

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018**

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 LANEY J. CHOUEST AT 1:40 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Laney J. Chouest, Ad Hoc Committee Chairman
Tara C. Hernandez, Member
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Member
Darryl D. Berger, Member
William H. Langenstein, III, Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Arnold B. Baker, Member
Charles H. Ponstein, Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications
L. Blackman, Director, Real Estate & Cruise Projects
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
C. Coats, Director, Real Estate
A. Evett, Director, Engineering
J. Guidry, Director, Maintenance
J. Mansour, Director, Commercial
J. Lynch, General Counsel
D. Cordell, Chief Technology Officer
J. Haralson, Manager, Community Relations
D. Jackson, Manager, Media Relations

M. Verderame, Manager, Records
H. Fontenot, Paralegal
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

L. Traweek, *City Business*
D. Campbell, General Manager, New Orleans Public Belt
Railroad Corporation (NOPB)
E. Beck, NOPB General Counsel
D. Lafont, NOPB Chief Financial Officer
A. Von Dobeneck, NOPB Director of External Affairs
R. Chauvin, Infinity Engineering

A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

In the absence of Committee Chairman Baker, Chairman Chouest appointed himself to serve as Ad Hoc Committee Chairman for the purpose of holding this meeting only. Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Chouest determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M.

B. Briefing and Discussion Items:

1. Briefing on and Discussion of a Resolution to Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting the Acceptance of the Consolidated Financial Statements for March 2018.

Mr. Landry gave a brief cargo report. He stated that the month of March was a pretty good month for cargo, taking in to account having one vessel being out of commission due to water conditions. Mr. Landry stated that breakbulk volume is still down because of the recent tariff issues and that cruise had a good performance for March.

Mr. Wendel briefed the committee on the March, 2018, financial statements. He distributed a report detailing the financial information, a copy of which is made part of these minutes.

Mr. Wendel stated that on the revenue side, the reduction in breakbulk impacted the month for dockage revenues, \$1.2 million below budget. Terminal rentals were down, reiterating Mr. Landry's report on the impact of breakbulk. He commented that container business continues to grow and crane rentals continue to increase. For the month, we were \$400,000 below budget in terminal operations, which is driven mostly by the reduction in breakbulk.

Mr. Wendel stated that on the rail side, it was a very good month, last month we did \$1.9 million in revenue and this month almost \$2.5 million, which is just below the budget that was approved after taking over the railroad.

Mr. Wendel stated that our expenses continue to remain below budget mostly being driven on the labor side. He stated that all other expenses outside of labor continue to come in below budget, income before depreciation was \$200,000 above budget, and for the year we are \$3.1 million above budget.

Mr. Wendel stated that with the NOPB, they were slightly below budget for the month but expenses were brought in below budget by \$100,000, therefore making their operating income \$128,000 above budget for the month. He stated that for the past two months, they are coming in about \$48,000 above budget on operating income and below the line on minor expenses.

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

2. Briefing on and Discussion of Preliminary Budget Assumptions for Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Plan.

Mr. Wendel discussed the preliminary budget assumptions for Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Plan. He began his presentation with the revenues, expenses, and Capital Improvement Program budget assumptions, in excess of \$60 million for the Port. Mr. Wendel also discussed the revenues, expenses and capital program in excess of \$6.1 million for railroad budget assumptions.

C. Public Comment

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

D. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Chouest called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hernandez so moved, and Commissioner Langenstein seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Chouest then adjourned the meeting at 1:53 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE PLANNING AND ENGINEERING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018**

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 DARRYL D. BERGER AT 1:54 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Darryl D. Berger, Committee Chairman
Laney J. Chouest, Member
Tara C. Hernandez, Member
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Member
William H. Langenstein, III, Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Arnold B. Baker, Member
Charles H. Ponstein, Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications
L. Blackman, Director, Real Estate & Cruise Projects
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
C. Coats, Director, Real Estate
A. Evett, Director, Engineering
J. Guidry, Director, Maintenance
J. Mansour, Director, Commercial
J. Lynch, General Counsel
D. Cordell, Chief Technology Officer
J. Haralson, Manager, Community Relations
D. Jackson, Manager, Media Relations
M. Verderame, Manager, Records
H. Fontenot, Paralegal
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

L. Traweek, *City Business*
D. Campbell, General Manager, New Orleans Public Belt
Railroad Corporation (NOPB)
E. Beck, NOPB General Counsel
D. Lafont, NOPB Chief Financial Officer
A. Von Dobeneck, NOPB Director of External Affairs
R. Chauvin, Infinity Engineering

A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Committee Chairman Berger determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:54 P.M.

