

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF  
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 22, 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 1:31 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**ABSENT:**

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  
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit  
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer  
L. Blackman, Director of Commercial & Cruise Projects  
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate  
T. Carter, Director, Procurement  
J. Guidry, Director, Maintenance  
L. Jackson, Director, Engineering  
D. Jackson, Media Relations Manager  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

**GUESTS:**

L. Traweek, *City Business*  
S. Touns, Government 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 1:31 P.M.

## **B. Public Comment**

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

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

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

Mr. Landry gave a brief report on cargo and stated that container numbers were very good with more than 54,000 TEU's. He stated that breakbulk was down compared to last month and year because of the impact of recent trade sanctions.

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on the April, 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 \$98,000 for the month and above budget for the year by \$325,000. Mr. Wendel commented that cruise had another strong month

On the expense side, Mr. Wendel stated that we continue to be under budget. He reviewed variances that remain significantly under budget such as contract labor, training, travel, maintenance agreements, and professional fees. He stated that for the month we came in approximately \$300,000 below budget in operating expenses. This puts us at \$2.7 million below budget for the year in operating expenses. Operating income before depreciation was above budget by another \$680,000, therefore beating the operating income budget by \$4.5 million for the year.

Comparing results to last year actual, Mr. Wendel stated that on the revenue side, terminal operations had revenues of \$50.6 million, and this year revenue is now at \$54 million for another growth year. Operating expenses were \$1.4 million below last year's expenses, and operating income before depreciation is \$19 million.

### **2. Briefing of the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Plan.**

Commissioner Berger arrived during this presentation.

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on the Fiscal Year 2018 preliminary budget assumptions. He spoke about revenues, which included terminal, cruise, and real estate operations. He also spoke about expenses, which included labor and benefits, expenditures, and borrowing and refunding. Mr. Wendel reviewed the preliminary

operating income statements and the preliminary simple cash flows.

Mr. Wendel discussed the capital equipment side and costs of the proposed projects for cranes, vehicles, waterfront, IT, and cruise. He also discussed the Fiscal Year 2018 capital investment program involving new projects, gross cost, outside funding, and net port cost. Mr. Wendel reviewed covenant calculations. He noted that the calculations stem from Fiscal 2016 final through Fiscal 2018 preliminary.

**3. Briefing on and Discussion of the Status of the First National Bank of Commerce's Front Letter of Credit for the Subordinate Lien Variable Rate Revenue Bonds, Series 2010.**

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on the status of the First National Bank of Commerce front facing letter of credit for the Series 2010 Variable Rate Subordinated Bonds. He stated that this is an issue that has occurred with the failure of the First National Bank of Commerce. Mr. Wendel stated that he talked with several banks to replace the front facing letter of credit. He commented that these market bonds are not held by the bank and must be moved within a couple of months to avoid the FDIC's involvement. Mr. Wendel stated that the outstanding balance of the letter of credit is \$16 million and he anticipates having something to present at next month's meeting regarding a bank taking over the letter of credit.

**D. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Barkerding adjourned the meeting at 2:15 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF  
THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 22, 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 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ARNOLD B. BAKER AT 2:17 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBER  
ABSENT:**

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  
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit  
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer  
L. Blackman, Director, Commercial & Cruise Projects  
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate  
T. Carter, Director, Procurement  
L. Jackson, Director, Engineering  
D. Jackson, Manager, Media Relations  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

**GUEST:**

L. Traweck, *City Business*

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

Committee Chairman Baker determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:17 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 in the Amount of \$149,500 to ARC Mechanical Contractors, Inc., to Replace the Motor and Pump at the Patterson Drainage Pump Station at Jourdan Road.**

Mr. L. Jackson briefed the committee on a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$149,500 to ARC Mechanical Contractors, Inc., of Slidell, Louisiana, the lowest of seven responsive bidders, for all labor, and equipment required for replacement of the 150 horsepower pump and motor at the Patterson Drainage Pump Station at Jourdan Road. The contract is funded by 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.

