

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF  
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017**

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**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 1:32 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Committee Chairman  
Michael W. Kearney, Member  
William T. Bergeron, Member  
Laney J. Chouest, Member  
Tara C. Hernandez, Member  
Darryl D. Berger, Member

**COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**ABSENT:**

Arnold B. Baker, 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  
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate  
T. Carter, Director, Procurement  
J. Guidry, Director, Maintenance  
L. Jackson, Director, Engineering  
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development  
M. Cloos, GIS Analyst  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

**GUESTS:**

L. Traweek, *City Business*  
N. Harper, Alliant  
C. Chauvin, Alliant

## **A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

Committee Chairman Barkerding determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

## **B. Public Comment**

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

## **C. Briefing and Discussion Items**

### **1. Review of March, 2017, Financial Statement**

Mr. Landry gave a brief report on cargo and stated that container numbers were very good with more than 48,000 TEU's. He stated that breakbulk was up 21% compared to last year. Steel and metals are still coming in to the Port along with big shipments of aluminum. Mr. Landry stated that he expects the fiscal year to finish very strong on a breakbulk basis.

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on the March, 2017, financial statement. He distributed a report detailing the financial information, a copy of which is made part of these minutes. He stated that on the revenue side, terminal operations were above budget by \$473,000 for the month and above budget for the year by \$226,000. He stated that terminal operations' 2015 fiscal year was a record year and this year is approximately \$100,000 below that record year. He commented that we are going to have a record year in cruise revenues.

On the expense side, Mr. Wendel stated that this is the first month where we hit budget for expenditures. He reviewed variances that remain significantly under budget such as contract labor, training, travel, maintenance agreements, and professional fees. Operating income before depreciation is \$2.2 million with a budget of \$1.2 million, which added \$1 million to the year to date budget, now at \$3.8 million ahead of the budget for the year.

Comparing results to last year actual, Mr. Wendel stated that on the revenue side, terminal operations had revenues of \$44.7 million, and this year revenue is now at \$48.5 million for another growth year. He stated that terminal operations are \$1.5 million and cruise is up \$2.3 million, both above budget. Operating expenses were \$900,000 below last year's expenses, and operating income before depreciation is \$4.8 million ahead of last year at this time.

### **2. Discussion of Preliminary Budget Assumptions for Fiscal 2018 Financial Plan.**

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on the preliminary budget assumptions for the fiscal 2018 financial plan. He discussed the revenues, expenses, expenditures, and significant investments in engineering, facilities, and safety. Mr. Wendel stated

that there may be a possible Series 2008 Bond refunding with additional borrowing to meet capital investment program needs.

Mr. Wendel explained the Fiscal 2018 preliminary income statement that includes revenues and expenses. He also discussed the capital spending program, including capital equipment such as cranes, vehicles, IT, and cruise. Mr. Wendel explained the capital improvement program that is still in development and various projects that will go under the program.

**3. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Carrollton Enterprise Services, LLC, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$45,000 for Drafting an Information Technology Strategic Plan.**

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a professional services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 with Carrollton Enterprise Services, LLC, for the purpose of reviewing the Board's information technology needs and capabilities and drafting an information technology strategic 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 1:54 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF  
THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017**

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**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 AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN TARA C. HERNANDEZ AT 1:55 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Tara C. Hernandez, Ad Hoc Committee Chairwoman  
William T. Bergeron, Member  
Michael W. Kearney, Member  
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Member  
Laney J. Chouest, Member  
Darryl D. Berger, Member

**COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**ABSENT:**

Arnold B. Baker, Committee Chairman

**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, Audit  
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer  
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate  
T. Carter, Director, Procurement  
J. Guidry, Director, Maintenance  
L. Jackson, Director, Engineering  
J. Mansour, Director, Commercial  
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development  
M. Cloos, GIS Analyst  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

**GUEST:**

L. Traweek, *City Business*

## **A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

In the absence of Committee Chairman Baker, Board Chairman Kearney appointed Commissioner Hernandez to serve as Ad Hoc Committee Chairwoman for the purpose of holding this meeting only. She determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:55 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 Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into Professional Services Contracts with Environmental Science Services, Inc., and GCR, Inc., at a Cost Not to Exceed \$500,000 Each for As-Needed GIS Technical Services.**

Ms. Pellegrin briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into professional services contracts not to exceed \$500,000 each with Environmental Science Services, Inc., and GCR, Inc., the lowest two of five responsive bidders, to collect, convert and synthesize data to develop a geographic information system for critical infrastructure and associated applications for ongoing analysis and data management. The contract is funded by the Board's Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Improvement Program.

Ms. Pellegrin introduced Ms. Maggie Cloos, the new GIS Analyst who is the project manager for these contracts.

