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

The Board of Commissioners of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session on Friday, October 18, 2024, 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; and Mr. Thomas B. Ajubita, Treasurer. 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; Ms. Lauren Maupin, Public Relations; Mr. Mike Caparotta, Ericksen Krentel; Mr. David Hamilton, Hamilton Enterprise; Ms. Lisa Hamilton, Hamilton Enterprise; and Mr. Dean Nicoladis, N-Y Associates.

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. Ajubita, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 10, 2024.

President Cure recognized Mr. Caparotta from Ericksen Krentel who gave a presentation on the 2023-2024 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 administration and staff for all their help and hard work in receiving a clean audit.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Ajubita, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal year Audit 2023-2024.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Ajubita, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a new lease with Stanley Farragut for property located at 5828 East St. Bernard Highway, Violet, Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Ajubita, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a new lease with Mike's Auto Paint LLC for 106,704 sq. ft. of laydown area, located at 421 Cobia Drive, Chalmette Terminal.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Ajubita, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the Fourth Amendment to Lease for Chalmette Refining LLC adding an additional 156,600 sq.ft. of laydown area located at 200 Marlin Drive, Chalmette Terminal, from October 11, 2024, to November 15, 2024, rent adjusted accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Ajubita, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 for Ultimate Truck Service for the 440 Bonita Slab Repair Project, an overrun of $35,000.00 and adding 92 additional days to the contract.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Ajubita, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved for the Executive Director to Advertise for Bids for the Main Lift Station Rehabilitation project.

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. Mr. Gonzales updated the Board on Hamilton Enterprise's lease balance. Mr. Heaphy recognized that the Hamilton's were in attendance and invited them up to speak to the Board. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton spoke to the Board regarding their lease.

On motion of Mr. Cure, seconded by Mr. Aisola, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved to add an item to the agenda waiving half of the current late fees and penalties for Hamilton Enterprise.

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President Cure then recognized Mr. Heaphy who gave the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Heaphy spoke about the different events that the Port attended the past month. Mr. Heaphy stated that the Corn Belt CEA Signing Ceremony will boast barge traffic to the Mississippi River. He also spoke about the UNO Tour and We Work the Waterways – Chalmette High School tour. Which Mr. Heaphy stated that these tours allow students the opportunity to see what the maritime industry has to offer. Mr. Heaphy then recognized Mr. Roche who gave an update on current and future construction projects. The Board discussed the Executive Director's report.

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

/s/ Ronald J. Alonzo, Secretary