

**THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD COMMISSION
FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD COMMISSION FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, HELD IN THE FIRST FLOOR AUDITORIUM OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS' OFFICES, LOCATED AT 1350 PORT OF NEW ORLEANS PLACE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN CHARLES H. PONSTEIN AT 2:18 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles H. Ponstein, Chairman
William H. Langenstein, III, Vice-Chairman
Joseph F. Toomy, Secretary-Treasurer
Walter J. Leger, Jr., Member
James J. Carter, Jr., Member

MEMBER ABSENT: Sharonda R. Williams, Member

STAFF: B. Christian, Chief Executive Officer
T. Bryant, General Manager
C. Kocur, Vice-President, Engineering
A. Ferrand-Rodgers, Director, Organization Development
I. McPherson, Director, Operational Planning

GUESTS: R. Wendel, Port of New Orleans
J. Escudier, Port of New Orleans
L. Mellem, Port of New Orleans
A. Evett, Port of New Orleans
G. Brown, Port of New Orleans
J. Mansour, Port of New Orleans
C. Coats, Port of New Orleans
R. Aragon Dolese, Port of New Orleans
A. Coates, Port of New Orleans
S. Gauthier, Port of New Orleans
C. Labat, Port of New Orleans
Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department
Captain C. Turner, Harbor Police Department
A. Lopez-Salazar, Port of New Orleans
J. Ragusa, Port of New Orleans
C. Alfonso, Port of New Orleans
M. Singley, Port of New Orleans
A. Johnson, Port of New Orleans
J. Fields, Port of New Orleans
K. Howells, Port of New Orleans
A. Taylor, Port of New Orleans
A. Flores, GEC, Inc.

W. Evans, GIS
J. Graves, ELOS
C. Hammond, ILA 3000

I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Following a roll call, Chairman Ponstein confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ponstein asked Mr. Jensen to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Report of the General Manager

Ms. Bryant presented the General Manager's Report, including July volumes and productivity statistics. She also highlighted the completion of the walking ballast upgrade project along the Cotton Warehouse.

IV. Public Comment

Chairman Ponstein asked Ms. Singley to provide an overview of the Commission's process for submitting public comment. Chairman Ponstein called for any agenda-related or general public comments, but there were none.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 2022

Chairman Ponstein called for a motion to approve the public meeting minutes for July 2022, as previously circulated.

Commissioner Leger moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Carter seconded.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. Actions Items:

A. Acceptance of the Financial Statement for July 2022

Mr. Wendel presented the Commission's financial statement for the month of July. Copy of this statement is made a part of these minutes. Commissioner Leger moved to accept the financial statement and Commissioner Langenstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Purchase a Caterpillar 420 XE IT Backhoe, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$152,067.18, under a State of Louisiana Contract with Louisiana Machinery Company, L.L.C.

Mr. Kocur presented and recommended approval of a resolution. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Langenstein moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Toomy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Purchase Four (4) F-150 Pickup Trucks, at a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$148,000, under a State of Louisiana Contract with St. Martin Parish Acquisitions, LLC d/b/a Courtesy Ford.

Mr. Kocur presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including questions from Chairman Ponstein, Ms. Christian and Commissioner Langenstein on the trucks specifications, the delivery date, and the status of the currently owned vehicles, Commissioner Toomy moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Langenstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

D. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Purchase No. 610 and No. 57 Crushed Concrete on an As-Needed Basis, at a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$1,800,000, under a State of Louisiana Contract with B&P Enterprises of Avoyelles Parish, LLC.

Mr. Kocur presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Following a brief discussion, including questions from Commissioners Langenstein and Leger on pricing, contract term and evaluation of needs, Commissioner Langenstein moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Carter seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Ponstein called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Leger moved and Commissioner Toomy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Ponstein adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.