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 for an Amount Not to Exceed \$132,923.84 with Modjeski and Masters, Inc., for Engineering Services Associated with the Seabrook Bridge First and Second Link Pin Repairs.**

Ms. Fant briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$132,923.84 with Modjeski and Masters, Inc., for engineering services associated with the Seabrook Bridge first and second link pin repairs.

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 Ratifying the President and Chief Executive Officer's Declaration of an Extreme Public Emergency at the St. Claude Avenue Bridge and Authorizing Award of Contracts for Emergency Repair.**

Ms. Fant briefed the committee on a resolution ratifying the President and Chief Executive Officer's declaration of an extreme public emergency at the St. Claude Avenue Bridge and authorizing award of contracts for emergency repair. The contracts are funded from a reallocation of funds in the Board's 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 Ratifying the President and Chief Executive Officer's Declaration of an Extreme Public Emergency at the Nashville Avenue Wharf "A" and Authorizing Award of Contracts for Emergency Repair.**

Ms. Fant briefed the committee on a resolution ratifying the President and Chief Executive Officer's declaration of an extreme public emergency at the Nashville Avenue Wharf "A" and authorizing award of contracts for emergency repair. The contracts are funded from a reallocation of funds in the Board's Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Improvement Program. She stated that Boh Bros. Construction Co., LLC, has been performing the emergency shoring.

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, Ad Hoc Committee Chairwoman Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 2:09 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF  
THE PROPERTY AND INSURANCE  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017**

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**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 2:10 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBER  
ABSENT:**

Arnold B Baker, 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  
T. Carter, Director Procurement  
J. Mansour, Director, Commercial  
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development  
M. Cloos, GIS Analyst  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

**GUESTS:**

L. Traweek, *City Business*

**A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

Committee Chairman Chouest determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:10 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 Enter into a Lease with Florida Fuel Connection, LLC, for 54.43 Acres at 3900 Jourdan Road and 3410 Jourdan Road for a Bulk Transloading Facility.**

Mr. Bonura briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a lease with Florida Fuel Connection, LLC. He stated that the property is located at 3900 and 3410 Jourdan Road in New Orleans on approximately 54.43 acres of land and 10.52 acres of water bottom. The primary term is for ten years with a two ten-year options to renew the lease. Rent will be \$679,345 annually. Mr. Bonura continued by discussing the stepped rent, the environmental remediation, improvements, interim berthing, early termination, and the sublease.

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 (1) to Terminate by Mutual Consent Port Cargo Property, LLC's Lease of 7.02 Acres at 4400 Florida Avenue; (2) to Amend Transportation Consultants, Inc.'s Agreement to Lease Adjacent Property at 4216 and 4250 Florida Avenue to Include the 4400 Florida Avenue Site and other Adjacent Land; and (3) to Assign the Transportation Consultants, Inc., Lease to Edwards Avenue Partners, LLC.**

Mr. Bonura briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a lease cancellation agreement, an amendment to a lease agreement, and an assignment of lease agreement. After the Board terminates its lease with Port Cargo Property, LLC, the property in that leasehold would be amended into the existing TCI lease at 4400 Florida Avenue. That lease would then be assigned to Edwards Avenue Partners, LLC, a TCI affiliate. Mr. Bonura stated that the premises constitutes approximately 10.22 acres, and the term will be extended to December 14, 2035. He gave a breakdown of the rent effective December, 2018, to December, 2035. Mr. Bonura mentioned that the Board's lease with Port Cargo Property is presently an older under market lease with the current term, and Edwards Avenue Partners has a purchase agreement for Port Cargo Property's building. He stated that the lease amendment would adjust to market rent over time with an appraisal in 2035 that ensures the Board has reset the lease rate to market.

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 the America's Marine Highway Grant Agreement among the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission and the United States Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, to Receive a \$1,758,595 Federal Grant Award to Purchase Equipment for a Container-on-Barge Service with Seacor AMH, LLC, and to Enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Seacor AMH, LLC, for the Lease of the Equipment for a Nominal Fee.**

Ms. Mansour briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into the America's Marine Highway Grant Agreement. She stated that, in cooperation with the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission and Seacor AMH, LLC, both ports will be receiving \$1.7 million dollars to share after having applied for the America's Marine Highway Grant last year. Ms. Mansour stated that grant was awarded to both ports to purchase equipment for a container-on-barge service with Seacor AMH, LLC, and the Board will enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Seacor AMH, LLC, for the lease of the equipment for a nominal fee.

