

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

A MEETING OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4TH FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ROBERT R. BARKERDING, JR., AT 1:37 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Committee Chairman
Michael W. Kearney, Member
Arnold B. Baker, Member
Tara C. Hernandez, Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Scott H. Cooper, Member
William T. Bergeron, Member
Laney J. Chouest, Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
M. Gresham, Director, External Affairs
G. Hager, Director, Human Resources
J. Mansour, Director, Marketing
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development
J. Penton, Chief Information Officer
L. Sawatsky, Director, Finance & Accounting
F. Tharp, Director, Engineering
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
H. Fontenot, Paralegal
D. Cordell, Information Technology
E. Johnsen, Information Technology

GUESTS:

L. Traweck, *City Business*
R. Chauvin, Infinity Engineering Consultants

A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Committee Chairman Barkerding determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:37 P.M.

B. Public Comment

Committee Chairman Barkerding deferred any public comment until after the presentations.

C. Briefing and Discussion Items

1. Review of December, 2016, Financial Statement

Mr. Landry gave a brief report on cargo for the first half of the fiscal year, stating that he anticipated container volumes to be down, but expects them to rise in the spring with a strong finish. He stated that on breakbulk, the numbers are trending up again and expects it to be consistent. He stated that on the container side, Chiquita took a lot of business, but the Port has managed to make up a large share of it. Mr. Landry mentioned that breakbulk is always contingent on steel because it drives everything at the Port, and, when it slows down, the impact is felt.

Commissioner Kearney commented that copper looked strong for the next quarter. Mr. Landry stated that he expects to see more copper in warehouses because of the drop in price.

There was an in-depth discussion between staff and commissioners regarding tariff strategies, reductions, and restrictions.

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on the December, 2016, financial statement. He distributed a report detailing the financial information, a copy of which is made part of these minutes. Mr. Wendel stated that the Board had another good month. On the revenue side, he stated that terminal operations were above budget by \$81,000 for the month and below budget by \$389,000 for the year. Overall, revenues are above budget for the year because of strong cruise revenues that were above budget by \$276,000 for the month and \$837,000 for the year. Overall, revenues are above budget by \$436,000 for the year.

On the expense side, Mr. Wendel reviewed variances that remain significantly under budget such as contract labor, training, travel, maintenance agreements, and professional fees. He mentioned that there was nothing of significance over budget and that we are continuing to keep costs under control.

Mr. Wendel stated that we continue to be below budget in overall expenditures for the month and year to date. He stated that we are \$516,000 above budget for the month in operating income before depreciation and \$2.2 million year to date.

2. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with Electric Sales, Inc., to Install a Digital Telephone System.

Mr. Penton briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 with Electric Sales, Inc., to install a digital telephone system. The price includes one year of maintenance and a trainer to be on site one full day for end user training and additional training for administration of the system.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

3. Briefing on and Discussion of the Status of the Computer Hardware and Software Conversion at the Board.

Mr. Wendel led the discussion on the status of the computer hardware and software conversion. Mr. Penton discussed the infrastructure upgrades, including network services, storage, computers, software, and berthing update. Ms. Carter discussed Financial Force, including supply chain management. Mr. Sawatsky discussed Financial Force accounting, including general ledger subsystems, reporting financial statements, and operation reports. Mr. Wendel concluded the discussion by reviewing the next steps that involve human capital management, project management, cargo, and bells and whistles.

D. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Barkerding adjourned the meeting at 2:22 P.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4TH FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ARNOLD B. BAKER AT 2:23 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Arnold B. Baker, Committee Chairman
Michael W. Kearney, Member
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Member
Tara C. Hernandez, Member

COMMITTEE MEMBER

ABSENT:

Scott H. Cooper, Member
William T. Bergeron, Member
Laney J. Chouest, Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
M. Gresham, Director, External Affairs
J. Mansour, Director, Marketing
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development
F. Tharp, Director, Engineering
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Committee Chairman Baker determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:23 P.M.

