

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

MINUTES OF

THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016

A MEETING OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4TH FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ROBERT R. BARKERDING, JR., AT 1:37 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER

ABSENT:

Scott H. Cooper, Member

STAFF:

G. LaGrange, President and Chief Executive Officer
B. Christian, Chief Operating Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
J. Penton, Chief Information Officer
F. Tharp, Director, Engineering
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

GUESTS:

J. Holt, Government Consultants
L. Traweek, *City Business*

A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

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

B. Public Comment

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

C. Briefing and Discussion Items

1. Review of November, 2016, Financial Statement

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on the November, 2016, financial statement. He distributed a report detailing the financial information, a copy of which is made part of these minutes. Mr. Wendel stated that the Board had another good month. On the revenue side, he stated that we missed budget on terminal operations by just over \$300,000 for the month. That resulted in our being approximately \$470,000 below budget for the year. He stated that it was a very soft month on breakbulk, but containers continued to do well. Overall revenues were only \$230,000 below budget for the month, but remain almost \$150,000 above budget for the year because of strong cruise revenues. On the expense side, Mr. Wendel reviewed variances that remain significantly under budget such as contract labor, training, travel, maintenance agreements, and professional fees. He mentioned that there were no expenditures above budget by more than \$25,000. Mr. Wendel stated that we continue to be below budget in overall expenditures for the month and year to date. Mr. Wendel stated we are about \$175,000 above budget for the month in Operating Income before Depreciation and \$1.7 million year to date. Year to date expenditures are down by \$890,000 below last year's expenditures, and we are almost \$2 million ahead of last year's Operating Income before Depreciation.

2. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with Financial Force.com, LLC, for the Purchase and Installation of New Project Management Software and for Additional Implementation Consulting Services.

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$23,500 per year based on a 29-month contract with Financial Force.com, LLC, to provide the Board with integrated project management software and additional implementation consulting services. The one-time installation will be \$57,000, and Mr. Wendel requested an additional \$45,000 to complete the implementation of the rest of the ERP system

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this 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 an Agreement with Presidio, Inc., for Materials Procurements and Professional Services to Install a Secure Network Firewall within the Port of New Orleans' Network Infrastructure.

Mr. Penton briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 with Presidio, Inc., to install a secure network firewall within the Port of New Orleans' network infrastructure, including the purchase and installation of all required software and hardware to protect the Port's network against unauthorized access by monitoring network traffic.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this item 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 Purchase Computers from Dell, Inc., from the Louisiana State Procurement Computing Equipment Contract.

Mr. Penton briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to purchase computers from Dell, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 to upgrade computing devices of the Board's end-users and to increase the computing capabilities of the end users throughout the Port.

After discussion, the committee indicated it would refer this item 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 1:55 P.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING
COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016

A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE PRESENTATION ROOM ON THE 4TH FLOOR AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ARNOLD B. BAKER AT 1:56 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER
ABSENT:

Scott H. Cooper, Member

STAFF:

G. LaGrange, President and Chief Executive Officer
B. Christian, Chief Operating Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate
R. Bylsma, Director, Maintenance
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
F. Tharp, Director, Engineering
P. Booker, Manager, Dredge
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

GUEST:

L. Traweek, *City Business*

E. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Committee Chairman Baker determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:56 P.M.

F. Public Comment

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

G. Briefing and Discussion Items

5. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with the Lowest Responsive Bidder for the Henry Clay Avenue Wharf Intake Extension and Nashville Avenue Wharf “C” Engine Fire Suppression System.

Mr. Tharp briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with the lowest responsive bidder in an amount not to exceed \$400,000. The project includes the extension of the fire pump intake from the Mississippi River to avoid silt and debris from entering into the fire suppression system. It also includes the replacement of an industrial, fire-rated pump drive engine and controls at the Nashville Avenue Wharf C facility. The contract is funded by the Board’s operating budget.

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

6. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development under the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for Assistance in the Implementation of the Nashville Yards Concrete Paving Improvements Project.

