

**THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD COMMISSION  
FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023**

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**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 JOSEPH F. TOOMY AT 3:29 P.M.**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph F. Toomy, Chairman  
Walter J. Leger, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
James J. Carter, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer  
Jeanne E. Ferrer, Member  
Todd P. Murphy, Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sharonda R. Williams, Member  
Darryl D. Berger, Member

**STAFF:** B. Christian, Chief Executive Officer  
T. Bryant, General Manager  
C. Kocur, Vice-President, Engineering  
L. Hensley, Superintendent, Transportation  
I. McPherson, Director Operation Planning  
A. Ferrand-Rodgers, Director Organizational Development

**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  
C. Gilmore, Port of New Orleans  
R. Aragon Dolese, Port of New Orleans  
M. Gresham, Port of New Orleans  
T. Black, Port of New Orleans  
S. Gauthier, Port of New Orleans  
K. Gilmore, Port of New Orleans  
C. Labat, Port of New Orleans  
Chief M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department  
A. Lopez-Salazar, Port of New Orleans  
A. Villarrubia, Port of New Orleans  
J. Ragusa-Nunes, Port of New Orleans  
K. Curth, Port of New Orleans  
K. Mills, Port of New Orleans  
M. Singley, Port of New Orleans  
A. Johnson, Port of New Orleans  
F. McCormack, Waterways Journal

R. Guidry, PEEC Inc.  
B. Rousselle, PEEC, Inc.  
R. Chauvin, Infinity Engineering  
J. Nee, Moran Towing  
D. Worthy, Moran Towing  
T. Dow, Empire Stevedoring

## **I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum**

Following a roll call of Commission members, Chairman Toomy confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:29 p.m.

## **II. Report of the General Manager**

Ms. Bryant reported on the July volumes and productivity statistics. She concluded her report by celebrating the completion of the France Yard expansion project.

## **III. Public Comment**

Chairman Toomy called for any agenda-related or general public comments, but there were none.

## **IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 2023**

Chairman Toomy called for a motion to approve the public meeting minutes for July 2023, as previously circulated.

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

## **V. Action Items:**

### **A. Acceptance of the Financial Statement for July 2023.**

Mr. Wendel presented the Commission's financial statement for the month of July, a copy of which is made a part of these minutes. Commissioner Murphy moved to accept the financial statement and Commissioner Ferrer seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **B. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Contract with C.D.L. Electric Company, Inc. for As-Needed Grade Crossings, Hydraulic Switches, Signal Maintenance and Inspection Services, for a Period of One Year, with Two One-Year Renewal Options, at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$1,937,520 for the Full Contract Term.**

Mr. Kocur presented and recommended approval of a resolution. Commissioner Ferrer moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Leger seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Enter Into an Agreement with MOW Equipment Services to Refurbish the 2005 Kershaw 46-2 Ballast Regulator, at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$184,000 for the Full Contract Term.**

Mr. Kocur presented and recommended approval of the resolution. Commissioner Ferrer moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Murphy seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VI. Chairman & Commissioners' Comments**

Chairman Toomy opened the floor for Commissioners' comments, but there were none.

**VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Toomy called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carter moved and Commissioner Ferrer seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Toomy adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.