

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS**

**MINUTES OF
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017**

A MEETING OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4TH FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MICHAEL W. KEARNEY AT 1:38 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Michael W. Kearney, Ad Hoc Committee Chairman
William T. Bergeron, Member
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Member
Tara C. Hernandez, 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. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications
C. Bonura, Director, Maritime Rail Integration
L. Blackman, Director, Real Estate & Cruise Projects
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
C. Coats, Director, Real Estate
A. Evett, Manager, Engineering
P. Booker, Manager, Waterfront Maintenance
J. Haralson, Manager, Community Relations

D. Jackson, Manager, Media Relations
H. Fontenot, Paralegal
T. Gobin, Administrative Assistant
L. Martinez, Administrative Assistant
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

L. Traweek, *City Business*
S. D'Aunoy, Hub International, Ltd.
R. Chauvin, Infinity Engineering Consultants, LLC
W. Baudier, Design Engineering, Inc.
J. Martin, Design Engineering, Inc.

A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

In the absence of Committee Chairman Chouest, Board Chairman Barkerding appointed Commissioner Kearney to serve as Ad Hoc Committee Chairman for the purpose of holding this meeting only. Commissioner Kearney determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:38 P.M.

B. Public Comment

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

C. Briefing on and Discussion of Resolutions to:

1. Recommend to the Board as its Regular Monthly Meeting Acceptance of the September, 2017, Financial Statement.

Mr. Landry gave a brief cargo report. He stated that it was another good month for containers. He mentioned that we are up in double digits for container volumes. He stated finally that breakbulk was down a little, but that was expected at this time of the year.

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on the September, 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 approximately \$50,000 for the month and approximately \$700,000 above budget for the year. Mr. Wendel stated that cruise operations were a little over budget and a little weaker on parking, but still on budget for the year.

On the expense side, he stated that we are below budget for the month and still remain \$388,000 below budget for the year.

He stated that overall total operating expenses were \$167,000 below budget for the month and came in at \$186,000 above budget for operating income before depreciation (operating cash flow). For the year, we are at almost \$1.4 million above budget and \$92,200 below last year.

Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Kearney moved for the resolution's approval. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into Annual Agreements Providing for Employee Benefits for Health, Dental, Vision, Long-Term Disability, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, and Life Insurance Coverage.

Mr. Scott D'Aunoy from the Board's benefits insurance broker Hub International, Ltd., distributed a handout detailing the 2018 benefits renewal, a copy of which is made part of these minutes. He presented his renewal process timeline that included the medical plan, ancillary coverage, and overall benefit coverage summary. Mr. D'Aunoy spoke about the average age and demographic factor of employees covered under the active plan, which includes active employees, retired employees under 65 and retirees not eligible for Medicare, and also the total premium versus claims history category. He reviewed the active medical plan renewal history, the medical market analysis, and the benefit plan marketing status. He mentioned that Hub and staff recommend the United Healthcare negotiated renewal offer with only a 6% increase be accepted.

Mr. D'Aunoy discussed the ancillary coverage and benefits of the dental plan with a 6% rate decrease at renewal and the vision plan with a 10% rate decrease at renewal. He then recommended that we accept United's proposal to renew the dental and vision plans at the decreased cost.

Mr. D'Aunoy discussed the coverage and benefits of the life, AD&D, voluntary life, and LTD plans with a 3% rate increase by MetLife and recommended that the Board stay with this plan by MetLife.

Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Kearney moved for the resolution's approval. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Kearney called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Baker moved, and Commissioner Bergeron seconded. Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Kearney adjourned the meeting at 2:01 P.M.

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

A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4TH FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN TARA C. HERNANDEZ AT 2:02 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Tara C. Hernandez, 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, 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, Maritime Rail Integration
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications
L. Blackman, Director, Real Estate & Cruise Projects
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
C. Coats, Director, Real Estate
A. Evett, Manager, Engineering
P. Booker, Manager, Waterfront Maintenance
J. Haralson, Manager, Community Relations
D. Jackson, Manager, Media Relations
H. Fontenot, Paralegal
T. Gobin, Administrative Assistant
L. Martinez, Administrative Assistant
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

L. Traweek, *City Business*
R. Chauvin, Infinity Engineering Consultants, LLC
W. Baudier, Design Engineering, Inc.
J. Martin, Design Engineering, Inc.