Mr. Tharp briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to receive DOTD funding for this project.

Mr. Tharp stated that the resolution in the required DOTD format certifies that the Board acknowledges submission of an application to the Louisiana

Port Construction and Development Priority Program to receive assistance for the Nashville Yards Concrete Paving Improvements Project and authorizes the President and Chief Executive Officer to execute a project agreement and a statement of sponsorship, represent the Board regarding the receipt of funds, and sign and approve all documents necessary under the circumstances to accomplish the project. He mentioned that the proposed grant application is for \$15 million. The contract is funded by the Board's operating budget and Port priority grants.

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

7. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with Economy Iron Works, Inc., for Repair of Fuel Piping on the *M/V General Roy S. Kelley*.

Mr. Bylsma briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 with Economy Iron Works, Inc., to incrementally repair the fuel piping over a period of approximately six months without sending the vessel to a shipyard or taking it out of service for an extended period of time. The contract is funded by the Fiscal Year 2017 capital budget.

There was an in-depth discussion between staff and commissioners regarding whether to incrementally repair the fuel piping over a period of time or to find an alternate solution. The commissioners asked staff to research the issue further and return with their findings next month rather than take it up as an action item this month.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Baker adjourned the meeting at 2:24 P.M.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016

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 LANEY J. CHOUEST AT 2:25 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016.

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:

Scott H. Cooper, Member

STAFF:

G. LaGrange, President and Chief Executive Officer
B. Christian, Chief Operating Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facility
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

GUEST:

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 2:25 P.M.

B. Public Comment

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

C. Briefing and Discussion Item

Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Board's Lease with Miller Transporters, Inc., at 6500 Terminal Road to Provide Alternate Premises at 6100 Terminal Road Because of Vehicular Access Issues.

Mr. Bonura briefed the committee on and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to amend the Board's lease with Miller Transporters, Inc. He mentioned that this item was previously presented to the Board several months ago relating to new tenant Miller Transporters, Inc. Mr. Bonura stated that this amendment would replace the original leased premises of five acres at 6500 Terminal Road with five acres at 6100 Terminal Road because of access issues related to the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad's unit train operation at the original leased premises.

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 2:30 P.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

MINUTES OF

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016

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 9:34 A.M. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016.

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
Tara C. Hernandez, Member

COMMITTEE MEMBER

ABSENT:

Scott H. Cooper, Member

STAFF:

G. LaGrange, President and Chief Executive Officer
B. Christian, Chief Operating Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Gussoni, Executive Counsel
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
M. Gresham, Director, External Affairs
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development
K. Frankic, Manager, Real Estate Development
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
H. Fontenot, Paralegal
M. Vie', Intern

GUESTS:

W. Evans, River Consultants
J.J. Jaskot (by telephone)
C. Johnsen (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 9:34 A.M.

2. Public Comment.

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

3. Chairman's Comments.

Committee Chairman Kearney wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

4. President and Chief Executive Officer's Comments.

Mr. LaGrange deferred his comments to a later time.

5. Briefing and Discussion Items.

I. Federal Legislative Update.

Mr. Gresham gave a brief report on federal legislation while waiting for Mr. Chris Johnsen to begin his update via conference call. He began by reviewing the Mississippi River Deepening Project along with the estimated costs and shared costs of the project. He also gave a brief overview of the Governor's Task Force on Transportation Infrastructure Investment.

Mr. Chris Johnsen and Mr. J.J. Jaskot of Jones Walker in Washington, DC, began their federal legislative update. Mr. Johnsen talked about the new president-elect and what we might expect in the near future. He briefly talked about The Trans-Pacific Partnership and discussed the Louisiana election and how it would affect the Port.

Mr. Jaskot discussed the Water Resources Development Act of 2016. He stated that it has been renamed the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act and that it was the last bill passed by the 2016 Congress. Mr. Jaskot gave a brief history of the bill and explained how it will affect the Port.

