mr. Bradley Verrette, Entergy; Mr. Mike Caparotta, Ericksen Krentel; and Ms. Meaghan McCormack, St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation.

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. Alonzo, seconded by Mr. Kenney, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 10, 2023.

President Cure recognized Mr. Caparotta from Ericksen Krentel who gave a presentation on the 2022-2023 Fiscal Audit. Mr. Caparotta stated that the audit resulted in an unmodified opinion and all financial statements were in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting practices. Mr. Caparotta thanked the administration, staff, and Board for their assistance in the audit. The Board discussed the audit.

Mr. Heaphy and the Board thanked the staff for all their help and hard work in receiving a clean audit.

On motion of Mr. Alonzo, seconded by Mr. Aisola, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal year Audit 2022-2023.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a First Lease Amendment for Entergy Louisiana, LLC deleting the current Rent Amount and Property Description and replacing them with a new Rent Amount and Property Description.

On amended motion of Mr. Alonzo, seconded by Mr. Kenney, the board discussed the bids received in the Port office on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 2 p.m. for the Smokestack Modification project. Bids were as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Gerard Chimney	\$866,460.00
Power Process & Industrial	No Response
Patriot Construction & Industrial	No Response
JRE	No Response

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved to award the contract to Gerard Chimney in the amount of \$866,460.00.

President Cure recognized Mr. Gonzales who gave the Finance Report. Mr. Gonzales reported on the Operating and Capital Budgets, Professional Services, Balance Sheet, Lessees Arrears, and financials for the audit report. 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 the Fiscal Agent bid results will come before the Board at the December 2023 meeting for a vote. Mr. Heaphy also stated that port employees participated in the River Works Discovery event at Chalmette High School and employees attended the C. Alvin Bertel Award Luncheon and St. Bernard Parish School Board Day of Reflection Breakfast. Mr. Heaphy then reminded the Board that the Christmas Open House will be Thursday, December 14, 2023, at noon and the December board meeting will be held at 11 a.m. on December 14, 2023. He then discussed the Monthly Project Report which shows the status of construction projects and stated there would be two more change orders early next year for the Tiger Grant project/Wharves A & F. Mr. Heaphy also informed the Board that the Port's application for a PIDP Grant was not chosen this year for a new Arabi Warehouse, but that Port Priority funds would be available for a scaled down version of the project. 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. Alonzo, seconded by Mr. Aisola, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a contract with DAR Incorporated for legislative, governmental consulting and public relations. Mr. Robin was recognized and discussed his capabilities in his field of governmental consulting.

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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 of the dismissal of the Stop the Destruction of St. Bernard, Inc., et al vs. Board of Commissioners for the Port of New Orleans and St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District appellate suit, Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, State of Louisiana.

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

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