

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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 1:38 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

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

COMMITTEE 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
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

GUESTS:

L. Traweek, *City Business*
T. Dodd, J.S. Held
C. Kane, Adams & Reese
C. Romaine, LED
S. Toups, Government Consultants
D. Berger, Commissioner-Elect

A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Committee Chairman Barkerding determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:38 P.M.

B. Public Comment

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

C. Briefing and Discussion Items

1. Review of January, 2017, Financial Statement

Mr. Landry gave a brief report on cargo and stated that container numbers were still strong, even though slightly down. He stated that for breakbulk, the numbers are up by 18% compared to 6% from last month. Mr. Landry commented that we are seeing more steel and other metals coming in, and that is helping the Port's numbers tremendously.

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on the January, 2017, financial statement. He distributed a report detailing the financial information, a copy of which is made part of these minutes. Mr. Wendel stated that on the revenue side, terminal operations were below budget by \$221,000 for the month and below budget by \$611,000 for the year. We continue to see strong cruise revenues that are \$733,000 above budget for the year. Overall, revenues are above budget by \$103,000 for the year, and this month they were \$333,000 below budget.

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 \$118,000 below budget for the month in operating income before depreciation and \$2.1 million above operating income for the year. Mr. Wendel stated that operating income before depreciation is \$3.1 million ahead of last year.

2. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into Professional Services Agreements at a Cost not to Exceed \$150,000 for Financial Advisory Services for Potential Board Acquisitions and Expansions in Conjunction with the Master Plan.

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into professional services agreements in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for financial advisory

services for the purpose of evaluating transaction planning for potential Board acquisitions and expansions in conjunction with the master plan.

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 Barkerding adjourned the meeting at 1:57 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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 1:58 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

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

COMMITTEE 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
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate
R. Bylsma, Director, Maintenance
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development
F. Tharp, Director, Engineering
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

GUESTS:

L. Traweck, *City Business*
T. Dodd, J.S. Held
C. Kane, Adams & Reese
C. Romaine, Louisiana Economic Development
S. Touns, Government Consultants

A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Committee Chairman Baker determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:58 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 Awarding a Contract to S & S Commercial, Inc., in the Amount of \$1.00 for the Namasco Building Demolition.

Mr. Tharp briefed the committee on a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$1.00 to S & S Commercial, Inc., of Slidell, Louisiana, the lowest of sixteen responsive bidders, for all labor, materials, and equipment for the demolition of the Namasco Building. The contract is funded by the Board's FY2017 Capital Improvement Program.

There was an in-depth conversation among staff and commissioners regarding the \$1.00 bid, performance bond and the public contracts law.

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 Three-Year Contract with Technical Environmental Services, Inc., for an Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000 for As-Needed Safety and Training Professional Services.

Ms. Pellegrin briefed the committee on a resolution awarding a contract not to exceed \$300,000 to Technical Environmental Services, Inc., of Marrero, Louisiana, the lowest of five responsive proposers, for as-needed safety and training professional services. The contract is funded by the Board's FY2017 Expense Budget.

There was an in-depth conversation among staff and commissioners regarding the bidding process and participation for this item.

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 Bell Lumber & Pole Company in the Amount of \$322,770 for the Purchase of 530

Eighty-Foot Untreated Timber Piles for Use in Maintenance of Board Fender Systems.

Mr. Bylsma briefed the committee on a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$322,770 to Lumber & Pole Company, of Brighton, Minnesota, the only responsive bidder, for the purchase of 530 eight-footy untreated timber piles. The contract is funded by the Major Maintenance Budget.

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 Awarding a Contract to inoLECT, LLC, in the Amount of \$31,650 for the Purchase of One Remote Breaker Racking Device for the Container Crane Electrical Substation.

Mr. Bylsma briefed the committee on a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$31,650 to inoLECT, LLC, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the only responsive bidder, for the purchase of a remote breaker racking device and related appurtenances. The contract is funded by the FY2017 Capital Equipment Program.

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 2:32 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE PROPERTY AND INSURANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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 CHAIRMAN LANEY J. CHOUEST AT 2:33 P.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER

ABSENT:

Scott H. Cooper, Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facility
M. Gannon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
E. Pansano, Director, Audit
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate
R. Bylsma, Director, Maintenance
T. Carter, Director Procurement
F. Tharp, Director Engineering
B. Sickinger, Risk Manager
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

GUESTS:

L. Traweek, *City Business*
J. Laborde, Marsh & McLennan
R. Hill, Marsh & McLennan
D. Berger, Commissioner-Elect
C. Kane, Adams & Reese

A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Committee Chairman Chouest determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:33 P.M.