B. Public Comment

Committee Chairman Baker deferred any public comment until after the presentations.

C. Briefing and Discussion Items

1. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with Waldemar S. Nelson and Company, Inc., for an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,324,377 for Design and Professional Engineering Services for the Milan Upper Yard Concrete Paving Improvements.

Mr. Tharp briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,324,377 with Waldemar S. Nelson and Company, Inc., for design and professional engineering services for the Milan Upper Yard concrete paving improvements. Mr. Tharp commented that 15% of project will be done by DBE/SBE firms. This led to an in-depth conversation between staff and commissioners regarding such participation.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

2. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with River Consulting, LLC, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$429,805 for Design and Professional Engineering Services for the Nashville and Napoleon Avenue Wharves Crane Rail Joint Repair Project Phase 1.

Mr. Tharp briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract not to exceed \$429,805 with River Consulting, LLC, for design and professional engineering services for the Nashville and Napoleon Avenue Wharves Crane Rail Joint Repair Project Phase 1.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

3. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to D & D Construction, LLC, in the Amount of \$419,000 for the Henry Clay Avenue Wharf Intake Extension and Nashville Avenue Wharf “C” Engine – Fire Suppressions Systems.

Mr. Tharp briefed the committee on a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$419,000 to D & D Construction, LLC, the lower of two responsive bidders, for all labor, material, and equipment to fabricate and install a new fire water pump intake extension at the Henry Clay Avenue Wharf and install a new fire pump engine driver at Nashville Avenue Wharf “C”. The contract is funded by the Fiscal Year 2017 capital improvement program.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

4. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Certifying to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Requirements to Advertise for the Louisiana Avenue Yard Concrete Paving – Mississippi River Intermodal Terminal Improvements Intermodal Rail Yard Phase 2 Rail Extension, a Port Priority Approved Project.

Mr. Tharp briefed the committee on a resolution certifying to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requirements to advertise for the Louisiana Avenue Yard concrete paving, Mississippi River Intermodal Terminal Improvements Intermodal Rail Yard Phase 2 Rail Extension, a Port Priority approved project. Mr. Tharp commented that certification makes Port Priority funding available for the project to extend the track serving the intermodal yard, reducing the Board’s fiscal year capital improvement program expenditures by \$1.5 million.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

5. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Ratifying the President and Chief Executive Officer’s Declaration of Extreme Public Emergency at the Seabrook Bridge and Award of a Contract for Emergency Repair.

Mr. Tharp briefed the committee on a resolution ratifying the President and Chief Executive Officer’s declaration of extreme public emergency at the Seabrook Bridge and award of a contract for emergency repair in the amount of \$53,836.80 to Boland Marine & Industrial, LLC, for procurement of the metal to fabricate replacement parts to repair the bridge.

Ms. Christian commented that at next month's meeting there will be a full update on all bridges in terms of maintenance, outlook, and potential funding strategies.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

6. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with Tetra Tech, Inc., for an Amount Not to Exceed \$425,000 for Development of Phase 2 of the Board's Master Plan.

Ms. Pellegrin briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a professional services contract not to exceed \$425,000 with Tetra Tech, Inc., for development of Phase 2 of the Board's Master Plan. She stated that Phase 1 of the Master Plan was completed by Moffatt & Nichol and that staff forecasted cargo data, performed facility evaluations, and gathered stakeholder input. Ms. Pellegrin stated that staff is ready to use the data towards Phase 2. The contract is funded by the Board's Fiscal Year 2017 expense budget.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

D. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Baker adjourned the meeting at 2:47 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE PROPERTY AND INSURANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

A MEETING OF THE PROPERTY AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4TH FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN TARA C. HERNADEZ AT 2:48 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Tara C. Hernandez, Ad Hoc Committee Chairwoman
Michael W. Kearney, Member
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Member
Arnold B. Baker, Member