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 Chouest adjourned the meeting at 2:55 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**PORT OF NEW ORLEANS**

**MINUTES**

**OF**

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017**

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**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 9:36 A.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**ABSENT:**

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  
E. Pansano, Director, Audit  
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer  
M. Gresham, Director, External Affairs  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

**GUESTS:**

W. Evans, River Consultants  
C. Johnsen, Jones Walker, DC (by telephone)

**1. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order.**

Committee Chairman Kearney determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:36 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. Update on State Legislation.**

Mr. Matt Gresham gave an update on state legislation. He stated that the 2017 Louisiana Regular Session convened Monday, April 10th, and that it is in its third week of the session. Mr. Gresham discussed the transportation infrastructure and the Governor's taskforce on transportation infrastructure investment recommendations. He briefly talked about various House and Senate bills that were filed regarding transportation funding. Mr. Gresham went on to discuss additional House bills that were related to primary budgetary and waterways legislation.

Ms. Christian and Mr. Gresham commented that there are no bills that the Port of New Orleans should be on high alert about at this time.

**B. Update on Federal Issues.**

Mr. Chris Johnsen of Jones Walker in Washington, DC, gave his federal legislative update via telephone. He discussed President Trump's proposed steel tariffs and how they will have negative impacts on the Port of New Orleans. He mentioned that President Trump initiated an investigation to determine the effects on national security of steel imports. Mr. Johnsen spoke on the importance of imported steel to the Port of New Orleans. He then mentioned that the administration also launched an investigation into whether aluminum imports from China posed a threat to national security and everyone is awaiting its findings.

Mr. Johnsen discussed the devastating steel tariffs that were imposed back in 2002 by former President Bush and the impact they had on the Port. He stated that the Trade Expansion Act, the law on which the Trump Administration is relying, would be broader than the law used in 2002. Mr. Johnsen stated that it could result in steeper tariffs on a wider variety of steel products from a longer list of foreign countries.

There was an in-depth conversation among Mr. Johnsen and commissioners regarding the Port's opposition to the imposition of the President's proposed steel tariffs.

Mr. Johnsen stated that there will be a meeting on May 24, 2017, between Ms. Christian, Port associates and the Louisiana delegation regarding the impact of the steel tariffs for the Port of New Orleans.

## **5. President and Chief Executive Officer's Comments.**

Ms. Christian mentioned the visit of the Cuban Ambassador on May 1<sup>st</sup> and Maritime Day on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. She stated that she would be traveling to Asia with Mr. Landry, Ms. Mansour, and Commissioner Barkerding next week to follow up with carriers and potential partners interested in infrastructure.

## **6. Upcoming Events.**

- Friday, April 28, 2017 – 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – Monthly Public Tour
- Monday, May 1, 2017 – 12:00 P.M. – Visit of the Cuban Ambassador
- Friday, May 12, 2017 – 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – New Orleans Regional Black Chamber Annual Meeting – Hyatt Regency New Orleans
- Monday, May 22, 2017 – Maritime Day
- Monday, May 22, 2017 – 1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. – Board Committee Meetings, Presentation Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Port Administrative Building
- Wednesday, May 24, 2017 – 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. – Gulf Inland Waterways Joint Hurricane Team Meeting, Port Administrative Building
- Thursday, May 25, 2017 – 9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. – Board Executive Meeting, Presentation Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Port Administrative Building
- Thursday, May 25, 2017 – 11:00 A.M., Board Regular Monthly Meeting
- Friday, May 26, 2017 – 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – Monthly Public Tour

## **7. Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Kearney adjourned the meeting at 10:53 A.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**PORT OF NEW ORLEANS**

**MINUTES**

**OF**

**THE REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 27, 2017**

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**MEETING NO. 10, 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 11:04 A.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 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  
Darryl D. Berger, Member

**MEMBER ABSENT:**

Tara C. Hernandez, Chairman

**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  
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Communications/Media  
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate  
R. Bylsma, Director, Maintenance  
T. Carter, Director, Procurement  
R. Hecker, Chief, Harbor Police Department  
J. Mansour, Director, Commercial  
H. Fontenot, Paralegal  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
J. Moran, Administrative Assistant  
K. Frankic, Manager, Real Estate Development  
L. Richardson, Manager, Industrial Real Estate  
M. Villarreal, Safety Officer/Claims Manager

B. Parent, Internal Audit  
D. Feraci, Administrative Assistant  
J. Scheck, Communications

**GUESTS:**

L. Traweek, *City Business*  
W. Evans, Matrix PDM  
L. Lazard, African American Heritage  
B. Jones, African American Heritage  
D. Magee, ILA  
F. McCormack, *Waterways Journal Weekly*  
P. Wade, GIS Engineering  
R. Glapion, The Beta Group  
J. Gouchard, BMW  
A. Weir, NV5

**I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

Chairman Kearney determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:04 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 called for general public comment.