### **2. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Awarding a Contract in the Amount of \$124,000 to Global Rigging & Transport, LLC, to Refurbish the Trolley Wire Rope Drum and Replace the Coupling on Container Cranes Nos. 6 and 7 at the Napoleon Avenue Terminal Complex.**

Mr. L. Jackson briefed the committee on a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$124,000 to Global Rigging & Transport, LLC, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, the lowest of three responsive bidders, for all labor, and equipment required to refurbish the trolley wire rope drum and replace the coupling on Container Cranes Nos. 6 and 7, including replacing the existing trolley wire ropes with new rope. The contract is funded by 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.

### **3. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Awarding a Contract in the Amount of \$613,600 to Boh Bros. Construction Co., LLC, to Repair Damages at the Florida Avenue Bridge.**

Mr. L. Jackson briefed the committee on a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$613,600 to Boh Bros. Construction Co., LLC, of New Orleans,

Louisiana, the lower of two responsive bidders, for all labor, and equipment required to repair various damages at the Florida Avenue Bridge over the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal in New Orleans. The contract is funded by FEMA and the remainder from 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 Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Amendment in the Amount of \$66,994 to the Contract with Hard Rock Construction, LLC, for Mississippi River Intermodal Terminal Improvements.**

Mr. L. Jackson briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract amendment in the amount of \$66,994 to the contract with Hard Rock Construction, LLC, for preparation of two former rail track beds for use in container operations. The contract is funded by the TIGER III Grant and 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.

**D. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Baker adjourned the meeting at 2:31 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF  
THE PROPERTY AND INSURANCE  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 22, 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 AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN TARA C. HERNANDEZ AT 2:32 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Tara C. Hernandez, Ad Hoc Committee Chairwoman  
William T. Bergeron, Member  
Michael W. Kearney, Member  
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Member  
Arnold B. Baker, Member  
Darryl D. Berger, Member

**COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**ABSENT:**

Laney J. Chouest, Committee Chairman

**STAFF:**

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer  
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities  
M. Gannon, Vice President, Public Affairs  
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel  
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial  
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit  
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer  
L. Blackman, Director, Commercial & Cruise Projects  
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate  
T. Carter, Director, Procurement  
L. Jackson, Director, Engineering  
D. Jackson, Manager, Media Relations  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

**GUESTS:**

L. Traweek, *City Business*

## **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 the purpose of holding this meeting only. She determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:32 P.M

## **B. Public Comment**

Ad Hoc Committee Chairwoman Hernandez 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 Amend the Board's Lease with the Kearney Companies, Inc., for the France Road Terminal Berth 1 Marshaling Yard and Consolidation Shed to Add Two Acres to the Lease Site and to Extend the Term for an Additional Ten Years with Two Additional Five-Year Option Periods.**

Mr. Kearney recused himself from the discussion of this item and left the room.

Mr. Bonura briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to amend the Board's lease with the Kearney Companies, Inc. He stated that the additional two acres to the existing property site would increase the leasehold to 30.7 acres. The term of the lease would be extended ten years followed by two extended option terms, each five years long.

Mr. Bonura stated that the lessee secured a new line of business to transload animal feed from barge to rail and the lessee is obligated to install two 500-foot long rail tracks at its cost. Mr. Bonura estimated that the handling of the cargo is projected to generate about \$48,000 in new revenue per year for the Board in addition to the rent. He explained the bulk cargo handled at France Road Terminal Berth 1 for the lessee's customers will be initially billed at the tariff rates for the transfer of bulk cargo on the Industrial Canal. In future years, the bulk-handling rates will be reviewed every five years and capped at the lower of the then current tariff rates or today's tariff rate adjusted for inflation.

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

Mr. Kearney returned to the room at this point.

### **2. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Nominating Christian D. Bonura, Janine M. Mansour, and Karley D. Frankic to Serve as a Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of the New Orleans Regional Business Park.**



Mr. Bonura briefed the committee on a resolution nominating Janine M. Mansour, Karley D. Frankic and himself to serve as a Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of the New Orleans Regional Business Park (NORBP).

He stated that one of the seats on the NORBP board is mandated by law to be filled with a person nominated by this Board and that the law requires this Board to send names of three nominees to the Mayor of New Orleans for the Mayor to appoint one of the three.

