

MISSISSIPPI PORT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

December 19, 2013

Minutes of the Mississippi State Port Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting,
Thursday, December 19, 2013, 2510 14th Street, Suite 1500, Gulfport, Mississippi at
which the following Commissioners and staff were present:

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

Staff: Jonathan Daniels, Executive Director/CEO
 Matthew Wypyski, Chief Operating Officer
 Joe Conn, Director of Port Restoration
 John Webb, Director of Engineering
 Dale Waltman, Director of Operations
 Mary Bourdin, Director of Finance
 Kim Purchner, Executive Assistant/HRO
 Brooks Johnson, IT Specialist

 Teri Wyly, Legal Counsel
 David Duhe, Legal Counsel

Others: Denton Gibbes, The Gibbes Company
 Brian Varnado, T.L. Wallace
 Duane Wilson, DuPont
 Christine Brice, Election Committee
 Phillip Carter, MDA
 Howard Page, Steps Coalition
 Robert Boone, RFB, LLC
 Heather Megehee, Yates Anderson JV
 Jay Carney, T.L. Wallace
 Marcia Crawford, HCDC
 Melissa Powell, MDA-Horne
 Lisa Hathorn, The Gibbes Company
 Rep. Sonya Williams-Barnes
 Randall Love, T.L. Wallace
 Glen Cobb, Pathways to the Port
 John Sneed, Stewart Sneed Hewes
 Van Williams, WLOX
 Steve Dees, WLOX
 Ray Johnson, Green Marine
 Todd Stockberger, CH2MHill
 Jeff Helstrom, CH2MHill
 Rusty Hilton, MS State Pilots' Assn.
 Bob Wren, MS State Pilots' Assn.
 Elizabeth Stanga, Neel Shaffer, Inc.
 Keyshayla Walker
 Edward Walker
 Chris Williams, BMA
 Elizabeth Calvert, CH2MHill

Bruce Newton, Digital Engineering
Todd Bradford, YAJV
Bo Etheridge, Shoreline

Commissioner Simpson noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Simpson.

Commissioner Simpson recognized and welcomed Rep. Sonya Williams-Barnes to the meeting.

In accordance with Article IV of the Bylaws as amended, the rotation of Officers occurs at the December meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the annual rotation of officers. Commissioner Knesal seconded and the motion was unanimously approved for the following positions:

John Rester, President
Jack Norris, Vice-President
E.J. Roberts, Secretary
Robert J. Knesal, Treasurer
James C. Simpson, Jr., Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christine Brice, Election Commissioner of District 4, thanked the Board for employment positions that were filled. Ms. Brice also brought individuals to the meeting to fill out employment applications.

Rep. Sonya Williams-Barnes invited Commissioners to a Community Meeting at the Good Deeds Community Center at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 16th to give an update on the Port.

Howard Page, Steps Coalition thanked Director Daniels and Commissioner Simpson for attending their Document release. He also questioned use of the MS Jobs First program.

Glen Cobb, member of the Pathways to the Port Committee, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Commissioners for their continued effort to engage the community.

Commissioner Simpson moved to approve the November 19th minutes. Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve travel (Dec. 10-13/Waltman to Los Angeles, CA). Commissioner Knesal seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Knesal moved to approve the disbursements listed below. Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 5, 2013
BILLS FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2013 APPROVED AND PAID
FROM THE GROSS REVENUE FUND OF THE MS STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT

CHK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	CHK AMT
47640	Kentwood Springs	Drinking Water	132.25
47642	AirGas Gulf States	Oxygen Cylinder Rental	68.46
47643	Alexander, Van Loon, Sloan	Final Billing on 2013 Internal Control Svcs.	4,000.00
47644	American Express - BTA	Travel Expenses	3,922.60
47645	Harris Plumbing, LLC	Backflow Test & Recertification	750.00

