

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – APRIL 21, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 12:00 noon in the boardroom of its office located at 100 Port Boulevard, Chalmette, Louisiana.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll was called.

Members present were: Mr. Larry M. Aisola, Jr., President; Ms. Rachel L. Nunez, Vice President; Mr. Harold J. Anderson, Secretary and Rev. Henry Ballard, Jr., 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; Ms. Emily Miceli and Mr. Suresh Shah, All South Consulting Engineers LLC; Mr.'s Donald Brinkman and Domoine Rutledge, CSRS; Mr. Darin Dison, Dison; Ms. Gwen Sanders and Mr. Travis Richards, Eustis; Rev. Kevin Gabriel, NAACP; Ms.'s Meaghan McCormack and Taylor Robino, St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation; Ms. Kerri Callais, St. Bernard Parish Government; Mr. Ronnie Sloan, The Slone Group; Ms.'s Irene Augustine, Lenor Duplessis and Dorothy Hills, Violet Residents and Ms. Jan Evans, Volkert.

President Aisola asked if there were any public comments in accordance with R.S. 42:14(D). President Aisola recognized Mr. Dison who addressed the Board regarding consulting services that would assist DBE companies in Violet/St. Bernard Parish and help them in fostering the relationships between the small DBE businesses and larger businesses. The Board thanked Mr. Dison.

President Aisola recognized Ms. Callais who reminded the Board that voting for the Drainage and Fire Millage would be this upcoming Saturday and asked for their assistance in getting the word out for residents to vote. She asked if the Board had any questions regarding the millage. The Board and Ms. Callais discussed the Drainage millage. The board thanked Ms. Callais.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Nunez, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 9, 2021.

On motion of Ms. Nunez, seconded by Rev. Ballard, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved a Consent Request for Southern Natural Gas Company to perform proposed pipeline modifications and leak repair on the 24"/20" SNG Main Pass-Franklinton Loop Pipeline for Spike Test located in St. Bernard Parish.

President Aisola 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. The Board thanked Mr. Gonzales for his report.

President Aisola then recognized Mr. Heaphy who gave the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Heaphy reported that the FY 2021-2022 Budget Hearing will take place at the next board meeting, which will be held on May 11, 2021 at 12 p.m. He then informed the board that Mr. Paul Aucoin was awarded the WTC Bertel Award, Personal disclosure forms were due by May 15, 2021 and also provided a photo of the proposed location of the Transit Shed in Arabi. Rev. Ballard inquired as to the 5-year timeline regarding Associated Terminals' transition from Violet to the Arabi Terminal and if the administration was keeping the timeline in mind. Mr. Heaphy stated that both Associated Terminals and the Port were working on staying on the timeline and that Associated Terminals would be at the May board meeting to discuss this matter. Mr. Heaphy then discussed the Baummy Media Contract, Port Priority Amendment and recognized Mr. Brinkman who gave an update on the GIS project. Next, Mr. Heaphy recognized Mr. Roche who updated the Board on current and future projects. The Board thanked Mr. Heaphy for his report.

On motion of Ms. Nunez, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board unanimously approved to tabled Agenda Item No. 10: Approval of professional services contract with Eustis Engineering LLC for engineering services relating to the Rehabilitation of Chalmette Slip, Sections A and F project, not to exceed \$248,916. The Board did recognize Ms. Evan and Ms. Sanders who discussed the need for vibration monitoring at the Chalmette Slip required by the Corp of Engineers.

The Board recognized Mr. Slone who gave a presentation on Organizational Development and Training services that The Slone Group can provide to the Port. The Board discussed Mr. Slone's presentation. Rev. Ballard commented that the Port should only be responsible for the funds necessary to pay for these services which relate directly to the Port's operations. Engaging a firm for a collaborative endeavor between all applicable agencies in St. Bernard Parish, should not be the sole responsibility of the St. Bernard Port. The Board thanked Mr. Slone for his presentation.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Nunez, the Board unanimously approved to table Agenda Item No. 12: Approval of professional services contract with The Slone Group for consulting services relating to Organizational Development & Training, not to exceed \$71,550.

President Aisola asked if there were any Old Business. Rev. Ballard questioned the need for change orders and additional professional services contracts on projects that have gone through the bid process. The Board discussed the need to do all the necessary due diligence ahead of time, so there is no question in the public's eye that the Port is following the proper procedures. Mr. Heaphy stated that the Port follows public bid law and suggested that review of internal procedures, as with a company like the Slone Group, will help in clarifying that the Port is following all necessary directives. Mr. Roche also explained that all bidders bid on the same specifications submitted by the engineering firm and change orders are only brought to the Board when an item has been unforeseen by the engineers at the time of the writing of the bid. Rev. Ballard thanked Mr. Heaphy and Mr. Roche for their input on the matter and stressed the need for transparency.

President Aisola asked if there were any New Business. Mr. Heaphy informed the Board that St. Bernard Day at the Legislature will be on May 26, 2021.

On motion of Ms. Nunez, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Harold J. Anderson, Secretary