B. Briefing and Discussion Items:

- 1. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Amendment for an Amount Not to Exceed \$450,000 to the Professional Services Contract with Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc., to Provide As-Needed Civil Engineering Services.**

Mr. Evett presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an amendment to the professional services contract in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 to Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc., of Metairie, Louisiana, to provide as-needed civil engineering services at Nashville "A". This contract is funded by the Board's Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvement Program.

Committee Chairman Berger moved for the resolution's approval. Commissioner Langenstein 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 \$2,209,037.75 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 to the contract in the amount of \$2,209,037.75 to Coastal Marine Contractors, LLC, of Slidell, Louisiana, for substructure repairs for Alabo Street terminal. This contract is funded by the Board's Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvement Program.

Committee Chairman Berger moved for the resolution's approval. Commissioner Chouest seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Recommend to the Board at its April 23, 2018 Special Meeting a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into Contracts Above Designated Authorization Limits as Necessary for Dredging Services Exceeding Board In-House Dredging Capabilities for Fiscal Year 2018.

Mr. Evett presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into contracts above designated authorization limits as necessary for dredging services exceeding Board in-house dredging capabilities for Fiscal Year 2018. Any resulting dredging contracts will be funded by the Board's Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvement Program.

Committee Chairman Berger moved for the resolution's approval. Commissioner Chouest seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Public Comment

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

D. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Berger called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Langenstein moved, and Commissioner Chouest seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Committee Chairman Berger adjourned the meeting at 2:11 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
THE PROPERTY AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018**

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 CHAIRWOMAN TARA C. HERNANDEZ AT 2:12 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Tara C. Hernandez, Committee Chairwoman
Laney J. Chouest, Member
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Member
Darryl D. Berger, Member
William H. Langenstein, III, Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Arnold B. Baker, Member
Charles H. Ponstein, Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications
L. Blackman, Director, Real Estate & Cruise Projects
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
C. Coats, Director, Real Estate
A. Evett, Director, Engineering
J. Guidry, Director, Maintenance
J. Mansour, Director, Commercial
J. Lynch, General Counsel
D. Cordell, Chief Technology Officer
J. Haralson, Manager, Community Relations
D. Jackson, Manager, Media Relations
M. Verderame, Manager, Records
H. Fontenot, Paralegal
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

L. Traweek, *City Business*
D. Campbell, General Manager, New Orleans Public Belt
Railroad Corporation (NOPB)
E. Beck, NOPB General Counsel
D. Lafont, NOPB Chief Financial Officer
A. Von Dobeneck, NOPB Director of External Affairs
J. Martin, DEI
R. Chauvin, Infinity Engineering

A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Committee Chairwoman Hernandez determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:12 P.M

B. Briefing and Discussion Item:

1. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Lease with The Kearney Companies, Inc., for 28.7 Acres at 2701 France Road for an Initial Term of Three Years and to Provide Two Additional Three-Year Options.

Ms. Coats presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a lease with The Kearney Companies, Inc., for 28.7 acres at 2701 France Road for an initial term of three years and to provide two additional three-year options.

Ms. Coats briefed the committee on the new lease terms on France Road, Berth 1, including discussing currently dilapidated structures and future maintenance requirements.

Committee Chairwoman Hernandez moved for the resolution's approval. Commissioner Langenstein seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Public Comment

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

D. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairwoman Hernandez called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Langenstein so moved, and Commissioner Berger seconded, and the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Committee Chairwoman Hernandez then adjourned the meeting at 2:25 P.M.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF
SPECIAL MEETING NO. 10
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018**

A SPECIAL MEETING NO. 10 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 CHAIRMAN LANEY J. CHOUDEST AT 3:08 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Laney J. Chouest, Chairman
Tara C. Hernandez, Member
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Member
Darryl D. Berger, Member
William H. Langenstein, III, Member
Charles H. Ponstein, Member

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
ABSENT:**

Arnold B. Baker, Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
C. Coats, Director, Real Estate
J. Guidry, Director, Maintenance
J. Mansour, Director, Commercial
J. Lynch, General Counsel
D. Cordell, Chief Technology Officer
D. Jackson, Manager, Media Relations
M. Verderame, Manager, Records
H. Fontenot, Paralegal
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

L. Traweck, *City Business*
D. Campbell, General Manager, New Orleans Public Belt
Railroad Corporation (NOPB)
E. Beck, NOPB General Counsel

D. Lafont, NOPB Chief Financial Officer
A. Von Dobeneck, NOPB Director of External Affairs
J. Martin, DEI
R. Chauvin, Infinity Engineering

A. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Chairman Chouest determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:08 P.M

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

C. Public Comment

Chairman Chouest called for public comment, but there was none.