B. Public Comment

Committee Chairman Chouest called for public comment, and there was none.

C. Briefing and Discussion Items

1. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Terminate the Board's Lease with France Road Rock at 3855 France Road and to Enter into a Lease with Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC, for 15.88 acres at the Same Site.

Mr. Bonura briefed the committee on the termination of a current lease with France Road Rock at 3855 France Road and the entry into a new lease with Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC, for 15.88 acres at the same site. He stated that France Road Rock defaulted on its loan with First NBC Bank, which now is essentially the Board's tenant on this property. Mr. Bonura stated that in terms of rent, Vulcan asked for five years with two options for five years each at \$110,820 annually for the first two years, and \$175,472 for the remaining three.

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 an Agreement with Jefferson Parish for the Joint Use of Surplus Federal Property at 400 Edwards Avenue.

Mr. Bonura briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with Jefferson Parish for the joint use of surplus federal property at 400 Edwards Avenue. He stated that this piece of property was managed by the General Services Administration, which has since moved out of the warehouse. Mr. Bonura stated that this has created an opportunity for public agencies to have it conveyed from the federal government at no cost if parties are willing to accept responsibility for the building and agree to maintain it for public use. He stated that the Board will lease a portion of the property to Jefferson Parish for a term of thirty years with a ten-year renewal option for \$100 per year and create a maintenance fund that allows the Parish to build a facility on the vacant property next door. He reviewed the revenues for the first ten years of operation and the capital improvement maintenance funds.

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 Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Louisiana Economic Development and Triton Stone of New Orleans, LLC, in which the Board Will Serve as the Sponsor for an Economic Development Awards Program Grant to Purchase Equipment to be Installed on Board Property at 6000 Jourdan Road.

Mr. Bonura briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Louisiana Economic Development and Triton Stone of New Orleans, LLC. He stated that the opportunity that exists now is to build another 20,000 square foot shed on the property as part of the expansion of Triton Stone.

Mr. Bonura introduced Mr. Charlie Romain with Louisiana Economic Development and Mr. Chris Kane of Adams and Reese on behalf of Triton Stone and Transportation Consultants, Inc. (TCI).

There was an in-depth conversation among staff, guests, and commissioners regarding Triton Stone's participation, the Economic Development Awards Program Grant, and investments of the project.

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 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Board and the Regional Transit Authority for Use of the Canal Street Wharf and Adjacent Berthing Area for Construction of the New Canal Street Ferry Landing and as a Temporary Ferry Landing during Construction.

Mr. Allee briefed the committee on a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Board and the Regional Transit Authority for use of portions of the Canal Street Wharf and adjacent berthing area for construction of the new Canal Street ferry landing and as a temporary ferry landing during construction. He stated that this project features two new high speed catamaran style ferries and will be primarily funded with grant monies. Mr. Allee stated that discussions have been going on for a couple of years, and he has been working with Royal Engineers. He mentioned that the staff recently received a proposed draft of the CEA from Royal Engineers for comment and that there will be a public outreach meeting tonight to acquaint the public with the project.

5. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Renew the Board's Primary and Excess Property Insurance, Boiler and Machinery/Equipment Breakdown Insurance, NFIP Property Insurance, Primary and Excess General Liability Insurance, Hull and Machinery and P&I Insurance, Vessel Pollution Liability Insurance,

Public Official's Liability Insurance, Law Enforcement Liability Insurance, Government Crime Insurance and Business Automobile Liability Insurance at a Cost Not to Exceed \$4,120,000 all through the Broker Marsh, Inc.

Mr. Gussoni introduced Mr. Laborde and asked him to bring the committee up to date from his presentation of last month.

Mr. Laborde, Managing Director with the Board's broker Marsh & McLennan Companies, distributed a handout detailing the renewal quotations for the Board's property and liability insurance for policy year April 1, 2017 to April 1, 2018.

Mr. Laborde conducted a quick review on the premium summary, property program, marine general liability and excess liability. He pointed out savings in each category and its appropriate program. The property insurance renewal for as expiring coverage was almost \$200,000 lower than the present premium, and most coverages either renewed flat or at slight increases or decreases except for the automobile liability coverage, which increased significantly because of the automobile liability market as well as the Board's recent claims experience.

Mr. Laborde stated that part of the renewal goals for 2017- 2018 was to seek quotations for increased property coverage in \$10 million layers over the Board's present coverage of \$60 million to \$100 million and to offer for the Board's consideration terrorism coverage that included certified and uncertified terrorism events and cybersecurity insurance coverage.

