Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District held at 5:00 P.M., Monday, September 27, 2021 in the Boardroom of the Port of Lake Charles located at 1611 West Sallier St., Lake Charles, Louisiana.

In attendance and constituting a quorum, were:

Carl J. Krielow, President

Thomas L. Lorenzi, Vice President

M. Keith Prudhomme, Secretary/Treasurer

Judy A. McCleary, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

David J. Darbone, Commissioner

Dudley R. Dixon, Commissioner

Kevin D. Guidry, Commissioner

Absent:

 None

Also Present:

 Richert Self, Executive Director

Jon Ringo, General Counsel

Cameron Landry, Director of Administration and Finance

 Nick Pestello, Director of Engineering and Maintenance (by phone)

 Todd Henderson, Director of Operations

 Channing Hayden, Director of Navigation

 Michelle Bolen, Executive Administrative Assistant

Mr. Krielow called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. and gave the invocation. Mr. Prudhomme led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Krielow made a statement reminding the public of the Port’s procedure for the public to address an agenda item to the Board.

Mr. Krielow introduced new Board member, Kevin Guidry.

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1. Approval of the August 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 16, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes..

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Mr. Darbone offered a motion to approve the August 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 16, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. Mr. Lorenzi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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2. Submission 2021 – 039 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an early termination agreement with Dongsung International, Inc. for their lease site at the Industrial Park East.

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Mr. Self stated that Dongsung FineTech has leased a facility in the Port’s Industrial Park for years. It is a company that does cryogenic insulation, which is used in the LNG process. LNG facilities have had a downturn in their projects. They just have not seen a lot of work and they have asked for some relief and to terminate their lease a little bit early. As it stands, their lease is scheduled to terminate in September of 2022. They have proposed to continue paying the monthly rent for the remainder of 2021 and then a lump sum termination for 2022 in the amount of $167,000.

Mr. Prudhomme asked if the Port has future plans for that site. Mr. Self replied that they do and it is in line with what was proposed in the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Dixon offered a motion to adopt Resolution 2021 - 039 to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an early termination agreement with Dongsung International, Inc. for their lease site at the Industrial Park East. Mr. Prudhomme seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3. Submission 2021 – 040 authorizing the District to amend the professional services agreement with CSRS Disaster Recovery Management.

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Mr. Self said CSRS has been working alongside the Port helping with FEMA compliance. When staff did the original authorization in 2020, they always contemplated that they would have to come back to the Board requesting further authorization to continue. This proposal will get them through approximately March or April of 2023. They will also leave a remainder, as you're aware, the Port gets reimbursed a certain percentage from FEMA to go toward reimbursing the Port for our cost to have do FEMA compliance on the Port’s behalf.

Mr. Self stated he would gladly try to answer any questions the Board may have. Glenn Lafond is on standby via zoom if there are any questions. Chris Pelloquin is here also.

Mr. Darbone offered a motion to adopt Resolution 2021 – 040 to authorize the District to amend the professional services agreement with CSRS Disaster Recovery Management. Mr. Lorenzi seconded the motion.

Mr. Krielow asked if Mr. Pelloquin would like to speak. He replied he would answer questions.

Ms. McCleary asked that to be clear, this will bring the Port to the maximum amount for the 5% reimbursement. Mr. Self said that no, the Port will still have approximately $300,000 remaining after this authorization. Ms. McCleary stated that is what we are basically fronting the money. The Port is making the money available to pay the invoices from CSRS while awaiting FEMA reimbursement on the 5%. Mr. Self said that was correct. This authorization will not fully utilize the dollar amount that we project in total projects. If you multiply the 5% by the total projects, it just does not fully utilize the full amount that the Port could be reimbursed.

Mr. Lorenzi asked if there was any way to project when the reimbursement actually can be anticipated. Mr. Self stated the Port had started getting some reimbursements already. Mr. Lorenzi asked if this is revolving or can this be considered a revolving appropriation. Mr. Self replied that as it stands right now, the Port currently has about $3.9 million that has been – it is called “Eligible Obligated”, which means it is out of FEMA's hands and is in the state's hands. The Port is waiting to get reimbursed because the money is going to come from the state through FEMA or come through FEMA from the state. They are just waiting on the state at this point right now to reimburse the Port $3.9 million. He was not sure if he answered Mr. Lorenzi’s question or not.