A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Committee Chairwoman Hernandez determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:02 P.M.

B. Public Comment

Committee Chairwoman Hernandez called for public comment, but there was none.

C. Briefing on and Discussion of Resolutions to:

- 1. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with Gulf Engineers and Consultants, Inc., at a Cost Not to Exceed \$500,000 for As-Needed Civil Engineering Services.**

Mr. Evett briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a professional services contract at a cost not to exceed \$500,000 with Gulf Engineers and Consultants, Inc., of Metairie, Louisiana, the lowest of nineteen proposers, to provide as-needed civil engineering services. The contract is funded by the Board's Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvement Program.

Committee Chairwoman Hernandez moved for approval of the motion to recommend. Commissioner Kearney seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 2. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Amendment in the Amount of \$1,210,800 to the Contract with Coastal Marine Contractors, LLC, for the Alabo Street Terminal Substructure Repairs.** Mr. Evett briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an amendment to the contract at a cost of \$1,210,800 with Coastal Marine Contractors, LLC, of Slidell, Louisiana, for substructure repairs. The contract is funded by the Board's Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvement Program.

Committee Chairwoman Hernandez moved for approval of the motion to recommend. Commissioner Barkerding seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 3. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Amendment in an Amount Not to Exceed \$244,000 to Expand the Scope of**

Services of the Professional Services Contract with Modjeski & Masters, Inc., to Provide Bridge Inspection and Load Rating Services.

Mr. Evett briefed the committee on a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an amendment at a cost not to exceed \$244,000 with Modjeski & Masters, Inc., of New Orleans, Louisiana, to provide bridge inspection and load rating services. The contract is funded by the Board's Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvement Program.

Committee Chairwoman Hernandez moved for approval of the motion to recommend. Commissioner Berger seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting a Resolution Awarding a Contract to H & E Equipment Services, Inc., in the Amount of \$277,517.82 for the Purchase of One 30-Ton Capacity Diesel-Powered Boom Truck.

Ms. Fant briefed the committee on a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$277,517.82 to H & E Equipment Services, Inc., of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the lower of two responsive bidders, for the purchase of one 30-ton capacity diesel-powered boom truck. The contract is funded by the Board's Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Equipment Budget.

Committee Chairwoman Hernandez moved for approval of the motion to recommend. Commissioner Berger seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting a Resolution Authorizing a Contract to Conmaco/Rector L.P., in the Amount of \$233,400 for the Purchase of One Two-Drum Waterfall Type Anchor Winch for Use on the Dredge Anchor Boat.

Ms. Fant briefed the committee on a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$233,400 to Conmaco/Rector L.P., of Belle Chasse, Louisiana, the lower of two responsive bidders, for the purchase of one two-drum waterfall type anchor winch for use on the dredge anchor boat. The contract is funded by the Board's Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Equipment Budget

Committee Chairwoman Hernandez moved for approval of the motion to recommend. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairwoman Hernandez called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kearney moved and Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. Committee Chairwoman Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 2:13 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE PROPERTY AND INSURANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017**

A MEETING OF THE PROPERTY AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4TH FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ARNOLD B. BAKER AT 2:14 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Arnold B. Baker, Committee Chairman
William T. Bergeron, Chairman
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 & Facility
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
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications
C. Bonura, Director, Maritime Rail Integration
L. Blackman, Director, Real Estate & Cruise Projects
T. Carter, Director Procurement
C. Coats, Director, Real Estate
A. Evett, Manager, Engineering
P. Booker, Manager, Waterfront Maintenance
J. Haralson, Manager, Communications Manager
D. Jackson, Manager, Media Relations
H. Fontenot, Paralegal
T. Gobin, Administrative Assistant
L. Martinez, Administrative Assistant
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant

GUEST:

L. Traweek, *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 2:14 P.M.

B. Public Comment

Committee Chairman Baker called for public comment and there were none.