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 2:51 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES  
OF  
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 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 9:33 A.M. ON THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Michael W. Kearney, Committee Chairman  
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Member  
Laney J. Chouest, Member  
Arnold B. Baker, Member  
Tara C. Hernandez, Member  
Darryl D. Berger, Member

**COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**ABSENT:**

William T. Bergeron, 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  
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development  
M. Gresham, Director, External Affairs  
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Communications/Media  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

**GUEST:**

W. Evans, Matrix PDM

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

Committee Chairman Kearney determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:33 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. Gresham gave an update on state legislation. He stated that the 2017 Louisiana Regular Session is two weeks from ending. The House is refusing to pass any revenue measures on to the Senate, causing the Democrats to block House Bill 3, the funding mechanism for the state construction budget. By doing so, they are hoping it will force Republicans to negotiate. Mr. Gresham mentioned there has not been any compromise on the state budget and that the Governor is considering a possible special session to address the State's revenue issues.

Mr. Gresham gave an update on current issues important to the Port of New Orleans. He discussed transportation infrastructure and bills filed referencing transportation funding. He also discussed various Senate and House bills related to waterways legislation.

**B. Briefing on Master Plan Outreach and Survey Results.**

Ms. Pellegrin briefed the committee on the master plan outreach and survey results. She labeled her presentation "Dock Talks & Your Port Nola Survey". She reviewed feedback and results from open houses that her team received and stated there were more than 250 people who attended open houses. Ms. Pellegrin said they were able to get a diverse and engaged audience from the open house dock talks. She stated that the dock talks were informative and interactive and that the survey continues to reach diverse interests.

Ms. Pellegrin mentioned that her team did receive some comments and feedback from surveys that mirrored the understanding of the general knowledge in the public about Port operations and roles.

She spoke briefly on a multi-media approach to gaining practical input and today's reality. These are big needs with limited resources. The "Dock Talks and Port Survey" results clearly support the Port's mission, which is environmental leadership, historic recognition, waterfront access, jobs, infrastructure, and traffic.

**C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Recognizing May 22, 2017, as National Maritime Day and May, 2017, as Maritime Month.**

Ms. Dolese briefed the committee on a resolution recognizing May 22<sup>nd</sup> as National Maritime Day and May, 2017, as Maritime Month. She stated that *WWL-TV* will broadcast 15- to 30-second promotional ads throughout the month touting the benefits of "Your Working River." Port NOLA is also partnering with the Orleans Parish School Board to bring several high school students to the port to explore maritime careers and get a firsthand look at the vibrant activity via a waterside tour of the Port. The Port also joins Global Maritime Ministries in honoring the Port's Harbor Police Department from May 14<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> during Harbor Police Week. On National Maritime Day, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Port NOLA will host *WWL-TV Morning Show* for a live broadcast from the Port of New Orleans' fireboat from 7 A.M. until 9 A.M.

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

Ms. Christian discussed her visit to D.C. with Mr. Landry, Ms. Ganon and Jones Walker to meet with members of the state congressional delegation on various issues such as steel imports and manufacturers.

**6. Upcoming Events.**

- May 26, 2017 – Port Boat Tour, General Public
- June 1, 2017 – 9:00 A.M. – Plaza, Hurricane Preparedness Meeting, Governor Edwards and Mayor Landrieu
- June 1-4, 2017 – IFFCBANO International Trade Symposium, Point Clear, AL
- June 6, 2017 – Port Boat Tour, U.S. Submarine Veterans
- June 8, 2017 – GNO, Inc., Board of Directors meeting, Ms. Christian speaking
- June 15, 2017 – New Orleans Terminal LLC, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, Roosevelt Hotel

**7. Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Kearney adjourned the meeting at 10:23 A.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS**

**MINUTES  
OF  
THE REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 25, 2017**

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**MEETING NO. 11, 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 11:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBER ABSENT:**

William T. Bergeron, 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, Internal 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  
M. Verderame, Records Manager  
B. Nalley, Staff Attorney  
M. Rubino, Staff Attorney  
B. Parent, Internal Audit  
J. Scheck, Communications

H. Fontenot, Paralegal  
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant  
J. Moran, Administrative Assistant  
C. Cahill, Administrative Assistant  
C. Falgoust, Administrative Assistant  
D. Feraci, Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS:**

W. Evans, Matrix PDM  
L. Lazard, African American Heritage Cultural Center  
S. Kennedy  
R. Evans, The Kearney Companies, Inc.  
D. Kearney, The Kearney Companies, Inc.  
B. Hoffman, Gulf Geo Exchange  
R. Thompson, *The Advocate*

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

Chairman Kearney determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:00 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.