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
ABSENT:**

Laney J. Chouest, Committee Chairman
Scott H. Cooper, Member
William T. Bergeron, Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facility
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
J. Mansour, Director, Marketing
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

GUESTS:

L. Traweek, *City Business*
J. Laborde, Marsh & McLennan
R. Hill, Marsh & McLennan

A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

In the absence of Committee Chairman Chouest, Board Chairman Kearney appointed Commissioner Hernandez to serve as Ad Hoc Committee Chairwoman for purposes of holding this meeting only. Ad Hoc Committee Chairwoman

Hernandez determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:48 P.M.

B. Public Comment

Ad Hoc Committee Chairwoman Hernandez deferred any public comment until after the presentations.

C. Briefing and Discussion Items

1. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Amending Item 417 of the Board's FMC Tariff, T-No. 2, to Create Greater Customer Convenience in the Administration of Incentive Dockage Rates.

Ms. Mansour briefed the committee on a resolution amending Item 417 of the Board's FMC Tariff, T-No.2, to create greater customer convenience in the administration of incentive dockage rates. She stated that the current shipping lines that qualify for dockage incentives are restricted by the tariff to apply their credit to the dockage line item only of their invoices from the Board. Ms. Mansour stated that this creates unnecessary accounting and administrative work for both the Board and its customers. She stated that process could be avoided if the Board allowed shipping lines to apply the credit to their entire invoices, which include harbor fees and port security fees.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this matter favorably to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

2. Briefing on and Discussion of the Outlook for the Renewal of the Board's Property and Liability Insurance for Policy Year 2017.

Mr. Gussoni briefed the committee stating that the Port's property and liability insurance expires on April 1, 2017, and that staff goes through a process each year for renewing the policy. He asked Mr. Laborde, Managing Director with the Board's broker Marsh & McLennan Companies in New Orleans, to present a review of what the current insurance program is, what process Marsh and staff followed regarding the renewals and provide an outlook for the renewal.

Mr. Laborde briefly reviewed the current property coverages regarding form and deductibles and showing a mix of domestic and foreign underwriters insuring the Board's property. Then he showed the past three years' premium history. Each year Marsh has managed to accomplish the renewal on liability and property coverages at substantial savings each year on the total premium. He explained that the Board's liability policies are now placed with Lloyd's too as of last year. He said Marsh and staff work with the Lloyd's underwriters

to nurture the relationship with visits by staff to London and by underwriters to New Orleans to see the Board's properties first-hand. This process has worked well the last several years to reduce premiums significantly on renewal. Mr. Laborde said the Board experienced no claims on property or liability policies for last year so Marsh anticipated this renewal would be at a good rate similar to the last three years. He spoke on marine general and excess liability and rounded up his review with renewal goals for 2017 – 2018.

Mr. Laborde stated that Marsh will continue seeking competitive pricing while building on existing market relationships. He briefly spoke on catastrophe wind/flood insurance and also said Marsh would be presenting quotes for comprehensive terrorism and cyber risk coverage and additional layers of property insurance this year.

There was an in-depth conversation between staff and commissioners regarding tenant insurance coverage, costs, and amounts.

D. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Ad Hoc Committee Chairwoman Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 3:15 P.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES
OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4TH FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MICHAEL W. KEARNEY AT 9:37 A.M. ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Michael W. Kearney, Committee Chairman
William T. Bergeron, Member
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Member
Arnold B. Baker, Member
Tara C. Hernandez, Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Scott H. Cooper, Member
Laney J. Chouest, Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
H. Fontenot, Paralegal
D. Johnson, Intern

GUEST:

W. Evans, River Consultants

1. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order.

Committee Chairman Kearney determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:37 A.M.

2. Public Comment.

Committee Chairman Kearney called for public comment, but there was none.

3. Chairman's Comments.

Committee Chairman Kearney welcomed Ms. Christian to her first executive committee meeting as the new President and Chief Executive Officer.

