

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – MAY 9, 2017

The Board of Commissioners of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 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: Rev. Henry Ballard, Jr., President; Mr. Elton J. LeBlanc Vice President; Mr. Harold J. Anderson, Secretary and Ms. Cheri C. Quigley, Treasurer (arrived at 12:20). Also present were Dr. Robert Scafidel, Executive Director; Ms. Denise Kraesig, Executive Assistant; Mr. Drew Heaphy, Director of Administration; Mr. Jerry Graves, Director of Operations; Mr. Ted Roche, Project Manager; Mr. Sal Cusimano, Agreement Analyst; Mr. Ricky Melerine, Public Relations; Mr. Marty Nunez, Port Security Officer; Mr.'s Todd Fuller and Zeljko Franks, Associated Terminals; Mr. Dean Nicoladis, N-Y Assoc. and Ms. Renee Dolese, Port of New Orleans.

President Ballard announced the public hearing to present the proposed 2017-2018 Operating Budget for inspection. President Ballard asked if there were any public comment in accordance with R.S. 42:14 (D). Not hearing from anyone, he continued with the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 11, 2017.

President Ballard announced a public meeting for the purpose of adopting the millage rate. He asked in accordance with R.S.42:14 (D) if there were any public comment on the subject. Not hearing from anyone, he continued with the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution to adopt Millage which was read in full and voted on with a roll call vote: Ballard, Yea; LeBlanc, Yea; Anderson, Yea; Quigley, Absent:

St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District  
St. Bernard Parish

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage (s) are hereby levied on the 2017 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District:

MILLAGE

Ad Valorem 3.73 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2017, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, all collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

	Ballard	LeBlanc	Anderson	Quigley
YEAS:	X	X	X	
NAYS:				
ABSTAINING:				
ABSENT:				X

/s/ Henry J. Ballard, Jr., President

President Ballard announced that Bids were received in the Port office on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. for the Violet Breasting Dolphin Replacement project. The Bids were as follows:

<u>Contractors</u>	<u>Bids</u>
D & D Construction LA, LLC	\$ 329,000.00
Coastal Marine Contractors, LLC	\$ 478,966.00
Kostmayer Construction, LLC	\$ 520,742.40
Cycle Marine Group, Inc.	\$ 551,200.00
Bo-Mac Contractors, LTD	\$ 590,306.00
Boh Bros Construction Co., LLC	\$ 617,644.00
Durward Dunn, Inc.	\$ 765,093.00
Chet Morrison Contractors	\$ 797,260.00
Coastal Bridge Company, LLC	\$1,170,552.00

On motion of Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved to award the Violet Breasting Dolphin Replacement project to D & D Construction LA, LLC in the amount of \$329,000.00.

President Ballard recognized Mr. Heaphy who gave the Finance Report. Mr. Heaphy reported on the proposed 2017-2018 budget, operating and capital budgets, Balance Sheet, Professional Services and Lessees Arrears. The Board discussed the Finance Report. President Ballard thanked Mr. Heaphy for his report.

President Ballard recognized Dr. Scafidel who gave the Executive Director's Report. Dr. Scafidel made a brief response to the May 3, 2017 Advocate Article. He then recognized Mr. Roche who updated the Board on construction projects. Commissioner Quigley arrived at 12:20 p.m. Dr. Scafidel also discussed the Mike Munna Proposal to recompense liability and then reminded the board members to submit their annual Personal Disclosure forms to the Ethics Board by May 15, 2017. The Board discussed the Executive Director's Report. President Ballard thanked Dr. Scafidel.

On motion of Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Ms. Quigley, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with St. Bernard Parish Government allowing the SBPG to locate a Point of Distribution (POD) on Port property in the event a hurricane makes landfall in or around the Parish.

On motion of Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a professional services contract with AECOM for environmental services relating to the St. Bernard Port Roadway Improvements at Weinberger Road and LA 46 Intersection project, not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On motion of Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Ms. Quigley, and after asking for any public comment, the Board unanimously approved to select the St. Bernard Voice as the Official Journal for the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District pursuant to R.S. 43:171.

Dr. Scafidel informed the Board he had not recognized Mr. Franks during his report and asked that he be given an opportunity to update the Board. The Board recognized Mr. Franks who gave an update on Associated Terminals and their cargo statistics.

Rev. Ballard asked that Dr. Scafidel's response to the Advocate article be added to the minutes. Dr. Scafidel's response follows:

As most of you are aware, the Advocate published an article about me and the Port's practices on May 3, 2017.

First, I would like to say that I regret that this Board and the Port had to endure this article since it is obvious that the target was me.

In response to the article, I would like to say my education, experience, years in public administration and love of my hometown more than qualified me for my position here at the Port and among the top Port Executive Directors in our region. This Port, during my tenure, has made great strides and achieved much growth in revenue and infrastructure. I am very proud and humbled by those accomplishments.

When I started here, the Port had 32 tenants located at its two terminals which along with Port employees totaled 400 people employed. The Port now has 48 businesses located at its three terminals which along with Port employees total over 800 employed. When added to the direct and indirect jobs and business generated by the Port's activities in the Parish the total is 2,000 jobs and an input of \$325 million into the local economy.

The St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District's facilities are worth \$136 million dollars today. This did not happen by accident. It was a collective effort of the past and present Board of Commissioners, Executive Directors, Supportive Legislative Members and Port Employees that made this port what it is today and no article can tarnish or diminish those achievements.

In my years here, our Board has always governed within its rights and policies. This Board has the right to promote from within especially, in my opinion, when the candidate is as qualified as Drew Heaphy. Eluding otherwise in that article shined an undeserving light on this Board and the staff.

In closing, I would like to offer again my heartfelt thank you to those throughout my years at the Port who have provided support for my initiatives and helped me to reach my initial goals in 1998 of renovating the docks, developing the riverfront property and improving economic conditions in St. Bernard Parish by creating jobs.

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The Board discussed Dr. Scafidel's response and stated that those from the outside who have their own agendas will not make the Board second guess their decision to hire Drew Heaphy as Executive Director. The Port has increased in every way under Dr. Scafidel both in good people and the things they have accomplished. There was no need to look outside when the Port had someone qualified to promote from within and that it is now the Board's responsibility to move forward and continue to do what is best for the Port.

Mr. Heaphy addressed the Board and asked if it was possible to change the June meetings time to 3 p.m. The Board did not have any objection to changing the meeting time to 3 p.m.

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

/s/ Harold J. Anderson, Secretary