Ms. Christian asked Mr. Johnsen to discuss and provide an update on the state infrastructure priorities with DOTD and how it would feed into a federal infrastructure bill. Mr. Johnsen stated that, with those types of bills, Congress will give huge blocks of money to a state's department of transportation and

development and let it decide how to spend the money rather than get involved in specific projects in a particular state.

Mr. Gresham commented that the good news is that in Priority A, with regard to the DOTD's Master Plan going forward, there is a plan for container terminal expansion. He stated that the Master Plan has \$500 million listed as a top priority for container terminal expansion and that could be funded when DOTD prioritizes projects in its list. Mr. Gresham also mentioned there are plans to provide resources for a study of the Tchoupitoulas Corridor. He spoke on the Governor's Infrastructure Task Force and mentioned that resolutions were adopted relative to funding that included fuel taxes, registration fees, and tax incremental funding.

J. Port Emissions Inventory Project: Port NOLA Air Quality Challenges and Opportunities.

Ms. Pellegrin and Ms. Vie' prepared and developed a Port Emissions Inventory Tool (PEIT). Ms. Vie' spoke about the project's aim of understanding the Port's contribution to air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions as well as identifying potential improvements and emission reduction opportunities. She also reviewed the project's various benefits and the five source groups that PEIT estimates emissions from. Those are marine vessels, cargo-handling equipment, rail, on road vehicles, and administration. Ms. Vie' briefed the committee on the aggregate data, the Port emissions inventory model, emission factors, and calculations.

Ms. Pellegrin discussed the project's results, which include nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxides, GHG emissions in MTCO₂E, Port NO_x and SO_x emissions, and carbon footprint context. She stated that the next steps would include technical review, EPA evaluation, collection and refinement of terminal operator data, development of methodology for harbor craft emissions calculations, and engagement of the Port NOLA Clean Air Advisory Group in identifying and implementing emission reduction strategies.

K. Report on Cargo Activity.

Mr. Landry reported that November was a good month. TEU's were up by 5.9% and fiscal year to date down 3.7% and still in good shape. He stated that November was a decent month and that breakbulk cargo had an increase of 5% over October, and for the fiscal year down 11%, but he was seeing positive signs and expects volumes to increase. He stated that overall cargo numbers are pretty good.

L. Critical Commodities Conference 2017.

Mr. Landry stated that the Port of New Orleans has co-sponsored the conference with The American Institute for International Steel for the past eight years. He stated that in 2017, the conference will be held solely by the Port of New Orleans and will take place April 4, 2017, through April 6, 2017. Mr. Landry mentioned that the conference name has been changed to The Cargo Connection Conference and he expects it to draw a crowd of 300 to 400 attendees.

M. Report on Vessel Calls.

Mr. LaGrange reported that there were 507 ship calls this November compared to 458 for November of last year. On the year there have been 5,216 ship calls compared to 4,908 last year at this time.

N. Upcoming Events.

1. Friday, December 16, 2016 – 11:15 A.M. – Employee Service Awards
2. Friday, December 16, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. – Annual Holiday Customer Appreciation Night – Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel.

6. Other Business.

None

7. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Kearney adjourned the meeting at 10:52 A.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

**MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR MEETING
OF
DECEMBER 15, 2016**

MEETING NO. 6, FISCAL YEAR 2016, 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 11:07 A.M. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBER ABSENT:

Scott H. Cooper, Member

STAFF:

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

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

GUESTS:

L. Traweck, *City Business*
D. McDaniel, Parsons Brinckerhoff
C. Hill, Coastal Cargo
K. Calkins, New Orleans Terminal
W. Evans, Matrix PDM
G. Davis, ILA
D. Magee, ILA
T. Wells, W.S Nelson
J. Snape, Batture, LLC
D. Magiera, HDR

I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Chairman Kearney determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:07 A.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes of November 2016, Meetings

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

IV. Acceptance of Financial Statement for November, 2016

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

V. Public Comment

Chairman Kearney announced that the meeting was open to the public and directed any member of the public present who would like to comment to see Mr. Gresham.