Mr. Lorenzi asked that this does not necessarily mean it's all new money. Is that fair? Mr. Self replied that he was not sure what he means by “new money”.. Mr. Lorenzi said that some money has already been expended…Mr. Self said that yes, the Port has spent “cash out the door.” He asked Mr. Pestello what he thought? Mr. Pestello said they have spent about $13 million total.

Mr. Lorenzi said some reimbursements are already being received. Mr. Self said they have received a couple hundred thousand dollars. Through the FEMA process, one of the things that delayed it was they had to go through this process of determining what portion of our damages were from the Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta were business interruption and which portion was property damage. That took a while, but it was an important step because it affects the amount the Port gets reimbursed from FEMA. That did slow the process a bit.

Ms. McCleary asked regarding the three plus million dollars that he is referring to, that is from this report eligible obligated and that means that that is what we know presently has been approved by FEMA. Mr. Self said that is correct. Mr. Landry agreed that it was $3.9 million. That is just the amount that is already going through basically FEMA. FEMA has a grants portal that is the amount that's already gone through that been approved by FEMA and pushed to GOHSEP, who then has to review it as well and then that's when the Port will get the money from them. Mr. Self said the GOHSEP is the state entity.

Ms. McCleary asked if that equates to the 22 projects that are in this damage inventory obligated. Is that where that number comes from on this chart? Mr. Self asked if she was talking about the 18%? Ms. McCleary said she was – the 22 projects. Mr. Pestello said that is the 22 projects Ms. McCleary said that is the $3.877. Mr. Glenn Lafond agreed.

The motion passed unanimously.

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4. Submission 2021 – 041 certifying compliance with the public bid laws: CMAR Preconstruction Advertising for the construction phase of Berths 2 and 3 rehabilitation at City Docks; State Project No. H.013162.

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Mr. Self stated at the August Board meeting, staff requested the Board to approve awarding the guaranty max price to the Berth 2 and 3 project to Boh Brothers. Ports Priority has a process that they require and this is kind of one of the check the box items that the Port had to go through. This is just certifying that they have followed the public bid laws associated with the CMAR project.

Ms. McCleary offered a motion to adopt Resolution 2021 – 041 to certify compliance with the public bid laws: CMAR Preconstruction Advertising for the construction phase of Berths 2 and 3 rehabilitation at City Docks; State Project No. H.013162. Mr. Dixon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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5. Submission 2021 – 042 authorizing the District to amend Resolution 2021-018 for professional services agreement for Construction Management At-Risk pre-construction services with Cajun Industries, LLC.

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Mr. Self said this project this is a CMAR project for Berths 4, 5 and 6. What this does, based on the project from the Berths 2 and 3 project, the contractor and engineer worked side by side along the way in an effort to develop a guaranteed max price. At that point, the Port would then make a decision as to whether or not to accept the guarantee max price or to reject it. One of the benefits of having a CMAR project is typically what happens is you have an engineer that comes in and designs the project, the documents go out, the contractor then submits the bids for the project. Then, they say well if you all had done this, this and this, we could have saved you money. With the CMAR project, they work side by side to get to develop that guaranteed max price. What this does is allow Cajun Industries to do the pile testing early for the Berths 4, 5 and 6 project to come up with what they think how long the piles need to be, the number of piles they will need and such as that. The engineer for this is Moffett Nickel. They have determined that the cost by Cajun Industries is reasonable for the pile testing.

Mr. Dixon offered a motion to adopt Resolution 2021 – 042 authorizing the District to amend Resolution 2021-018 for professional services agreement for Construction Management At-Risk pre-construction services with Cajun Industries, LLC. Mr. Lorenzi seconded the motion.

Mr. Krielow said he has some questions on it. He spoke with staff about it. He spoke with Mr. Pestello. The Port is reevaluating overall capital projects and looking at cash flow. This is a big project. While Mr. Self us correct that you need to have the test pilings and what length pilings you need before you put a final price on it. The Port is in the pre-construction design service phase of it and there is existing data as he understands from Mr. Pestello at Berths 2 and 3 that was used in the Boh Brothers project.