47646	Bonds Services, Inc.	Janitorial Services	1,050.00
47647	RJ Young	Copier Maintenance Agreements	1,353.92
47648	Cornett Bolt & Screw	Plumbing Supplies	241.00
47649	CVR Computer Supplies	Toner for Printers	824.96
47650	Jonathan Daniels	Travel Expenses	873.71
47651	Emerald TC. LLC	Office Supplies	165.51
47652	Express Services, Inc.	Temporary Labor	3,166.24
47653	Federal Express Corp.	Express Mail Services	32.90
47654	Frazier Law Firm, PLLC	Employee Deductions	513.09
47655	Fuelman	Fuel for MSPA Vehicles	834.72
47656	Goldin Metals, Inc.	Sheet Metal to Repair Warehouse 50	1,079.52
47657	W.W. Grainger, Inc.	Maintenance Supplies and Raincoats	2,060.48
47658	Great Southern Club	Monthly Dues and Business Expenses	1,225.60
47659	Gulf Coast Business Supply, Inc.	Office Supplies	126.64
47660	Gulfport Yacht Club	Business Expenses	84.86
47661	Gulf Coast Air Photo	Aerial Images of Port	500.00
47662	Holiday Classics	Christmas Cards	402.28
47663	Logista	Computer Supplies and Software Renewal	894.00
47664	JOC Group, Inc.	Marketing Data Subscriptions	2,705.00
47665	Kansas City Southern Railway	Repairs to Rail and Railcar	1,439.77
47666	Lowe's Home Center, Inc.	Maintenance Supplies	135.05
47667	Maximum Auto Parts	Automotive Supplies	559.00
47668	MEDC	Annual Membership Dues	185.00
47669	MS State Board of Public Acct.	Annual State CPA License	100.00
47670	Lucille Morgan & Associates	Transcription Fees	441.50
47671	MS Automotive Manuf. Assoc.	Annual Membership Dues	500.00
47672	MS Dept. of Human Services CRDU	Employee Deductions	117.70
47673	MS Pub. Employees Credit Union	Employee Deductions	400.00
47674	MS State Tax Commission	Employee Deductions	8,950.00
47675	MS World Trade Center	Annual Membership Dues	350.00
47676	Jack Norris	Travel Expenses	325.72
47677	Hurricane Electronics	Move VHF Radio to New WP Guard House	2,362.95
47678	Phillips Building Supply	Matl. to Replace Walkway at Tug Boat Pier	2,367.60
47679	Piltz, Williams, LaRosa & Co.	Accounting and Grant Administration Svcs.	1,098.08
47680	Ports America, Inc.	Chiquita Out of Berth	4,976.84
47681	Puckett Machinery Company	Part to Repair Backhoe	71.37
47682	Kim Purchner	Reimbursement for Office Supplies	50.72
47683	Redd Pest Solutions	Pest Control Services	365.00
47684	Rose Office Systems, Inc.	Rental for Facilities/Ops./Crowley Trailers	3,830.00
47685	Southern Printing & Silkscreen	Monogram Employee Uniforms	336.00
47686	Southern Admin. and Benefits	Monthly Service Fees	200.00
47687	State Dept. of Audit	Statewide Testwork	108.84
47688	Stuart C. Irby Co.	Lamps and Ballasts for High Mast Lights	1,691.80
47689	Sun Herald	Subscription	162.00
47690	The Sun Herald	Advertising	32.92
47691	Swetman Security Services, Inc.	Security Guard Services	22,488.62

TRANSFERS

11/29/13	Federal Tax Deposit	Payroll Tax Deposit	20,919.36
12/05/13	Public Employment Retirement	Retirement Match and Withheld	61,154.77

Total \$ 162,728.35

FINAL CHECKLIST FOR DECEMBER 19, 2013

BILLS FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER 2013 AND JANUARY 2014 APPROVED AND PAID
FROM THE GROSS REVENUE FUND OF THE MS STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT

CHK#	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	CHK AMT
47692	AFLAC	Employee Deductions	1,020.46
47693	AirGas Gulf States	Oxygen Cylinder Rental	32.40
47694	Alabama Media Group	Advertising	483.00
47695	Anytime Portables, LLC	Portable Restroom Services	640.00
47696	Neopost USA, Inc.	Postage Machine Rental	133.50
47697	AT&T	Telephone Services	1,880.35
47700	City of Gulfport	Water	5,958.92
47701	Sun Coast Business Supply	Office Supplies	356.83