C. Briefing on and Discussion of Resolutions to:

- 1. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans, the Public Belt Railroad Commission for the City of New Orleans, and the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation, a Future Public Nonprofit Wholly Owned Subsidiary Corporation of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, to Exchange the Board's Wharves at Governor Nicholls Street and Esplanade Avenue for the Operations, Assets, and Liabilities of the Public Belt Railroad Commission for the City of New Orleans.**

Mr. Bonura presented a brief timeline dating back to June 9, 2017, when the Board adopted a resolution detailing a framework within which it authorized its President and Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the City of New Orleans and the Public Belt Railroad Commission to transfer control and ownership of the commission and all of its assets and property from the City to the Port in exchange for the Governor Nicholls Street and Esplanade Avenue Wharves.

Then he provided a brief update on the current process through today. He reviewed the terms of the CEA and the parties involved and stated that significant progress is being made on the exchange of the wharves from the Port of New Orleans to the City of New Orleans. Mr. Bonura detailed the obligations of the Port, the soon-to-be-formed corporation, the City, and the Commission, and stated that the target transaction date is December 31, 2017. He mentioned that there are several steps before reaching that date, but everything is moving according to plans. Mr. Bonura reiterated that this resolution grants the President and Chief Executive Officer the authority to enter into the CEA.

Committee Chairman Baker moved for approval of the motion to recommend. Commissioner Bergeron seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 2. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting a Resolution Approving the Incorporation of the Public Nonprofit Corporation New**

Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation (NOPBRC) as a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans for the Purpose of Acquiring the Operations, Assets and Liabilities of the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Commission from the City of New Orleans, Adopting the Articles of Incorporation for the NOPBRC and Authorizing Its President and Chief Executive Officer to Take Such Actions as Necessary in Her Discretion to Give Full Force and Effect to the Intentions Expressed in this Resolution.

Mr. Gussoni briefed the committee on a resolution to approve the creation of a new public nonprofit subsidiary corporation to which the assets and liabilities of the Commission will be transferred as part of the CEA. The entity would be named the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation, and it would be established as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Port of New Orleans and be wholly controlled by it. He discussed and highlighted the incorporation terms, including the corporate structure, membership, board of directors, and officers. He stated that the members of the Port's board would be the same as that of the NOPBRC's board, but emphasized the prohibition against anyone serving on the NOPBRC's board if that person had certain business relationships with the Belt or other prohibitions contained in the State's Ethics Code, which was being adopted as regulating the NOPBRC board.

Mr. Gussoni touched on the process of the articles of incorporation and stated that the NOPBRC will likely be set up in the next couple of weeks. He stated that the concept will be that the Port's board will gavel out of its monthly public meetings and immediately gavel into the NOPBRC's monthly board meetings.

Committee Chairman Baker moved for approval of the motion to recommend. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Baker called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kearney moved, and Commissioner Bergeron seconded. Committee Chairman Baker adjourned the meeting at 2:28 P.M.

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

A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4TH FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ROBERT R. BARKERDING, JR., AT 9:38 A.M. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Committee Chairman
William T. Bergeron, Member
Michael W. Kearney, 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
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development
L. Sawatsky, Director, Finance
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order.

Committee Chairman Barkerding determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:38 A.M.

II. Public Comment.

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

III. Chairman's Comments.

Committee Chairman Barkerding commented on the calendar of events and their attendees.

IV. Briefing on and Discussion of the Status of the Upcoming Bond Issues and Refundings.

Mr. Wendel presented an update on the current status and timeline of the bond issues. He stated that underwriter proposals were received from various national banks interested in working with the bonds. He stated that at the December Board meeting, the decision will be made on the final approval for the financing plan. Mr. Wendel mentioned that, depending on whether we conduct business with banks or in a structure of public placement, the bank loan closings will take place on January 4, 2018, the bond pricing on January 16, 2018, and the bond sale on January 30, 2018.