He asked staff if they could postpone this maybe 30 days while they evaluate firstly the capital projects that they are talking about and secondly that they are looking at the possibility of putting some temporary RUBB buildings to accommodate the need at Sheds 4, 5 and 6 for the covered storage, which is the biggest need. This is a million dollars and it is on a project that is down the road and he would like to have a little more opportunity to discuss it with staff in conjunction with the overall capital project and maybe wait another month before the Board takes action on this.

Mr. Pestello stated he and the President discussed it. He wanted to point out the one big delay would be just delaying it 30 days will delay the final design about 30 days as well. So, just in the trying to expedite the repairs, that would be the issue he sees.

Mr. Lorenzi said he was sorry… Mr. Pestello said just talking that delaying 30 days will just delay the final design package as well. It would push everything 30 days of the final design for the overall project. Mr. Krielow asked when were they supposed to have the final design. Mr. Pestello said they are projected right now for April 2022. Mr. Krielow said April 2022. So, if they push it 30 days it would be May 2022. Mr. Pestello agreed. Mr. Krielow said by that time they should have had ample time to discuss the overall capital projects that they go forth with, so he does not see a downside to postponing 30 days. He asked if the chair can make a motion. Mr. Ringo said you need to make a substitute motion to table until the next Board meeting. If you want to have it on the agenda for the next Board meeting, just table it for a definite date or you can table it indefinitely. That is his prerogative, but it would need to be a substitute motion because there has been a motion and a second. Mr. Krielow said he is fine tabling it to the next Board meeting to give them time to discuss it. Mr. Dixon asked for what purpose. They are only talking about a month here.

Mr. Krielow said, “ And a million dollars.” Mr. Dixon said, “And a million dollars.” They are going to pay a million dollars now or a million dollars a month from now or not do it at all. But, the only thing Mr. Pestello is doing is about driving pilings and where the wharfs are going to be benefiting.

Mr. Krielow said it is on a capital project that they are having discussions on as to when the timing of that project would actually happen. Mr. Dixon asked if Mr. Krielow thinks a month is going to do what. Mr. Krielow said he thinks the month would give time to discuss with staff what the timing of those projects are going to be those capital projects.

Ms. McCleary said she was not sure if this might be appropriate for Mr. Landry, Mr. Pestello and maybe CSRS. Sheds 4, 5 and 6 are in the list for FEMA reimbursement. Mr. Pestello agreed. Ms. McCleary asked if they know where they are in that mix or how far along is that in terms of… there are so many stages to this, she is not sure…Do they know when it is available somewhere? Mr. Pestello said he was not sure exactly where it falls on CSRS’s list but, 4, 5 and 6 are what they call the fifty percent rule. It was so severely damaged that it would cost more to repair than would actually replace the building itself. Those require an additional step of having to get approval from both FEMA and then it goes to the state as well. Mr. Self said it is pending CRC development. Mr. Pestello said right now it is pending CRC review.

Ms. McCleary asked with this study would that be something that might be helpful or would it… What, where would…She does not know. Just tell her. Mr. Pestello said it would not for the pile testing. The pile testing would just be for the construction design. As far as the FEMA building and everything that is already progressing down its path.

Ms. Cleary said so delaying this project is not going to impact, because she had a conversation with Mr. Landry and now she’s confused. Mr. Pestello said delaying the overall project could impact FEMA funding. Ms. McCleary said in order to proceed with the project, do they need to have a piling study whatever it is first… Mr. Krielow said to proceed with the docking structure Mr. Pestello said the final dock construction. Mr. Krielow said FEMA is not reimbursing that. They are reimbursing the sheds correct? Mr. Pestello said that it was not at this time. They are going to pursue the foundation design as well. They are going to start with the building and then progress to that study. Ms. McCleary said there is no downside from the FEMA aspect if this is delayed a month.

Mr. Landry said not a month. If they push the whole project further down the road, there could be some issues. Mr. Dixon stated what about six months. Mr. Pestello said six months could cause some issues just because FEMA funding does have to have time limits. Mr. Dixon asked what would be the cut-off date. Mr. Self said the best answer is one month is not going to affect FEMA reimbursement on this project. One-month delay. Six months he cannot answer that question.