Mr. Steven Kennedy addressed the Board regarding the Port's Master Plan and its efforts to add a diversity and inclusion plan. He mentioned that Commissioner Hernandez addressed his concerns earlier.

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

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

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

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

**VI. Actions Required**

**A. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract in the Amount of \$149,500 to ARC Mechanical Contractors, Inc., to Replace the Motor and Pump at the Patterson Drainage Pump Station at Jourdan Road.**

Ms. Fant presented and recommended approval of a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$149,500 to ARC Mechanical Contractors, Inc., for all labor, materials, and equipment required for replacement of the 150 horsepower pump and motor at the Patterson Drainage Pump Station at Jourdan Road.

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.**

**B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Global Rigging & Transport, LLC, in the Amount of \$124,000 to Refurbish the Trolley Wire Rope Drum and Replace the Coupling on Container Cranes Nos. 6 and 7 at the Napoleon Avenue Terminal Complex.**

Ms. Fant presented and recommended approval of a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$124,000 to Global Rigging & Transport, LLC, for labor, materials, and equipment required to refurbish the trolley wire rope drum and replace the coupling on Container Cranes Nos. 6 and 7 at the Napoleon Avenue Terminal Complex.

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 in the Amount of \$613,600 to Boh Bros. Construction Co., LLC, to Repair Damages at the Florida Avenue Bridge.**

Ms. Fant presented and recommended approval of a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$613,600 to Boh Bros. Construction Co., LLC, for all labor, materials, and equipment required to repair various damages to the Florida Avenue 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.**

**D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Amendment in the Amount of \$66,994 to the Contract with Hard Rock Construction, LLC, for the Mississippi River Intermodal Terminal Improvements.**

Ms. Fant presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an amendment in the amount of \$66,994 to the contract with Hard Rock Construction, LLC, for preparation of two former rail track beds for use in container operations.

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.**

**E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Board's Lease with the Kearney Companies, Inc., for the France Road Terminal Berth 1 Marshalling Yard and Consolidation Shed to Add Two Acres to the Lease Site and to Extend the Term for an Additional Ten Years with Two Additional Five-Year Option Periods.**

Mr. Bonura presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to amend the Board's lease with the Kearney Companies, Inc., for the France Road Terminal Berth 1 marshalling yard and consolidation shed to add two acres to the lease site and to extend the term for an additional ten years with two additional five-year option periods.

Chairman Kearney recused himself from the vote on this item because of a conflict of interest.

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.**

**E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Nominating Christian D. Bonura, Janine M. Mansour, and Karley D. Frankic to Serve as a Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of the New Orleans Regional Business Park.**



Mr. Bonura presented and recommended approval of a resolution nominating Janine M. Mansour, Karley D. Frankic, and Christian D. Bonura to serve as Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of the New Orleans Regional Business Park.

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.**

**G. Consider Approval of a Resolution Recognizing May 22, 2017, as National Maritime Day and May, 2017, as Maritime Month.**

Ms. Dolese presented and recommended approval of a resolution recognizing May 22, 2017, as National Maritime Day and May, 2017, as Maritime Month.

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

**VII. Commissioners' Comments**

Chairman Kearney appointed Commissioners Bergeron, Hernandez, and Berger to serve as members of the nominating committee to make recommendations to the Board next month for a change of officers with Commissioner Bergeron to serve as chairman.

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

Ms. Christian recognized and thanked Global Maritime Ministries for its ongoing efforts during the celebration of Maritime Month. She commended the public affairs team along with Renee Dolese for their efforts and participation in the Maritime Day celebration.

Ms. Christian talked about the future of the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad (NOPB) and said there are ongoing positive conversations between the Port of New Orleans and the City of New Orleans about the NOPB.

**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 11:25 A.M.

**NEXT MEETING:**

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