VI. Actions Required

O. **Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with the Lowest Responsive Bidder for the Henry Clay Avenue Wharf Intake Extension and Nashville Avenue Wharf “C” Engine Fire Suppression System.**

Mr. Tharp presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to award a construction contract in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to the lowest responsive bidder identified at a public bid opening after following the requisite public bid law process. The project includes the extension of the fire pump intake from the Mississippi River to avoid silt and debris from entering into the fire suppression system. It also includes replacement of an industrial, fire-rated pump drive engine and controls at the Nashville Avenue Wharf “C” facility.

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

P. **Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development under the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for Assistance in the Implementation of the Nashville Yards Concrete Paving Improvements Project.**

Mr. Tharp presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development under the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for assistance in the implementation of the Nashville Yards concrete paving improvements project.

Commissioner Baker advised the Board that the Planning and Engineering Committee had met and reviewed the resolution with staff, and he moved for its

approval. Commissioner Barkerding seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Q. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Board's Lease with Miller Transporters, Inc., at 6500 Terminal Road to Provide Alternate Premises at 6100 Terminal Road Because of Vehicular Access Issues.

Mr. Bonura presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to amend the Board's lease with Miller Transporters, Inc., at 6500 Terminal Road to provide alternate premises at 6100 Terminal Road because of vehicular access issues.

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

R. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with Financial Force.com, LLC, for the Purchase and Installation of New Project Management Software and for Additional Implementation Consulting Services.

Mr. Wendel presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an agreement in the amount of \$23,000 per year with Financial Force.com, LLC, for the purchase and installation of new project management software and for additional implementation consulting services.

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

S. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into Agreements with Presidio, Inc., for Materials Procurements and Professional Services to Install a Secure Network Firewall within the Port of New Orleans' Network Infrastructure.

Mr. Penton presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into agreements with Presidio, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to install a secure network firewall within the Port of New Orleans' network infrastructure.

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.**

T. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Purchase Computers from Dell, Inc., from the Louisiana State Procurement Computing Equipment Contract.

Mr. Penton presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to purchase computers from Dell, Inc., from the Louisiana State procurement computing equipment contract in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 to upgrade computing devices of the Board's end users and to increase the computing capabilities of the end users throughout the Port of New Orleans.

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

VII. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

Mr. LaGrange began his report by talking about the anniversary date of the *MV Bright Field* incident, which occurred when a [bulk cargo ship](#), after losing engine power, collided with the [Riverwalk Marketplace](#) shopping complex in [New Orleans, Louisiana](#), on the afternoon of Saturday, December 14, 1996.

Then he read a letter from Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, who expressed his gratitude to Mr. Gresham for taking time to speak with him about the cruise industry in Louisiana.

Mr. LaGrange then read a letter from Ms. Sheral Kellar, Director with the Louisiana Workforce Commission. She thanked Mr. Gresham for hosting the town hall meeting at the Port on September 13, 2016, and for his gracious hospitality.

Mr. LaGrange read a letter from Mr. Sujit Canaga Retna, Fiscal Policy Manager with the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC). He expressed his thanks and appreciation to Mr. Gresham for helping the SLC set up a successful visit with the Port of New Orleans during the week.

Mr. LaGrange read a letter from Mr. Gard Wayt, Executive Director with Interstate 49 International Coalition. He thanked Mr. Gresham for his and the Port's commitment to the completion of Interstate 49 and continued support.

Mr. LaGrange reported that it was his final meeting as the Port's President and Chief Executive Officer. He read a wish list related to the future of the Port of New Orleans. He stated that it has been a great and grand fifteen-year ride making it the highlight of his career working with everyone at the Port.

Chairman Kearney commented that Mr. LaGrange will be retiring on April 3, 2017, and will become a consultant to the Port on January 1st. He stated that a proper ceremony will be in order on his retirement date.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

None

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

NEXT MEETING:

11:00 A.M., Thursday, January 26, 2017