Ms. McCleary stated to put it a different way, they are saying they do not see it anything in the next 30 days if the Board does not do this – proceed with this, at least get it started. She is sure they will not get it approved tonight. It will start tomorrow.

She asked how long does it take from the time the Board approves it until this is completed? Mr. Pestello said they actually have a schedule included in the submission. Right now they plan to have the pile testing complete by January 17. That is just because they have to mobilize a marine barge and everything to get it here. They will not have the data finalized until that time and would need that data before they can finalize the design. That is where he got into the “it would delay everything about 30 days.” They would just be pushing everything back

Ms. McCleary said instead of having it done in January of 2022... Mr. Pestello said it would be February 2022. Ms. McCleary said that does not impact what CSRS is doing in terms of trying to get some kind of hurricane relief on this project. Mr. Pestello said it should not at this time.

Mr. Dixon asked if there was a chance that the price would go up in another month. Mr. Pestello replied that there is just because the time of mobilizing contractors. There is always that possibility. Mr. Dixon asked Mr. Pestello if this was his recommendation. Mr. Pestello said the submission is his recommendation. Mr. Dixon said it is to do it now. Mr. Pestello stated it was his recommendation.

Mr. Krielow asked if there was any other discussion.

Mr. Ringo said Mr. Krielow needs to make a motion. Mr. Krielow said he made a motion to table it up to thirty days. Mr. Ringo said a substitute motion. Mr. Krielow said a substitute motion. Mr. Dixon said Mr. Krielow could not make a motion. Somebody else can make a motion. Mr. Ringo stated he thought he could.

Mr. Krielow said that was his motion. He does not have a second yet. Mr. Lorenzi said they had discussion on it so he will second it. Mr. Krielow said there is a motion and a second. He asked if there was any other discussion.

Mr. Krielow said he thought they had discussion on the first motion but there has been a substitute motion to table for 30 days.

Mr. Dixon called for a roll call. Mr. Krielow called for a vote. Mr. Lorenzi asked what they were voting on at this time. Mr. Krielow said they were going to vote on the substitute motion.

Mr. Ringo said there has been a substitute motion to table for 30 days. It has been seconded. Mr. Dixon requested a roll call vote. The motion on the floor is to table it for 30 days and bring it back up at the next meeting.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. McCleary No

Mr. Dixon No

Mr. Lorenzi Yes

Mr. Krielow (did not vote)

Mr. Prudhomme Yes

Mr. Darbone Yes

Mr. Guidry Yes

The vote passed with a vote of 4 yes to 2 no to table the item until the October Board meeting.

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6. Submission 2021 – 043 authorizing the Executive Director enter into a professional services agreement with Boos Navarre, LLC to assist with the design review, inspection, and commissioning of the two (2) bulk material loaders for BT-1.

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Mr. Self said Boos Navarre has worked with Port staff ever since Hurricane Laura damaged all of the Port’s loaders and unloaders. In fact, they were here probably two days after the hurricane working alongside. One of them, Brad, slept in the office here because there was no place else to go. Regardless, staff ordered two of the loaders at the July meeting. What this does is authorize staff to enter to an agreement with Boos Navarre for the design and review of a third-party inspection and commissioning of the two loaders.

Mr. Darbone offered a motion to adopt Resolution 2021 – 043 to authorize the Executive Director enter into a professional services agreement with Boos Navarre, LLC to assist with the design review, inspection, and commissioning of the two (2) bulk material loaders for BT-1. Mr. Prudhomme seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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7. Submission 2021 – 044 authorizing the District to accept the proposal and enter into a contract with Dynamic Non-Destructive Testing Inc. for structural inspection services on the spiralveyor at City Docks and to amend the 2021 capital budget.

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Mr. Self stated Hurricane Laura destroyed one of the spiralveyors and badly damaged a second one. It has been determined through Boos Navarre that the second one is potentially repairable. What they need to do to properly assess it. They need to have the wells and the structure assessed and will do x-rays on the weld and that will go a long way in determining how much it's going to cost overall to repair the spiralveyor.