After the presentation, the staff recommended that the Board consider paying another \$100,000 for an additional \$10 million of property insurance and declining the terrorism and cybersecurity coverages.

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

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Briefing on and Discussion of the Board's Claim in that Certain Lawsuit captioned *Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans v. Bollinger Gulf Repair, LLC, Bollinger Shipyards, Inc., American Marine Corporation, Temporary Marine Company, Barge Owners 1, 2 and 3, Keasbey & Mattison Company, and Insurance Companies AB, CD, EF, GH, IJ, KL, MN, OP, QR, ST, UV, and WX*, Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, Docket No. 11-4077, Section H-12.

At 3:32 P.M., a motion was made by Commissioner Chouest and seconded by Commissioner Baker to go into executive session to allow Mr. Tynan and Mr. Gussoni to brief the Committee on and discuss the Board's claim in that certain lawsuit captioned Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans v. Bollinger Gulf Repair, LLC, Bollinger Shipyards, Inc., American Marine Corporation,

Temporary Marine Company, Barge Owners 1, 2 and 3, Keasbey & Mattison Company, and Insurance Companies AB, CD, EF, GH, IJ, KL, MN, OP, QR, ST, UV, and WX, Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, Docket No. 11-4077, Section H-12.

The motion passed unanimously, and the Board went into executive session at that time. Mr. Tynan and Mr. Gussoni briefed the Committee on this matter and answered any questions raised by the Commissioners.

At 3:54 P.M. a motion was made by Commissioner Chouest to end the executive session and return to the open meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker, passed unanimously, and the executive session ended at that time.

D. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Chouest adjourned the meeting at 3:55 P.M

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

MINUTES

OF

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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, FEBRUARY 23, 2017.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Michael W. Kearney, Committee Chairman
William T. Bergeron, Member
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr. Member
Arnold B. Baker, Member
Laney J. Chouest, Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Scott H. Cooper, Member
Tara C. Hernandez, 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
R. Bylsma, Director, Maintenance
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development
F. Tharp, Director, Engineering
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

GUESTS:

W. Evans, River Consultants
D. Berger, Commissioner-Elect
K. Ricks, Nelson Nygaard

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 had no comments.

4. Briefing and Discussion Items.

A. Strategic Plan Introductory Report by New Orleans Regional Transit Authority.

Ms. Fant introduced Ms. Karina Ricks, Principal with Nelson Nygaard Associates, a transportation planning consultant that specializes in transit and multimodal activity. She talked about a strategic plan introductory report by the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA). She stated that the RTA is developing a roadmap for improving public transportation in the region over the next twenty years. The planning process will wrap up at the end of 2017 and include many opportunities throughout the year for the public to learn about the plan and also to voice any concerns. Ms. Ricks invited discussion from everyone on how they see the value of this plan and how it would help their efforts. There was an in-depth conversation between staff, guests, and commissioners regarding various forms of transportation in the City of New Orleans.

Ms. Christian commented on cruise passengers and mass transit involved in tourism. She stated that there is no transit along the riverfront coming out of the cruise terminal. Ms. Christian suggested that the riverfront and tourism zones be developed more efficiently in order to move people between those destinations.

B. Update on the Port's Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Bridges

Ms. Fant provided an update on the Port's Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Bridges, at St. Claude Avenue, Florida Avenue, Almonaster Avenue, and Seabrook. She went over the current issues of each bridge and the amount of money that is being spent to maintain them.

Mr. Tharp gave a brief analysis of the Almonaster and Seabrook Bridges regarding statistics and their need for repairs or replacement. There was an in-depth conversation among staff and commissioners regarding the state of emergency regarding lack of funding and the exorbitant costs for repairs and replacement of these very old bridges.

Mr. Bylsma gave an update on bridge expenses from FY2012 to FY2016 for capital maintenance and operating costs. He summarized the costs of the bridges over the

past five fiscal years. Mr. Bylsma stated that from an operating perspective, the cost increases are primarily from personnel costs that make up 85% of normal operating costs. He stated that with capital improvements and maintenance costs, it generally fluctuates, but major repairs and capital projects are what causes big fluctuations. Mr. Bylsma commented that in the past five years, the bigger bridge projects that were necessitated by Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav have finally been executed and completed.

Mr. Tharp spoke on the future of major projects that will be coming up in the next five years. He reviewed the bridge rehabilitation projects and the list of bridge projects that addressed repairs, not replacements.

Mr. Wendel talked about preliminary funding plans and reviewed the total estimated spending FY2017 to FY2022. He stated that some of the funding plans are bond refinancing, federal loan programs, and capital plan reallocation.

