

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – December 18, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 11:00 a.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; Mr. Ronald J. Alonzo, Jr., Secretary; and Mr. David L. Kenney Jr., Commissioner. Also present were: Mr. Drew Heaphy, Executive Director; Ms. Denise Kraesig, Executive Assistant; Ms. Emily Alphonso, Executive Assistant; Mr. Ross Gonzales, Director of Administration; Mr. Ted Roche, Director of Operations; Mr. Jonathan Fox, ITS, LLC; and Ms. Ashley Coker, Sher Garner.

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 12, 2024.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the First Amendment to Lease Agreement for All Service Machine Shop adding one additional five-year term to the Lease and adjusting rent accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a new lease with Callais Ice Service, INC., for 98,400 sq. ft. of laydown area, 24,700 sq. ft. of manufacturing space, 1,170 sq. ft. of office space, and 9,324 sq. ft. of manufacturing space located at 440 Amberjack Drive, located in the Chalmette Terminal.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved Substantial Completion for NOLA Build Contracting Services relating to the New Generator Installation at the Arabi Office Building project.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Kenney, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved of Tariff Changes to Arabi Terminal No. 1: Page 25, Item 414, Page 28, Item 420, and Page 31, Item 428.

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 discussed the 2024 Bertel Award Luncheon and the Maritime Person of the Year Gala. He then reminded the Board about the Port Christmas Open House happening directly after the Board meeting. Mr. Heaphy announced to the Board members that the FAA and LED lights on the former "Kaiser" Smokestack are completed and will illuminate the east and west sides of the smokestack. Mr. Heaphy then recognized Mr. Roche who gave an update on current and future construction projects.

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, the Board convened Executive Session at 11:23 a.m. to discuss the following litigation: St. Bernard Parish Government vs Board of Commissioners for the Port of New Orleans, 34th Judicial District Court, Case #23-1006.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, the Board reconvened Regular Session at 11:41 a.m.

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 addressed Mrs. Denise Kraesig's retirement. Mr. Heaphy thanked Mrs. Kraesig for her 23 years of service at the St. Bernard Port, Harbor & Terminal District. He expressed how she will be sorely missed by everyone at the St. Bernard Port. The Board members thanked Mrs. Kraesig for all her hard work and help over the years.

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

/s/ Thomas B. Ajubita, Secretary