D. Briefing and Discussion Item:

1. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into Contracts Above Designated Authorization Limits as Necessary for Dredging Services Exceeding Board In-House Dredging Capabilities for Fiscal Year 2018.

Mr. Wendel presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into contracts above designated authorization limits as necessary for dredging services exceeding board in-house dredging capabilities for Fiscal Year 2018.

There was an in-depth discussion among staff and commissioners regarding the Port's scope of necessary dredging, forecasting for dredging needs, and budgeting.

Chairman Chouest moved for the resolution's approval. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Chouest called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hernandez so moved, and Commissioner Langenstein seconded, and the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Chairman Chouest then adjourned the meeting at 3:24 P.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

MINUTES

OF

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

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 LANEY J. CHOUDEST, AT 9:32 A.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Laney J. Chouest, Committee Chairman
Arnold B. Baker, Member
Tara C. Hernandez, Member
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr, Member
William H. Langenstein, III, Member
Charles H. Ponstein, Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Darryl D. Berger, Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing & Communications
T. Carter, Director, Procurement
C. Coats, Director, Real Estate
A. Pellegrin, Director, Sustainable Development
J. Lynch, General Counsel
J. Haralson, Manager, Community Relations
M. Verderame, Manager, Records
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

GUESTS:

L. Traweek, *City Business*
D. Campbell, General Manager, New Orleans Public Belt
Railroad Corporation (NOPB)
E. Beck, NOPB General Counsel
A. Von Doberneck, NOPB Director of External Affairs

1. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order.

Committee Chairman Chouest determined the existence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M.

2. Public Comment.

Committee Chairman Chouest called for public comment, and there were none.

3. Briefing and Discussion Items:

A. Briefing on Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Regarding Canal Street Ferry Terminal.

Ms. Coats briefed the committee on the Board's Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the RTA regarding the Canal Street ferry terminal. She briefed the committee on the terms of the CEA which allows the RTA to construct a temporary ferry terminal during the demolition of the current terminal and construction of a new one. The temporary terminal will be docked adjacent to and downriver from the current terminal, along Board-owned wharf space. Ms. Coats went over the Port CEA and its short and long term requirements.

Ms. Beck discussed the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation's CEA with the RTA, including RTA's use of the area near and over the railroad tracks. She also discussed the long term maintenance obligations in connection with such use, the coordination of pedestrian and contractor access during construction, insurance coverage, and other relevant details of the CEA.

B. Recommend to the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting the Approval of a Resolution Recognizing May 22, 2018, as National Maritime Day and May, 2018 as Maritime Month.

Ms. Dolese presented and recommended approval of a resolution recognizing May 22, 2018, as National Maritime Day and May, 2018 as Maritime Month. Ms. Dolese briefed the commissioners on Port-sponsored activities planned in conjunction with Maritime Month.

Committee Chairman Chouest moved for the resolution's approval. Commissioner Langenstein seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Legislative Briefing.

Mr. Gresham briefed the committee on the 2018 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature. He mentioned that the Governor is still seeking to wrap up the regular session by May 11th in order to have a special session.

Mr. Gresham discussed various Louisiana projects and programs, along with House and Senate bills. He went over several federal issues, highlighting the WRDA 2018 bill, appropriations, congressional leadership and member turnover.

6. President and Chief Executive Officer's Comments.

Ms. Christian asked that Ms. Pellegrin share some good news regarding the Brownfield Grant. She stated that the Regional Planning Commission received a grant yesterday from the EPA to be used for cleaning brownfield and other under-utilized Port properties, located within the inner harbor navigation canal. Ms. Pellegrin stated that the amount of the grant will be \$650,000 per Port property.

Ms. Christian also announced that Board-owned Industrial Canal properties in New Orleans East have been successfully approved to become an opportunity zone for future development.

7. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Chouest had no comment.

8. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Chouest called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Barkerding moved, and Commissioner Baker seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Committee Chairman Chouest adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

MINUTES

OF

THE REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 26, 2018

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE 1ST FLOOR AUDITORIUM AT ITS OFFICES AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN LANEY J. CHOUEST AT 10:17 A.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laney J. Chouest, Chairman
Arnold B. Baker, Vice-Chairman
Tara C. Hernandez, Secretary-Treasurer
Robert R. Barkerding, Jr., Member
William H. Langenstein, III, Member
Charles H. Ponstein, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Darryl D. Berger, Member

STAFF:

B. Christian, President and Chief Executive Officer
A. Fant, Vice President, Planning & Facilities
M. Ganon, Vice President, Public Affairs
B. Landry, Vice President, Commercial
E. Pansano, Director, Internal Audit
R. Wendel, Chief Financial Officer
R. Aragon Dolese, Director, Marketing and Communications
C. Bonura, Director, Real Estate
A. Evett, Director, Engineering
J. Guidry, Director, Maintenance
R. Hecker, Chief, Harbor Police Department
J. Lynch, General Counsel
J. Haralson, Manager, Community Relations
M. Verderame, Manager, Records
M. Rubino, Staff Attorney
K. Frankic, Port Planner
H. Fontenot, Paralegal

J. Schecter, Communications
W. Stokes, Administrative Assistant
C. Falgoust, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

C. Tufard, Port of Plaquemine
K. Morin, Port of Plaquemine
B. Lally Port of Plaquemine
D. Campbell, General Manager (NOPB)
E. Beck, General Counsel (NOPB)
A. Von Dobeneck, Director of External Affairs (NOPB)
R. Junius, Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc.
S. Girau, Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc.
H. Glen, ILA
C. Hammond, ILA
K.M. Price, New Orleans Terminal
M. Melancon, Intelligent Transportation

I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Chairman Chouest determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:17 A.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of March, 2018 Public Meeting Minutes

On motion duly made by Chairman Chouest and seconded by Commissioner Langenstein, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of its public meetings of March, 2018, as previously circulated.

IV. Acceptance of Consolidated Financial Statement for March, 2018

On motion duly made by Chairman Chouest and seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, the Board unanimously accepted the March, 2018, consolidated financial statement as previously circulated.

V. Public Comment

Chairman Chouest called for general public comment, but there was none.

VI. Actions Required

A. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into an Amendment for an Amount Not to Exceed \$450,000 to the Professional Services Contract with Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc., to Provide As-Needed Civil Engineering Services.

Mr. Evett presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into an amendment at a cost not to exceed \$450,000 with Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc., for as-needed civil engineering services.

Chairman Chouest advised the Board that the Planning and Engineering Committee had reviewed the resolution with staff and then voted to recommend it for approval at this meeting. Then he moved for its approval. Commissioner Hernandez 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 \$2,209,037.75 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 \$2,209,037.75 with Coastal Marine Contractors, LLC, for the Alabo Street Terminal substructure repairs.

Chairman Chouest advised the Board that the Budget Committee had reviewed the resolution with staff and then voted to recommend it for approval at this meeting. He then moved for its approval. Commissioner Ponstein seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Lease with The Kearney Companies, Inc., for 28.7 Acres at 2701 France Road for an Initial Term of Three Years and to Provide Two Additional Three-Year Options.

Ms. Coats presented and recommended approval of a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a lease with The Kearney Companies, Inc. for 28.7 acres at 2701 France Road for an initial term of three years and to provide two additional three-year options.

Chairman Chouest advised the Board that the Property and Insurance Committee had reviewed the resolution with staff and then voted to recommend it for approval at this meeting. He then moved for its approval. Commissioner Langenstein seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Recognizing May 22, 2018, as National Maritime Day and May, 2018, as Maritime Month.

Ms. Dolese presented and recommended approval of a resolution recognizing May 22, 2018, as National Maritime Day and May, 2018, as Maritime Month.

Chairman Chouest advised the Board that the Executive Committee had reviewed the resolution with staff and then voted to recommend it for approval at this meeting. He then moved for its approval. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Barkerding asked that Chief Hecker speak about an incident involving Harbor Police officers Sean VanCourt and Cpl. Bryan Arena, where the officers were commended for outstanding bravery. Chief Hecker stated that the officers would be awarded a Medal of Merit at the next promotional ceremony.

VIII. Report by the President and Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Christian recognized the one year anniversary of the Port of New Orleans Harbor Police bike patrol.

Ms. Christian announced that the draft of the Strategic Master Plan is now online for review.

Ms. Christian announced that the first KCS intermodal service train from the Dallas market to New Orleans will take place on May 28th.

Ms. Christian announced that the Industrial Canal properties from New Orleans East have been approved as an opportunity zone for funding.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 P.M.

NEXT MEETING:

11:00 A.M., Thursday, May 24, 2018