Mr. Darbone offered a motion to adopt Resolution 2021 – 044 to authorize the District to accept the proposal and enter into a contract with Dynamic Non-Destructive Testing Inc. for structural inspection services on the spiralveyor at City Docks and to amend the 2021 capital budget. Mr. Prudhomme seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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8. Submission 2021 – 045 approving the support of resuming Federal Offshore Leasing in the Gulf of Mexico.

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Mr. Self stated the Department of Interior has cancelled a lot of the offshore leasing and what this does is simply asking an administration to begin leasing offshore for actual oil and gas exploration, which will help out not only Southwest Louisiana, but the whole state.

Mr. Prudhomme asked if this Port was the only industry that is making this request. Mr. Self replied that they are not. Port Fourchon, Port of Saint Bernard and Cameron Port. The Ports Association of Louisiana has supported it and Port of Saint Bernard has already done similar resolutions.

Ms. McCleary offered a motion to adopt Resolution 2021 – 045 to approve the support of resuming Federal Offshore Leasing in the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Guidry seconded the motion.

Mr. Lorenzi asked if there any contradictory impact of this in terms of the work that's being done to the wind energy and what is the purpose of this.

Mr. Self said it is a balanced approach. Using wind energy and offshore oil and gas is a more balanced approach.

Mr. Ringo said just to give the Board some background, the Biden administration placed a moratorium on offshore leasing. A federal judge blocked that. Since that time, the Biden administration has begun to lease offshore starting in October. The people that requested this asked the Port to still send in this letter of support because they just want to support the offshore industry in the state of Louisiana because this this seems to keep happening. This is just a letter of support asking for the continued leasing of offshore oil leases

Ms. McCleary asked if it was true that that was a Louisiana federal judge that made that ruling. Mr. Ringo stated he believes that is right. It is a United States federal judge that resides in Louisiana. That is correct, but an article three judges another clarification.

The motion passed unanimously.

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 9. August 2021 Financials Briefing Note.

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The August 2021 Financials Briefing Note was rendered to the Board and is on file in the Executive Offices.

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 10. Monthly Staff report from Director of Administration and Finance.

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Regarding CSRS, the Port actually have received roughly $265,000 of the money that has been obligated from FEMA/GOHSEP and also earlier this month the Port received $12.9 million of the remaining $25.5 million in insurance proceeds and was notified that we should expect to receive the remaining $12.6 million by the end of the week.

The Director of Administration and Finance Monthly Staff Report was rendered to the Board and is on file in the Executive Offices.

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 11. Monthly Staff report from Director of Navigation.

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Mr. Hayden said in addition to my report, he has three things he would like to note. Even though Hurricane Ida did not impact our area very much, in the days leading up to the storm's landfall, they were sort of uncertain where it was going to go. So, the Harbor Safety Committee meeting was rescheduled until October 6, 2021. It will be handled next week. The Corps has advised that they have awarded a $22.4 million contract to begin rebuilding Disposal Area D in Calcasieu Lake. This is the first step in expanding that disposal area out to the to the rocks. He has discussed this several meetings ago and finally the members of the Lake Charles Maritime community has had its virtual meeting with General Holland, Commander of the Mississippi Valley Division, and her staff to discuss the FY 22 and FY23 funding needs of the channel. This late as it is, completes our program for pursuing funding for FY22. The President's budget is only $20 million in OMB for the Calcasieu Ship Channel. The channel needs $35 million, so they will continue to be talking to the Port’s congressional representatives and the Corps of Engineers on how to make up that 1$5 million deficit.

The Director of Navigation and Security’s Monthly Staff Report was rendered to the Board and is on file in the Executive Offices.

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 12. Monthly Staff report from Director of Operations.

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Mr. Henderson said currently at City Docks they have got a liquid transfer going on reverse lightering operation. The Iraqi rice ship is still working. They have a wind tower ship that should start discharging today.

They just finished another coke ship and a calcium ship to BT-1. In the past few weeks, they have discharged a barite ship at BT-1. They loaded three calcine barges and unloaded a rutile ship.

At City Docks they just loaded a bagged rice ship for the Dominican Republic. The IFG terminals loaded two bulk rice shipments. They had two reverse lightering ships, a lumber ship and a wind tower shipment.

Moving forward they are looking at a rutile ship and a green coke ship at BT-1 and more hydrate barges and two more lumber shipments at City Docks.