4. Briefing and Discussion Items.

A. Report on FEMA Recovery Status.

Mr. Richard gave a status report on FEMA recovery funds and capital projects. He began his report by discussing the recovery efforts from Hurricanes Katrina, Gustav, and Isaac. Mr. Richard discussed the total amounts collected, funds requested, but not paid, and future work to be done. He mentioned that currently the closeout on Hurricane Katrina is at 90%, Hurricane Gustav at 42%, and Hurricane Isaac at 45%. Mr. Richard spoke about the Port's insurance allocation, major future issues which include Poland Avenue, the Nashville Avenue Shed roof, the Julia St. Cruise Terminal, HPD security, gantry cranes, and current FEMA issues. He briefly discussed the FEMA 322 PA guide, the direct administrative costs (DAC) issue, and the 5903 Reduction, a code that refers to a FEMA policy with specific language on damaged facilities. Mr. Richard stated that currently the basis of his negotiation is to recover as much from FEMA as possible in order to enable the Port to begin projects it wants to do.

Commissioner Hernandez suggested a request be made that a FEMA representative be in attendance whenever Board members meet with congressional contacts and to present a letter of support and acknowledgment of the \$5 million request from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (GOHSEP).

B. I-10 Master Plan Port Access Improvements Update.

Ms. Fant presented an update on the I-10 Master Plan Port Access Improvements. She stated that in November, 2016, the Board approved matching funds for the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) to study truck access and improvements to and from the expressway at Tchoupitoulas Street. Ms. Fant informed the committee that on January 10, 2017, the RPC approved amending the New Orleans Transportation Improvement Program to allow the study to occur. She mentioned

that it allows the RPC and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to enter into a contract so that the study can move forward. Ms. Fant stated that the Board's share will be \$73,500 and the Federal Highway Administration's share will be \$294,000 for the study. She mentioned that the study will identify short- and long-term solutions to Port access problems.

C. EPA Brownfields Planning Grant Award and EPA Clean TRIP Update.

Ms. Pellegrin introduced and welcomed Ms. Deanna Johnson interning in the Board's Department of Sustainable Development for the spring semester. She is a graduate student at LSU Health Sciences Center, where she is working on a Master's of Public Health with a concentration in Environmental and Occupational Health. She came to New Orleans by way of Baton Rouge a few years ago to study chemistry at Xavier University.

Ms. Pellegrin presented an update on the Clean Truck Replacement Incentive Program. She stated that the program is going well and continuing to seek funds from the State for the program.

Ms. Pellegrin stated that the Port applied for the Brownfields Planning Grant of \$200,000 for the Industrial Canal Corridor Project. She stated that Louisiana has been chosen to pilot test the EPA's Port Community environmental justice engagement tools. Ms. Pellegrin stated that the project will catalog and map environmental history and conditions, engage stakeholders in redevelopment planning, and leverage funds for assessment and clean up. She mentioned that funding is \$140,000 for a consultant and \$60,000 for Port personnel.

There was an in-depth conversation between staff and commissioners regarding EPA testing, identifying various findings on properties, and the results of any findings.

V. President and Chief Executive Officer's Comments.

Ms. Christian stated that she would save her comments for the Board meeting and mentioned that there would be public questions being accepted during the meeting.

VI. Upcoming Events.

1. Friday, January 29, 2017 – 8:15 A.M. – Slovak Ambassador to the United States boat tour and 9:30 A.M. – Port Presentation Room
2. Tuesday, January 31, 2017 – 11:30 A.M. – Jefferson Chamber annual luncheon – Crowne Plaza New Orleans Airport Hotel
3. Tuesday, January 31, 2017 – 5:00 P.M. – CMACGM Reception – Port lobby