47702	Covington Sales & Service	Hopper Screens/Brooms for Street Sweeper	3,452.74
47703	C Spire Wireless	Radio/Cell Phone Service	1,379.62
47704	Daily Equipment	Main Lift Cylinder for Forklift	3,397.58
47705	Jonathan Daniels	Business and Travel Expenses	1,221.36
47706	State School Insurance Fund	Employee Deductions	11,666.14
47707	Express Services, Inc.	Temporary Labor	678.48
47708	Federal Express Corp.	Express Mail Service	38.44
47709	Frazier Law Firm, PLLC	Employee Deductions	342.06
47710	F S Prestress, LLC	Concrete Pilings for DuPont Facility	69,376.64
47711	Fuelman	Fuel for MSPA Vehicles	317.49
47712	The Gibbes Company	Professional Services	15,820.88
47713	W.W. Grainger, Inc.	Heavy Duty Rain Gear	112.23
47714	Gulfport Industrial Supply, Inc.	Vehicle Maintenance Supplies	514.15
47715	Hancock Bank	January Lease 14th Floor	14,432.24
47716	Harbor Square Parking Garage	Quarterly Parking 14th Floor	2,697.18
47717	Hancock Bank	January Lease 8th Floor	5,241.35
47718	Harbor Square Parking Garage	Quarterly Parking 8th Floor	672.90
47719	MS State Treasure Fund 3601	Long Distance Telephone/Internet Services	839.09
47720	Jerry's Lawn Mower Sales	Grounds Maintenance Supplies	344.80
47721	Robert J. Knesal	Per Diem	80.00
47722	Lowe's Home Center, Inc.	Maintenance Supplies	189.05
47723	MS Dept. of Human Services CRDU	Employee Deductions	117.70
47724	MS Power Company	Electricity	26,417.49
47725	MS Pub. Employees Credit Union	Employee Deductions	400.00
47726	MSPA Petty Cash Fund	Replenish Petty Cash	31.45
47727	Jack Norris	Per Diem	40.00
47728	Ports America, Inc.	Maint. on Cranes/Chiquita Out of Berth	24,303.52
47729	Legal Shield	Employee Deductions	156.46
47732	Roskopf Electrical Supply Co.	Replacement Lamps for Shed 16	320.00
47733	James C. Simpson, Jr.	Per Diem	40.00
47734	Southern Printing & Silkscreen	Signage	192.00
47735	Southern Admin. and Benefits	2014 Unreimbursed Medical	13,419.64
47736	Stewart Sneed Hewes, Inc.	2013 Additional Insurance	24.95
47737	Lucy Stevens	Tuition Reimbursement	558.00
47738	The Sun Herald	Advertising	585.50
47739	Swetman Security Services, Inc.	Security Guard Services	21,865.46
47740	Dale Waltman	Travel Expense	590.98
47742	Matthew Wypyski	Tuition Reimbursement/Travel Expenses	2,844.29
47743	A & M Petroleum	License Refund	120.00
47744	A3M Vacuum Service, Inc.	License Refund	120.00
47745	A.C. Marine, Inc.	License Refund	30.00
47746	AEP River Operations	License Refund	92.50
47747	All Crane Rental of Alabama, LLC	License Refund	95.00
47748	Alliance Supply Management, LTD	License Refund	120.00
47749	Americas Escort Services	License Refund	90.00
47750	Arrow Sysco Food Service	License Refund	120.00
47751	Atlas Ship Services	License Refund	120.00
47752	Auto Chlor Services	License Refund	120.00
47753	Aztec Maritime Services, Inc.	License Refund	90.00
47754	B & R Transport Refrigeration, Inc.	License Refund	120.00
47755	Barbe's Dairy	License Refund	120.00
47756	Bengal Transportation	License Refund	32.50
47757	B.F.I. Services, Inc.	License Refund	25.00
47758	Biehl & Company	License Refund	120.00
47759	Blessy Marine	License Refund	30.00