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.

**IV. Approval of Minutes of March, 2017, Public Meetings**

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

**V. Acceptance of Financial Statement for March, 2017**

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

## VI. Actions Required

**A. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into Professional Services Contracts with Environmental Science Services, Inc., and GCR, Inc., at a Cost Not to Exceed \$500,000 Each for As-Needed GIS Technical Services.**

Ms. Fant presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into professional services contracts in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 with Environmental Science Services, Inc., and GCR, Inc., for as needed GIS technical 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 Barkerding seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract for a Not to Exceed Amount of \$132,923.84 with Modjeski and Masters, Inc., for Engineering Services Associated with the Seabrook Bridge First and Second Link Pin Repairs.**

Ms. Fant 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 \$132,923.84 with Modjeski and Masters, Inc., for engineering services associated with the Seabrook Bridge first and second link pin repairs.

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 Ratifying the President and Chief Executive Officer's Declaration of an Extreme Public Emergency at the St. Claude Avenue Bridge and Authorizing Award of Contracts for Emergency Repair.**

Ms. Fant presented and recommended approval of a resolution ratifying the President and Chief Executive Officer's declaration of an extreme public emergency at the St. Claude Avenue Bridge and authorizing award of contracts for replacement of two pinion gears and shafts.

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 Ratifying the President and Chief Executive Officer's Declaration of an Extreme Public Emergency at the Nashville Avenue Wharf "A" and Authorizing Award of Contracts for Emergency Repair.**

Ms. Fant presented and recommended approval of a resolution ratifying the President and Chief Executive Officer's declaration of an extreme public emergency at the Nashville Avenue Wharf "A" and authorizing award of contracts to perform emergency shoring of the substructure.

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 Enter into a Lease with Florida Fuel Connection, LLC, for 54.43 Acres at 3900 Jourdan Road and 3410 Jourdan Road for a Bulk Transloading Facility.**

Mr. Bonura presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a lease with Florida Fuel Connection, LLC, for 54.43 acres at 3900 Jourdan Road and 3410 Jourdan Road for a bulk transloading facility.

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 (1) to Terminate by Mutual Consent Port Cargo Property, LLC's Lease of 7.02 Acres at 4400 Florida Avenue; (2) to Amend Transportation Consultants, Inc.'s Agreement to Lease Adjacent Property at 4216 and 4250 Florida Avenue to Include the 4400 Florida Avenue Site and other Adjacent Land; and (3) to Assign the Transportation Consultants, Inc., Lease to Edwards Avenue Partners, LLC.**

Mr. Bonura presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer (1) to terminate by mutual consent Port Cargo Property, LLC's lease of 7.02 Acres at 4400 Florida Avenue; (2) to amend Transportation Consultants, Inc.'s agreement to lease adjacent property at 4216 and 4250 Florida Avenue to include the 4400 Florida Avenue site and other adjacent land; and (3) to assign the Transportation Consultants, Inc., lease to Edwards Avenue Partners, LLC.



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 Professional Services Agreement with Carrollton Enterprise Services, LLC, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$45,000 for Drafting an Information Technology Strategic Plan.**

Mr. Wendel presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a professional services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 with Carrollton Enterprise Services, LLC, for drafting an information technology strategic 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 Baker seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**H. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into the America's Marine Highway Grant Agreement among the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission and the United States Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, to Receive a \$1,758,595 Federal Grant Award to Purchase Equipment for a Container-on-Barge Service with Seacor AMH, LLC, and to Enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Seacor AMH, LLC, for the Lease of the Equipment for a Nominal Fee.**

Ms. Mansour presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into the America's Marine Highway Grant Agreement among the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission and the United States Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, for both ports to receive a federal grant award totaling \$1,758,595 to purchase equipment for a container-on-barge service with Seacor AMH, LLC, and to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Seacor AMH, LLC, for the lease of the equipment for a nominal fee.

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.**

**VII. Commissioners' Comments**

Chairman Kearney called for commissioners' comments, and there were none.

**VIII. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer**

Ms. Christian commented that April was a busy month with community engagement events and she recognized those who participated. She commended the Public Affairs team along with Amelia Pellegrin and Karley Frankic for their efforts and participation in the Earth Cleanup Day activities.

Ms. Christian welcomed and introduced the Port's new Director of Maintenance John Guidry and the new Director of Engineering Louis Jackson. She also recognized the Port's Deputy Director of Maintenance Ryan Bylsma, who will be leaving for a year-long military deployment with the reserves in Africa.

**IX. New Business**

There was no new business.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

**NEXT MEETING:**

11:00 A.M., Thursday, May 22, 2017