4. Tuesday, February 7-12, 2017 – Louisiana Mardi Gras Ball, Washington, DC.
5. Monday, February 13, 2017 – 11:30 A.M. – GNO, Inc., annual luncheon – Hyatt Regency Hotel, Celestin Ballroom
6. March Board meeting date change to Wednesday, March 22, 2017

VI. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Kearney adjourned the meeting at 10:31 A.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR MEETING
OF
JANUARY 26, 2017**

MEETING NO. 7, FISCAL YEAR 2017, A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE MAIN AUDITORIUM AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN MICHAEL W. KEARNEY AT 11:03 A.M. ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael W. Kearney, Chairman
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Laney J. Chouest, Secretary-Treasurer
William T. Bergeron, Member
Arnold B. Baker, Member
Tara C. Hernandez, Member

MEMBER ABSENT:

Scott H. Cooper, Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel
E. Pansano, Director, Audit
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
D. Allee, Director, Cruise
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Communications/Media
R. Bylsma, Director, Maintenance
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
M. Gresham, Director, External Affairs
R. Hecker, Chief, Harbor Police Department
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development
J. Penton, Chief Information Officer
K. Ordoyne, Staff Attorney
M. Rubino, Staff Attorney

H. Fontenot, Paralegal

W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
D. Guarino, Contract Manager
L. Richardson, Industrial Real Estate Manager
K. Frankic, Manager, Real Estate Development
M. Villarreal, Safety Officer/Claims Manager
J. Crist, General Operations
D. Austin, Engineering
A. Brandenburg, Internal Audit
P. Herring, Internal Audit
L. Lofton, Internal Audit
B. Parent, Internal Audit
A. Taylor, Services
J. Scheck, Communications
D. Feraci, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

L. Traweck, *City Business*
D. McDaniel, Parsons Brinckerhoff
C. Hill, Coastal Cargo
J. Parker, New Orleans Terminal
K. Calkins, New Orleans Terminal
W. Evans, River Consulting
G. Davis, ILA
D. Magee, ILA
T. Wells, W.S Nelson
E. Frock, ECM Consultants, Inc.
C. Platt, Alliant
L. Lazard, African American Heritage Center
J. Loeb, Bywater Neighborhood Association
J. Jones, Bywater Neighborhood Association
D. Salon, Terracon
P. Burleigh, SOL Engineers
W. Calhoun, Lower 9th Ward
B. Haensel, GEC, Inc.
N. Hardie, Alliant
S. Stokes, Louisiana Landmarks Society
B. Rusting, Waldemar. S. Nelson and Co., Inc.
A. Falgout, MIR International
K. Thibodeaux, Landmark Consulting
C. Pippins, Landmark Consulting
D. Lambert, Mott MacDonald

I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Chairman Kearney determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:03 A.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Kearney asked Commissioner Barkerding to lead the Board and the audience in saying the Pledge of Allegiance, and he did so.

III. Approval of Minutes of December 2016, Meetings

On motion duly made by Commissioner Kearney and seconded by Commissioner Barkerding, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of its public meetings of December, 2016, as previously circulated.

IV. Acceptance of Financial Statement for December, 2016

On motion duly made by Chairman Kearney and seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, the Board unanimously accepted the December, 2016, financial statement as previously circulated.

V. Public Comment

Chairman Kearney announced that public comments are split into two items, one being non-agenda items and one being agenda items. He gave instructions on the public comment process and called on to those who expressed interests in making a statement on non-agenda items at this point in the meeting.

Mr. Lloyd Lazard, who identified himself as an amateur historian, addressed the Board and presented his public comment regarding a proposed riverfront site for the African American Heritage Cultural Center and the National Slave Ship Museum project.

VI. Actions Required

- A. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with Waldemar S. Nelson and Company, Inc., for an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,324,377 for Design and Professional Engineering Services for the Milan Upper Yard Concrete Paving Improvements.**

Mr. Tharp presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,324,377 with Waldemar S. Nelson and Company, Inc., for engineering design and other professional services for the development of a 22.2 acre marshaling yard adjacent to the newly constructed intermodal rail facility.