Ms. Ganon talked about the bridge replacement plan. She discussed the challenges getting various funding for each bridge. She stated that staff would continue exploring grants, financing options, and other sources of funding.

Commissioner Bergeron expressed his idea of a plan to redevelop the Industrial Canal to expand the Port of New Orleans. He asked that the committee take this up at another time for further discussion.

5. President and Chief Executive Officer's Comments.

Ms. Christian announced that there will be a strategic workshop in March with Tetra Tech, the firm that is engaged in the Board's Master Plan. She recommended that it be done as a special meeting so that the entire Board could be together.

6. Upcoming Events.

- Monday, February 27, 2017 – Maiden Voyage of *M/V Celebrity Equinox*
- Friday, March 3, 2017 – 10:30 A.M. – Ribbon Cutting – Delgado Maritime and Industrial Training Center – 13200 Old Gentilly Road.
- Tuesday, March 7, 2017 – Port tour with Council Member Jason Williams
- Friday, March 10, 2017 – 12:00 P.M. – Governor's Westbank Luncheon
- Thursday, March 16, 2017 – 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. – French American Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner – Keynote Speaker – Stephen Perry, Convention and Visitor's Bureaus – 400 Esplanade Avenue
- Tuesday, March 21, 2017 – 4:00 P.M. – New Orleans Federal Bar Association Port 101 – Port Auditorium
- Friday, March 24, 2017 – 7:30 P.M. – Jefferson Chamber Gala – New Orleans Saints Practice Facility – 5800 Airline Drive
- Friday, March 24, 2017 – 9:30 A.M. – American Cooper Council Port 101 – Port Auditorium

- Tuesday, April 4 to Thursday, April 6, 2017 – Cargo Connections Conference – The New Orleans Downtown Marriott at the Convention Center

7. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Kearney adjourned the meeting at 10:58 A.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES
OF
THE REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2017

MEETING NO. 8, 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 11:08 A.M. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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
D. Berger, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Scott H. Cooper, Member
Tara C. Hernandez, 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. Bylsma, Director, Maintenance
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate
R. Hecker, Chief, Harbor Police Department
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development
J. Penton, Chief Information Officer
F. Tharp, Director, Engineering
K. Ordoyne, Staff Attorney
M. Rubino, Staff Attorney
H. Fontenot, Paralegal
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
J. Moran, Administrative Assistant
L. Richardson, Industrial Real Estate Manager
K. Frankic, Manager, Real Estate Development

M. Villarreal, Safety Officer/Claims Manager
D. Austin, Engineering
A. Brandenburg, Internal Audit
B. Parent, Internal Audit
D. Feraci, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

L. Traweek, *City Business*
J. Lola, Seaonus
M. Garrett, Seaonus
W. Evans, River Consulting
L. Jemison, Jemison & Partners, Inc.
D. Magee, ILA
B. Zimek, Technical Environmental Service
L. Lazard, African American Heritage Center
S. Champagne, Gulf Gateway Terminal
B. Rusting, Waldemar S. Nelson and Co., Inc.
C. Nelson, Waldemar S. Nelson and Co., Inc.
A. Falgoust, MIR International
J. Richard, 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 11:08 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. General Public Comment (Non-agenda related items)

Chairman Kearney announced that public comments are being heard and reiterated that there is a two minute time limit for each person to speak.

Mr. Lloyd Lazard 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.

Mr. Steven Champagne of Gulf Gateway Terminal addressed the Board and presented his public comment regarding the vision and concerns of a deep draft lock at a minimum of 31.5 feet. He asked that the Port of New Orleans be a project sponsor towards a future development in hopes of giving the lock a greater chance of being built.

Mr. Charles Nelson, Chairman of Waldemar S. Nelson and Co., Inc., addressed the Board and presented his public comment regarding the Corp of Engineers' plan on the depth of a deep draft lock.

IV. Administration of Oath of Office to Darryl D. Berger

In the absence of Commissioner Cooper, whom Commissioner-elect Berger is replacing, Chairman Kearney changed the order of the agenda and called for the administration of the oath of office to Mr. Berger. Mr. Gussoni then administered the oath of office to Mr. Berger, who then took his seat on the podium as a member of the Board. The other commissioners welcomed him.

V. Approval of Minutes of January 2017 Meeting

On motion duly made by Commissioner Kearney and seconded by Commissioner Bergeron, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of its public meetings of January, 2017, as previously circulated.

