

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session on Tuesday, September 12, 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; 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. Zeljko Franks, Associated Terminals; Mr. Johnathan Fox, ITS; Mr. Dean Nicoladis, NY Associates; Ms. Ashley Coker, Sher Garner; Mr. Joseph Difatta, St. Bernard Sheriff's Office and Ms. Jan Evans, Volkert, Inc.

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

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

The Board voted four (4) yeas and one (1) abstaining to elect Mr. Ajubita Treasurer by acclamation.

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 August 15, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved an amendment for Moran Solutions increasing their square footage from 2,000 sq. ft. to 2,650 sq. ft., rent adjusted accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Alonzo, seconded by Mr. Aisola, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a Hunting Property Lease with Brad Robin for Portions of Section 4,5,6 of T14S-R15E and Portions of Sections 31 & 32 T13S-R15E, Southeastern Land District situated in St. Bernard Parish. Mr. Kenney asked for a map of the leased area. Mr. Heaphy stated he will provide a copy of the bid to Mr. Kenney which includes the maps of the area.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved Change Order No. 5 for Voelkel McWilliams Construction, LLC relating to the Port Improvements Chalmette Terminal Transit Shed project (H013882). An overrun of \$48,659.

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 rebidding of the Smokestack Repairs project, Ray Lauga contract for concepts and designs for Chalmette Terminal North and Curtis Environment Utilities, Inc. contract for DEQ LPDES Permit Compliance. Mr. Heaphy also discussed the C. Alvin Bertel Award recipient, Jack C. Jensen, Jr., and upcoming workshop and tour: River Works Discovery (Chalmette High School), UNO Graduate Students tour hosted by St. Bernard Port. Mr. Heaphy then recognized Mr. Roche who gave an update on current and future construction projects. The Board discussed the Executive Director's report. Mr. Alonzo asked that the Board be given a monthly spreadsheet listing the Port's projects including their timeline, progress, cost, etc. Mr. Roche stated he will create a spreadsheet for the Board for the next board meeting.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved of Time and Material Service Agreement Extension with Intelligent Transportation Systems, LLC (SGP:EMW-2020-PU-00080; SC:4400023641 and 4400023642).

On motion of Mr. Alonzo, seconded by Mr. Aisola, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a professional services contract with Volkert, Inc. for engineering services relating to the Arabi Terminal-Chalmette Slip Dock 2, Section D Warehouse Floor Rehabilitation project, not to exceed \$578,000.00. Ms. Evans was recognized and informed the Board that the engineering fees are determined as per Facility, Planning and Control's curve which the state uses to estimate engineering fees.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a professional services agreement with Technology Edge for network maintenance services.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Alonzo, the Board unanimously approved to enter Executive Session at 12:48 p.m. to discuss the following litigation: Stop the Destruction of St. Bernard, Inc., et al. v. Board of Commissioners for the Port of New Orleans and St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District, 34th Judicial District Court, Case #21-1612 and St. Bernard Parish Government v. 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 unanimously approved to reconvene the regular session at 1:22 p.m.

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

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