Mr. Lorenzi asked if the movement of the wind tower segments through town going okay. Is he getting any blow back? Mr. Henderson said he has not had any complaints directed his way. Mr. Self he has not had any either. Mr. Lorenzi said he only asked because yesterday he had a run-in with - you know where they were moving one down Sallier St. and making that turn on Ryan St. and they were moving everybody out of the way. There was some unhappy people. It was not a big deal. Mr. Henderson said it is an issue with that intersection. They have to close that off. Mr. Lorenzi said he just did not know whether it resulted in complaints or calls or anything of that nature. He is just glad to hear that it hasn't been a problem. Mr. Henderson replied that it was not to his knowledge.

The Director of Operations’ Monthly Staff Report was rendered to the Board and is on file in the Executive Offices.

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 13. Monthly Staff report from Director of Cargo and Trade Development.

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The Director is out of the office at a conference..

The Director of Cargo and Trade Development’s Monthly Staff Report was rendered to the Board and is on file in the Executive Offices.

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14. Monthly Staff report from Director of Engineering, Maintenance, and Development.

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Mr. Pestello said the small hurricane repair projects are largely complete with mainly the large projects still left to repair and those involve detailed engineering design and construction so much larger and longer schedules. The two new ship loaders are progressing through the design process. Ship loader four had an expedited delivery timeline, so it is working very quickly, but it is progressing nicely. They received the new telestacker this past week and actually received the remaining parts yesterday, so the temporary calcine loading and rutile unloading will hopefully improve with our new tail stacker.

Last week he was informed that they officially have their state project number for the Port Priority project for Berths 4, 5 and 6 for the $14 million that was awarded there.

They have also begun to receive information from consultant on the offshore wind study that he was speaking about from the industrial canal. They are getting that information now and having to go through the review of the first drafts.

The Director of Engineering, Maintenance, and Development’s Monthly Staff Report was rendered to the Board and is on file in the Executive Offices.

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 15. Monthly Staff Report from the State Port Lobbyist.

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Ms. McCleary asked about the abandoned and derelict ships to Mr. Hayden. That is something that she thought he has had some discussion.

Mr. Hayden stated they are trying to get a handle on that. As far as he knows, the state has no program that will officially address this issue.

What they have done on the Calcasieu ship channel is the pilots have identified all of the unmoored or poorly moored vessels, shrimp boats, barges and these kinds of things. So, when a hurricane is approaching Coast Guard can go out and try and contact the owners to have them move everything above Mile 18 if possible. They issued during the last storm, Hurricane Ida, that when they set the hurricane conditions they ordered all unattended vessels to move above Mile 18 to seek safe harbor.

That is what we've been able to do so far, but as far as the state program he knows of none and they have tried to look at that and they just doesn't seem to have one.

The State Port Lobbyist’s Monthly Staff Report was rendered to the Board and is on file in the Executive Offices.

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 16. Monthly Staff report from the Federal Port Lobbyist.

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17. Other Matters which may properly come before the Board.

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There were no other matters to be discussed.

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 18. Executive Session and appropriate action in any of the following matters:

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Mr. Krielow asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Lorenzi offered a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Prudhomme seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:42 p.m.

* Stacey A. Ryan, et al, vs no. 2014-004268 Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, LCHTD, et al-14th JDC, State of LA.
* IFG Port Holding, LLC vs LCHTD – Case: 2:16-cv-00146 U S District Court, Western District of Louisiana, Lake Charles Division.
* LCHTD vs IFG Port Holding, LLC – Case: 2:16-cv-00785 U S District Court, Western District of Louisiana, Lake Charles Division.
* LCHTD vs Reynolds Metals Company – Case 2:17-cv-01114 US District Court, Western District of Louisiana, Lake Charles Division.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:16 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Krielow asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dixon offered a motion to adjourn. Mr. Guidry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

All discussions held on the above items were recorded using the FTR Gold program.

Please note that when the votes are shown as unanimous, it is the policy of the Board that the President does not vote except in the event of a tie vote by the rest of the Board and/or unless otherwise indicated.

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 CARL KRIELOW, President

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M. KEITH PRUDHOMME, Secretary/ Treasurer