VI. Acceptance of Financial Statement for January, 2017

On motion duly made by Chairman Kearney and seconded by Commissioner Bergeron, the Board unanimously accepted the January, 2017 financial statement as previously circulated.

VII. Actions Required

A. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to S & S Commercial, Inc., in the Amount of \$1.00 for the Namasco Building Demolition.

Mr. Tharp presented and recommended approval of a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$1.00 to S & S Commercial, Inc., for the Namasco Building demolition.

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 a Three-Year Contract with Technical Environmental Services, Inc., for an Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000 for As Needed Safety and Training Professional Services.

Ms. Pellegrin presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive officer to enter into a three-year contract not to exceed \$300,000 with Technical Environmental Services, Inc., for as needed safety and training professional services.

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 Chouest seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Bell Lumber & Pole Company in the Amount of \$322,770 for the Purchase of 530 Eighty-Foot Untreated Timber Piles for Use in Maintenance of Board Fender Systems.

Mr. Bylsma presented and recommended approval of a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$322,770 to Bell Lumber & Pole Company for the purchase of 530 eighty-foot untreated timber piles for use in maintenance of Board fender 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 Awarding a Contract to inoLECT, LLC, in the Amount of 431,650 for the Purchase of One Remote Breaker Racking Device for the Container Crane Electrical Substation.

Mr. Bylsma presented and recommended approval of a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$31,650 to inoLECT, LLC, for the purchase of one remote breaker racking device for the container crane electrical substation.

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 Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Terminate the Board's Lease with France Road Rock Corporation at 3855 France Road and to Enter into a Lease with Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC, for 15.88 Acres at the Same Site.

Mr. Bonura presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to terminate the Board's lease with France Road Rock Corporation at 3855 France Road and to enter into a lease with Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC, for 15.88 acres at the same site.

Commissioner Chouest advised the Board that the Property and Insurance 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 an Agreement with Jefferson Parish for the Joint Use of Surplus Federal Property at 400 Edwards Avenue.

Mr. Bonura presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with Jefferson Parish for the joint use of surplus federal property at 400 Edwards Avenue.

Commissioner Chouest advised the Board that the Property and Insurance 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 Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Louisiana Economic Development and Triton Stone of New Orleans, LLC, in which the Board Will Serve as the Sponsor for an Economic Development Awards Program Grant to Purchase Equipment to be Installed on Board Property at 6000 Jourdan Road.

Mr. Bonura presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Louisiana Economic Development and Triton Stone of New Orleans, LLC, in which the Board will serve as the sponsor for an economic development awards program grant to purchase equipment to be installed on Board property at 6000 Jourdan Road.

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

H. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Renew the Board's Primary and Excess Property Insurance, Boiler and Machinery/Equipment Breakdown Insurance, NFIP Property Insurance, Primary and Excess General Liability Insurance, Hull and Machinery and P & I Insurance, Vessel Pollution Liability Insurance, Public Official's Liability Insurance, Law Enforcement Liability Insurance, Government Crime Insurance and Business Automobile Liability Insurance at a Cost Not to Exceed \$4,220,000 all through the Broker Marsh, Inc.

Mr. Gussoni presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to renew the Board's primary and excess property insurance, boiler and machinery/equipment breakdown insurance, NFIP property insurance, primary and excess general liability insurance, hull and machinery and P & I insurance, vessel pollution liability insurance, public official's liability insurance, law enforcement liability insurance, government crime

insurance and business automobile liability insurance at a cost not to exceed \$4,220,000 all through the Broker Marsh, Inc.

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

I. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement for Financial Advisory Services for the Purpose of Evaluating Transaction Planning for Potential Board Acquisitions and Expansions in Conjunction with the Master Plan.

Mr. Wendel presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a professional services agreement for financial advisory services for the purpose of evaluating transaction planning for potential Board acquisitions and expansions in conjunction with the master plan.

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

VIII. Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Kearney welcomed the new commissioner Darryl Berger.

IX. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Christian also welcomed the Port's new commissioner Darryl Berger. She stated that Standards and Poor's upgraded the Port of New Orleans' bond rating to A- Stable and stated that it reaffirms the Port's creditworthiness. She thanked the Board and staff for their part in reaching that rating.

Ms. Christian announced that the Port of New Orleans will be hosting the Cargo Connections Conference April 4th to 6th at the New Orleans Downtown Marriott at the Convention Center.

Ms. Christian recognized Mr. Paul Zimmermann, who will be retiring after 26 years of service with the Port of New Orleans.

X. New Business

There was no new business.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 A.M.

NEXT MEETING:

11:00 A.M., Wednesday, March 23, 2017