

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD CORPORATION  
MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS' MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020**

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**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEW ORLEANS  
PUBLIC BELT RAILROAD CORPORATION, PROPERLY NOTICED AND  
AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCLAMATION 102 JBE 2020,  
CONVENED REMOTELY VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE ON THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 20, 2020 AT 2:25 PM.**

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**DIRECTORS**  
**PRESENT:** Darryl D. Berger, Chairman  
William H. Langenstein, III, Vice-Chairman  
Charles H. Ponstein, Secretary-Treasurer  
Tara C. Hernandez, Member  
Joseph T. Toomy, Member  
Walter, J. Leger, Jr., Member

**STAFF:** B. Christian, Chief Executive Officer  
M. Stolzman, General Manager  
C. Kocur, Vice President, Engineering  
J. Escudier, Executive Counsel  
M. Scelson, General Counsel

**GUESTS:** A. Fant, Port of New Orleans  
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A. Evett, Port of New Orleans  
C. Coats, Port of New Orleans  
A. Pellegrin, Port of New Orleans  
R. Aragon Dolese, Port of New Orleans  
J. Guidry, Port of New Orleans  
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T. Carter, Port of New Orleans  
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G. Palermo, Port of New Orleans  
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D. Cordell, Port of New Orleans  
J. Sholar, Port of New Orleans  
H. Horan, Port of New Orleans  
J. Mansour, Port of New Orleans  
J. Ragusa, Port of New Orleans  
C. Alfonso, Port of New Orleans  
A. Taylor, Port of New Orleans  
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J. Woodward, Port of New Orleans  
J. Swartout, Port of New Orleans  
L. Lofton, Port of New Orleans  
E. Federer, Port of New Orleans  
M. Sulser, Port of New Orleans  
M. Singley, Port of New Orleans  
Capt. M. Montroll, Harbor Police Department  
B. Adams  
B. Richards  
E. Elam  
E. Webb  
H. Chien  
J. Maloney  
J. Galliano  
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### **I. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum**

Following a roll call of Directors, Chairman Berger confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

### **II. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes for July 2020**

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

Director Leger moved to approve the minutes and Director Langenstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **III. Action Items:**

#### **A. Consider Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to NARSTCO, Inc. in the Amount of \$550,550 for the Purchase and Delivery of 5,500 Non-Insulated Steel Ties with Hook in Shoulder and E/F-Clips.**

Mr. Kocur presented and recommended approval of the resolution. The scope of the contract includes the purchase and delivery of 5,500 non-insulated steel ties with hook in shoulder and e/f-clips, for use in the construction of the Kingfish Yard. In response to an invitation to bid, NARSTCO, Inc. was the sole responsive and responsible bidder at \$550,550. Funding for this contract is allocated in NOPB's Capital Budget.

Director Langenstein asked if the bid was on target for the pre-bid estimate. Mr. Kocur stated that the pre-bid estimate was \$550,000.

Director Langenstein moved to approve the resolution and Director Leger seconded.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. Approval of a Resolution Adopting Freight Tariff NOPB 9000-A and Cancelling Freight Tariff NOPB 9000.**

Mr. Stolzman presented and recommended approval of the resolution. He stated that adopting the proposed Freight Tariff NOPB 9000-A would effectively cancel NOPB's current Freight Tariff NOPB 9000, and serve to update business terms and rates of the current Freight Tariff NOPB 9000. More specifically, proposed revisions include the addition of fees for breaking trains and loss of track time, updates to procedures for oversized shipments, updates to terms and rates associated with hazmat cars, and clarification of operating terms in connection with NOPB's leased locomotives. The NOPB's Freight Tariff was last revised in October 2019 to reflect updated market and operating conditions. If approved, notification for publication of Freight Tariff 9000-A will be sent to customers and partner railroads on September 1, 2020, with an effective date of October 1, 2020.

Director Hernandez moved to approve the resolution and Director Leger seconded.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**IV. Report by the General Manager**

Mr. Stolzman provided a summary of transportation operations, car shop operations, and storage and switching volumes. He noted that despite a significant drop in July's local and Class I switching volumes, an increase in volume has been observed in the last few weeks, confirming that switching volume should start to stabilize.

Mr. Stolzman announced a continued increase in the railcar storage volume during the month of July, with a record average of over 900 cars per day. For intermodal volumes, Mr. Stolzman noted that volumes slightly increasing. Railroad dwell time continues to remain below industry standards with an average of 9.2-hours for July.

Mr. Stolzman provided an overview of engineering productivity, noting the installation of nearly 200 cross ties per week during July. On the mechanical side, bad order repairs have continued to increase. The locomotive fleet is averaging at 90% availability, which is reflective of the addition of the newly-leased locomotives coming on line.

**V. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Berger called for a motion to adjourn. Director Langenstein so moved and Director Leger seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and Chairman Berger adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

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#### **III. Approval of a Resolution Adopting Freight Tariff NOPB 9000-A.**

Mr. Stolzman presented and recommended approval of the resolution. He noted that in preparation for the transfer of rail operating assets from the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation (“Corporation”), staff propose the Commission hereby adopt Freight Tariff NOPB 9000-A as adopted on this same day by the Corporation. Freight Tariff NOPB 9000-A will be shared with partner railroad and customers, and will be effective on October 1, 2020.

Commissioner Leger moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Langenstein seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **IV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Berger called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hernandez so moved and Commissioner Langenstein seconded. Chairman Berger adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.