Commissioner Baker advised the Board that the Planning and Engineering Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its approval. Commissioner Barkerding seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with River Consulting, LLC, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$429,805 for Design and Professional Engineering Services for the Nashville and Napoleon Avenue Wharves Crane Rail Joint Repair Project Phase 1.

Mr. Tharp presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement not to exceed \$429,805 with River Consulting, LLC, for design and professional engineering services for the Nashville and Napoleon Avenue Wharves Crane Rail Joint Repair Project Phase 1.

Commissioner Baker advised the Board that the Planning and Engineering Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its approval. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to D & D Construction, LLC, in the Amount of \$419,000 for the Henry Clay Avenue Wharf Intake Extension and Nashville Avenue Wharf “C” Engine – Fire Suppression Systems.

Mr. Tharp presented and recommended approval of a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$419,000 to D & D Construction, LLC, for the Henry Clay Avenue Wharf intake extension and Nashville Avenue Wharf C” engine – fire suppression systems.

Commissioner Baker advised the Board that the Planning and Engineering Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its approval. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Certifying to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Requirements to Advertise for the Louisiana Avenue Yard Concrete Paving – Mississippi River Intermodal Terminal Improvements Intermodal Rail Yard Phase 2 Rail Extension, a Port Priority Approved Project.

Mr. Tharp presented and recommended approval of a resolution certifying to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requirements to advertise for the Louisiana Avenue Yard Concrete Paving – Mississippi River Intermodal Terminal Improvements Intermodal Rail Yard Phase 2 Rail Extension, a Port Priority approved project.

Commissioner Baker advised the Board that the Planning and Engineering Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its approval. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the President and Chief Executive Officer’s Declaration of Extreme Public Emergency at the Seabrook Bridge and Award of a Contract for Emergency Repair.

Mr. Tharp presented and recommended approval of a resolution ratifying the President and Chief Executive Officer’s declaration of extreme public emergency at the Seabrook Bridge and his award of a contract in the amount of \$53,836.80 to Boland Marine & Industrial, LLC, for procurement of the metal to fabricate replacement parts to repair the bridge.

Commissioner Baker advised the Board that the Planning and Engineering Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its approval. Commissioner Barkerding seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

F. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with Tetra Tech, Inc., for an Amount Not

to Exceed \$425,000 for Development of Phase 2 of the Board's Master Plan.

Ms. Pellegrin presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a professional services contract not to exceed \$425,000 with Tetra Tech, Inc., for development of Phase 2 of the Board's Master Plan.

Commissioner Baker advised the Board that the Planning and Engineering Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its approval. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

G. Consider Approval of a Resolution Amending Item 417 of the Board's FMC Tariff, T-No. 2, to Create Greater Customer Convenience in the Administration of Incentive Dockage Rates.

Ms. Mansour presented and recommended approval of a resolution amending Item 417 of the Board's FMC Tariff, T-No. 2, to create greater consumer convenience in the administration of incentive dockage rates.

Commissioner Hernandez advised the Board that the Property and Insurance Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and she moved for its approval. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

H. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with Electric Sales, Inc., to Install a Digital Telephone System.

Mr. Penton presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement not to exceed \$75,000 with Electric Sales, Inc., to install and expand a digital telephone system within the Port of New Orleans.

Commissioner Barkerding advised the Board that the Budget Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its approval. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. Commissioner's Comments

Chairman Kearney asked that everyone stand and welcome the new President and
Chief Executive Officer Ms. Brandy Christian, and everyone did so.

VIII. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Christian thanked Chairman Kearney and the Port of New Orleans for the warm reception that she received. She stated briefly that she felt everyone shared the same vision of being the most progressive port and strategic organization that we can be. She thanked the management team and the Port staff for working together as a team to ensure a smooth transition.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 A.M.

NEXT MEETING:

11:00 A.M., Thursday, February 23, 2017