V. Presentation of Annual Audit Report.

Mr. Sawatsky presented and discussed the Fiscal 2017 Independent Auditor's Report. He stated that the majority of the audit entries were either staff-supplied additional accruals or reserve adjustments. He also highlighted the GASB pension adjustment that was the most significant at \$5.5 million of all adjustments.

Mr. Sawatsky reviewed the figures for operating revenues and expenses. He talked about the statement of net positions as of June 30, 2017, and June 30, 2016. Mr. Wendel highlighted both the net position and the cash flow statements from the operating activities, capital and related financing activities, and investing activities.

There was an in-depth conversation among Mr. Wendel and commissioners regarding the numbers from the statement of net position as of June 30, 2017, and June 30, 2016.

VI. Port Mission, Vision and Values.

Ms. Christian asked that Miss Pellegrin present the port mission, vision, and values. Ms. Pellegrin welcomed everyone's input and began her presentation on where the port is heading on its mission, vision, and values. She read aloud the Port mission statement and elaborated on certain areas of the mission. Ms. Pellegrin mentioned that she and staff have researched other top corporate vision statements in order to help the Port be visionary, ambitious, and feasible. She stated that the mission statement she presented is based on internal and external input as a vision for the future of the Port.

She discussed the values and what the values should be as the Port moves forward. She mentioned six different values as high priority from various discussions. One in particular was culture. Finally, Ms. Pellegrin stated that the value revealed as the most significant is ambition, which plays a vital role in the values of the Port.

VII. President and Chief Executive Officer's Comments.

Ms. Christian commented on Mr. Landry's and her quick trip to Geneva for meetings with various customers. She said the meetings were very productive and there are plans to have a follow-up meeting regarding customer orientation.

Ms. Christian commented about having two items at the Board meeting regarding the imminent Public Belt transaction and reiterated the tremendous amount of work and participation from staff to reach this point in the process. She then recognized staff for its participation, and Commissioner Kearney echoed her comments.

VIII. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Barkerding called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Baker moved, and Commissioner Berger seconded. Committee Chairman Barkerding adjourned the meeting at 10:35 A.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

MINUTES

OF

THE REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2017

MEETING NO. 4, 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 ROBERT R. BARKERDING, JR., AT 11:05 A.M. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBER ABSENT:

Laney J. Chouest, Vice-Chairman

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
G. Hager, Director, Human Resources
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing and Communications
L. Blackman, Director, Real Estate & Cruise Projects
C. Bonura, Director, Maritime Rail Integration
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
C. Coats, Director, Real Estate
A. Evett, Manager, Engineering
J. Haralson, Manager, Communications Manager
R. Hecker, Chief, Harbor Police Department
K. Frankic, Port Planner
D. Jackson, Manager, Media Relations
A. Taylor, Manager, Services

M. Verderame, Manager, Records
J. Lynch, General Counsel
J. Scheck, Communications
H. Fontenot, Paralegal
H. Horan, Human Resources
A. Gennaro, Internal Audit
P. Herring, Internal Audit
B. Parent, Internal Audit
A. Blake, Information Technology
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
L. Martinez, Administrative Assistant
J. Moran, Administrative Assistant
C. Falgoust, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

L. Traweek, *City Business*
K. Price, New Orleans Terminal
D. Magee, ILA
G. Davis, ILA
T. Burrall, Regions Bank
M. Faherty, Regions Bank
L. Hunter, Regions Bank
M. Melancon, Intelligent Transportation Systems
B. Haensel, G.E.C., Inc.
A. Flores, G.E.C. Inc.
C. McMillon, McMillon Movement Transporter
K. Calkins, New Orleans Terminal
F. McCormack, *The Waterways Journal*
N. Hardie, Alliant Insurance
Captain Jake Stahl, Marine Expertise
B. Soltz, NAI Latter & Blum

I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Chairman Barkerding determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:05 A.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Barkerding asked Commissioner Berger 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 Barkerding called for general public comment, but there was none.

