

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – MARCH 12, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. in the boardroom of its office located at 100 Port Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Chalmette, Louisiana.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll was called.

Member's present were: Mr. Walter J. Cure IV, President; Mr. Larry M. Aisola, Jr., Vice-President; Mr. David L. Kenney, Jr., Commissioner. Absent were: Mr. Ronald J. Alonzo, Jr., Secretary and Mr. Thomas B. Ajubita, Treasurer. Also present were: Mr. Drew Heaphy, Executive Director; Ms. Denise Kraesig, Executive Assistant; Mr. Ross Gonzales, Director of Administration; Mr. Ted Roche, Director of Operations; Mr. Stephen Bernard, Boh Bros.; Mr. Henry Carroll, Resident; Ms. Patrice Cusimano, St. B. Parish Council; Mr. J. Difatta; Mr. Jim Difatta; Ms. Jan Evans, Volkert, Inc; Mr. Fred Evehardt, Parish Government; Mr. Floyd Gue, Meraux Resident; Ms. Robin R. Harris; Ms. Suzanne Kneale, Resident; Mr. John Lawrence, Infinity Engineering; Mr. H. Luna, Resident; Ms. Meaghan McCormack, SBEDF; Mr./Ms. C. Meyer; Ms. Amanda Mones, St. Bernard Council; Ms. Dolly N, WDSU; Ms. Lena Nunez; Ms. Janet Perez, Violet Resident; Capt. George Ricks; SBPG; Mr. Van Robin; Mr. Renaldo Ruffin, WGNO News; Ms. Cassie Schirm, WDSU; Ms. Doris Serigne, Resident; Mr. Kirk Serigne, Resident; Mr. Lloyd Serigne, Resident; Ms. Ashley Coker and Mr. Joshua Force, Sher Garner; Ms. Mallory Smith, Nexstar/WGNO News; Mr. Sidney Torres and Ms. Cheryl Tufaro.

President Cure asked if there were any public comments in accordance with R.S. 42:14(D). Mr.'s Jim DiFatta, Fred Evehardt and Sidney Torres each addressed the Board individually voicing their concerns and recommendations regarding Agenda Item Number 13, St. Bernard Parish Government vs Board of Commissioners for the Port of New Orleans and St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District, 34<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court St. Bernard Parish, Division B, Case #23-1006. Mr. DiFatta asked that the Board unwind and rescind the Port NOLA/LIT transaction. Mr.'s Evehardt and Torres asked the St. Bernard Port to join the St. Bernard Parish Government lawsuit to stop Port NOLA from operating in St. Bernard Parish.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Kenney, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 6, 2024.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Kenney, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a First Amendment to David J. Senez, Jr. lease changing the name of lessor to DCBP, LLC and adding two 5-year terms.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Kenney, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a new lease with Moran Solutions for 2,650 sq. ft. of Storage Space located at 305 Marlin Drive, Building 178, Chalmette Terminal.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Kenney, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a new lease with Alpha Rigging & Supply, LLC for 25,800 sq. ft. of warehouse space, Building 62, Rodmill Extension, located at 420 Bonita Drive, Chalmette Terminal.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Kenney, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved Change Order No. 6 for Boh Bros. Construction Co., Reconstruction of the Chalmette Slip Wharves F & A project, an overrun of \$1,096,936.65 and adding 205 additional days to the contract. Ms. Evans was recognized and informed the Board that they have reviewed the changes and approve the change order.

President Cure stated that bids were received in the Port office on February 22, 2024, at 2 p.m. for the New Generator Installation at Arabi Office Building project. The bids were as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid</u>
NOLA Build Contracting Services	\$270,673.77
On Point Construction	\$285,250.00
Ready Power LLC	\$365,045.00
DeValle Services	\$535,200.00

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Kenney, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved to award the bid to NOLA Build Contracting Services in the amount of \$270,673.77.

President Cure recognized Mr. Gonzales who gave the Finance Report. Mr. Gonzales reported on the Operating and Capital Budgets, Professional Services, Balance Sheet and Lessees Arrears. The Board discussed the Finance Report.

President Cure then recognized Mr. Heaphy who gave the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Heaphy discussed Lagniappe Rigging's lease, Scalise House Bill, North-South Connecting Road-Thud Bill passed, Attorney General's Monthly Training Sessions for Board and Commissions and changing the June board meeting date due to GFOA training for the Executive Director and Director of Operations. He also reminded the Board to submit their Personal Disclosure forms by May 15, 2024. Mr. Heaphy then

recognized Mr. Roche who gave an update on current and future construction projects. The Board discussed the Executive Director's report.

On motion of Mr. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Aisola, the Board convened Executive Session at 12:30 p.m. to discuss the following litigation: St. Bernard Parish Government vs Board of Commissioners for the Port of New Orleans and St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District, 34<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court St. Bernard Parish, Division B, Case #23-1006.

On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Kenney, the Board reconvened Regular Session at 1:55 p.m.

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On motion of Mr. Aisola, seconded by Mr. Kenney, the meeting was adjourned.