

MISSISSIPPI PORT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING

February 26, 2013

Minutes of the Mississippi State Port Authority Board of Commissioners Special Meeting, Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 2510 14th Street, Suite 1450, Gulfport, Mississippi, at which the following Commissioners and staff were present:

Commissioners: James C. Simpson, Jr., President
John Rester, Vice-President
Jack Norris, Secretary
E.J. Roberts, Treasurer (via telephone)
Robert J. Knesal, Commissioner

Staff: Matthew Wypyski Interim Executive Director & C.E.O.
Joe Conn, Restoration Director
John Webb, Deputy Director - Engineering
Van Grundmann, Chief Commercial Officer
Mary Bourdin, Deputy Director – Finance
Dale Waltman, Deputy Director - Operations
Kim Purchner, Executive Assistant/HRO
Angie Shortt, Contract Administrator
Sharon Hodge, Compliance Manager

Ben Stone, Balch & Bingham

Others: Denton Gibbes, The Gibbes Company (via telephone)
Daron Wilson, MDA (via telephone)
Phillip Carter, MDA (via telephone)
Lisa Hathorn, The Gibbes Company (via telephone)

Commissioner Simpson noted the presence of a quorum and called the special meeting to order at approximately 1:15 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rester moved to select RFB, LLC as the Pathways to the Port Consultant, based on the presentation and scores by the Scoring Committee (consisting of Commissioners, port staff and MDA). Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Commissioner Norris mentioned he had previously worked with the other two presenters, Habit for Humanity and CLIMB and both entities were exceptional with the large federal programs they had managed.

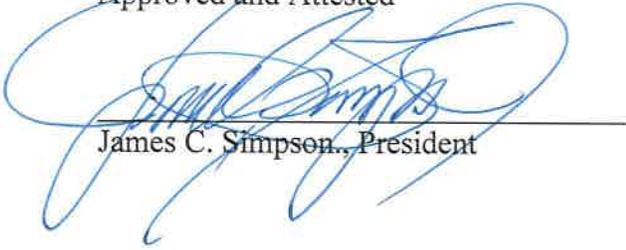
A discussion took place regarding an earlier meeting with MDOT regarding the Connector Road. Counsel Ben Stone will consult with Teri Wyly and bring additional information to the Board regarding MDOT's discussion.

Commissioners discussed engineering rates for the restoration project and agreed that such rates should be frozen based on the current economy but they would certainly look at all requests if brought before them on a case by case basis.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of a workshop in the near future and will check their calendars.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.

Approved and Attested



James C. Simpson, President



Jack Norris, Secretary