IV. Approval of Minutes of September, 2017, Public Meetings

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

V. Acceptance of Financial Statement for September, 2017

On motion duly made by Chairman Barkerding and seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, the Board unanimously accepted the September, 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 a Professional Services Contract with Gulf Engineers and Consultants, Inc., at a Cost Not to Exceed \$500,000 for As-Needed Civil Engineering Services.

Mr. Evett presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a professional services contract for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 with Gulf Engineers and Consultants, Inc., for as needed civil engineering services.

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

B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Amendment in the Amount of \$1,210,800 to the Contract with Coastal Marine Contractors, LLC, for the Alabo Street Terminal Substructure Repairs.

Mr. Evett presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an amendment in the amount of \$1,210,800 to the contract with Coastal Marine Contractors, LLC, for the Alabo Street Terminal substructure repairs.

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

C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Amendment in an Amount Not to Exceed \$244,000 to Expand the Scope of Services of the Professional Services Contract with Modjeski & Masters, Inc., to Provide Bridge Inspection and Load Rating Services.

Mr. Evett presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and the Chief Executive Officer to enter into an amendment for an amount not to exceed \$244,000 to the professional services contract with Modjeski & Masters, Inc., to expand the scope of services and provide bridge inspection and load rating services.

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

D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to H & E Equipment Services, Inc., in the Amount of \$277,517.82 for the Purchase of One 30-Ton Capacity Diesel-Powered Boom

Ms. Fant presented and recommended approval of a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$277,517.82 to H & E Equipment Services, Inc., for the purchase of one 30-ton capacity diesel-powered boom truck.

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

E. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Conmaco/Rector L.P., in the Amount of \$233,400 for the Purchase of One Two-Drum Waterfall Type Anchor Winch for Use on the Dredge Anchor Boat.

Ms. Fant presented and recommended approval of a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$223,400 to Conmaco/Rector L.P., for the purchase of one two-drum waterfall type anchor winch for use on the dredge anchor boat.

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

F. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans, the Public Belt Railroad Commission for the City of New Orleans, and the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation, a Future Public Nonprofit Wholly Owned Subsidiary Corporation of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, to Exchange the Board's Wharves at Governor Nicholls Street and Esplanade Avenue for the Operations, Assets, and Liabilities of the Public Belt Railroad Commission for the City of New Orleans.

Mr. Bonura presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans, the Public Belt Railroad Commission for the City of New Orleans, and the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation, a future public nonprofit wholly owned subsidiary corporation of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, to exchange the Board's wharves at Governor Nicholls Street and Esplanade Avenue for the operations, assets, and liabilities of the Public Belt Railroad Commission for the City of New Orleans.

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

G. Consider Approval of a Resolution Approving the Incorporation of the Public Nonprofit Corporation New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation (NOPBRC) as a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans for the Purpose of Acquiring the Operations, Assets and Liabilities of the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Commission from the City of New Orleans, Adopting the Articles of Incorporation for NOPBRC and Authorizing Its President and Chief Executive Officer to Take Such Actions as Necessary in Her Discretion to Give Full Force and Effect to the Intentions Expressed in this Resolution.

Mr. Gussoni presented and recommended approval of a resolution approving the incorporation of the public nonprofit corporation New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation (NOPBRC) as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans for the purpose of acquiring the operations, assets and liabilities of the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Commission from the City of New Orleans, adopting the Articles of Incorporation for NOPBRC and authorizing its President and Chief Executive Officer to take such actions as necessary in her discretion to give full force and effect to the intentions expressed in this resolution.

Commissioner Baker 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 Enter into Annual Agreements Providing for Employee Benefits for Health, Dental, Vision, Long-Term Disability, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, and Life Insurance Coverage.

Mr. Wendel presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into annual agreements providing employee benefits for health, dental, vision, long-term disability, accidental death and dismemberment, and life insurance coverage.

Commissioner Bergeron 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.**

VII. Commissioners' Comments

The Commissioners had no comments.

VIII. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Christian recognized and thanked the staff and all parties involved in the transfer of the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad to the Port of New Orleans. Chairman Barkerding echoed Ms. Christian's comments.

IX. 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, November 16, 2017