47760	Caillou Island Towing	License Refund	32.50
47761	Cajun Cutter	License Refund	30.00
47762	Cargotec Crane & Electrical Svcs.	License Refund	32.50
47763	Central Boat Rental	License Refund	60.00
47764	Chiquita Brands Int'l., Inc.	License Refund	120.00
47765	Coast Coca Cola Bottling	License Refund	120.00
47766	Cooper T. Smith Marine	License Refund	30.00
47767	Cooper Marine & Timberland Corp.	License Refund	32.50
47768	CSA Equipment Co.	License Refund	895.00
47769	D A Fumigation	License Refund	120.00
47770	Dann Ocean Towing	License Refund	217.50
47771	Davis Farms, Inc.	License Refund	120.00
47772	Delta Sanitation of MS, LLC	License Refund	120.00
47773	Dockside Services	License Refund	120.00
47774	Dole Fresh Fruit Company	License Refund	120.00
47775	Duke Marine Laboratory	License Refund	152.50
47776	Eagle Energy, Inc.	License Refund	120.00
47777	Fillette, Green Shipping Svcs.	License Refund	120.00
47778	Frank P. Corso	License Refund	55.00
47779	General Steamship Corporation	License Refund	120.00
47780	Glenn Machine Works, Inc.	License Refund	120.00
47781	Global Maritime Security, Inc.	License Refund	57.50
47782	Great Lakes Dredge	License Refund	30.00
47783	Gulf Marine & Industrial	License Refund	120.00
47784	Gulf Harbor Shipping	License Refund	90.00
47785	Gulf South Marine	License Refund	32.50
47786	Gulfship	License Refund	65.00
47787	Henry Marine Service, Inc.	License Refund	32.50
47788	Highland Marine, LLC	License Refund	30.00
47789	Horizon Shipbuilding, Inc.	License Refund	220.00
47790	Hymax, Inc.	License Refund	120.00
47791	Ingram Barge Co.	License Refund	127.50
47792	Inland Salvage Inc.	License Refund	30.00
47793	ISS Marine Services	License Refund	120.00
47794	Kirby Inland Marine, Inc.	License Refund	120.00
47795	Klomar Ship Supply Co.	License Refund	120.00
47796	Knight's Marine & Industrial Svcs.	License Refund	25.00
47797	Louis Smith Construction	License Refund	95.00
47798	Love's Seafood to Go	License Refund	30.00
47799	Lowland Construction Co.	License Refund	32.50
47800	Lumcon	License Refund	30.00
47801	Luhr Brothers	License Refund	90.00
47802	Maritime Endeavors Shipping Co.	License Refund	130.00
47803	Marquette Transportation	License Refund	30.00
47804	Matthews Brothers, Inc.	License Refund	32.50
47805	Maymar Marine Supply, Inc.	License Refund	120.00
47806	McDonough Marine Services	License Refund	32.50
47807	Midstream Fuel Service	License Refund	90.00
47808	Mike Gartman Transfer Service	License Refund	180.00
47809	Mike's Wholesale Tire	License Refund	120.00
47810	Murphy Marine Services	License Refund	895.00
47811	Newman Lumber Co., Inc.	License Refund	895.00
47812	Nippon Express	License Refund	32.50
47813	Nord-Sud Shipping, Inc.	License Refund	90.00
47814	Norton Lilly	License Refund	120.00

47815	Norfolk Tug Co.	License Refund	97.50
47816	NSA Agencies, Inc.	License Refund	55.00
47817	Page & Jones	License Refund	120.00
47818	Ports America Gulfport, Inc.	License Refund	895.00
47819	Presto X	License Refund	120.00
47820	Priest Marine	License Refund	60.00
47821	Ross Maritime, Inc.	License Refund	120.00
47822	Seaward Services, Inc.	License Refund	32.50
47823	Signet Maritime Corp.	License Refund	62.50
47824	Southern Recycling, Inc.	License Refund	32.50
47825	Southern Transport, LLC	License Refund	32.50
47826	Southern Scrap	License Refund	30.00
47827	SSA Gulf	License Refund	795.00
47828	Starz Enterprises	License Refund	30.00
47829	Sun Towing, LLC	License Refund	120.00
47830	Tidewater Marine, LLC	License Refund	30.00
47831	Tire Center, LLC	License Refund	120.00
47832	TK Towing	License Refund	30.00
47833	T. Parker Host	License Refund	65.00
47834	TransMontaigne Product Svcs., Inc.	License Refund	25.00
47835	Transmarine Navigation	License Refund	95.00
47836	Tricon Steamship Agency	License Refund	95.00
47837	University of Miami	License Refund	122.50
47838	Warren Paving	License Refund	30.00
47839	Waste Management	License Refund	120.00
47840	Wihelmsen Ship Services	License Refund	240.00
47841	World Ship Supply	License Refund	120.00
47842	Robert Wren	License Refund	87.50

TRANSFERS

12/10/13	MS Department of Revenue	November Sales Tax Payment	3,522.52
12/12/13	Deferred Compensation	Employee Deductions	3,169.67
12/13/13	Federal Tax Deposit	Payroll Tax Deposit	19,814.81
			\$
		Total	274,324.32

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the Port User Licenses, pending receipt of all fees and insurance documents. Commissioner Simpson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The following items were approved:

RENEWAL LICENSES:

Vendor: A&M Petroleum Co.; A3M Vacuum Service, Inc.; D.A. Marine Fumigation, Inc.; Delta Sanitation of MS, LLC; Glenn Machine Works, Inc.;

Transfer Company: Services International, Inc.

Commissioner Norris moved to approve cash request #64 - MSPA (\$90,638.07); RFB, LLC (\$7,820.00); L&A Constructing (\$1,284,223.24); Neel Schaffer (\$648,563.49); QES (\$14,895.12); Thompson Engineering (\$30,418.76); Atwell & Gent (\$122,581.22); Atkins (\$152,906.10); Anchor QEA (\$34,218.04); Volkert (\$6,675.66); CH2MHill (\$349,134.47); QES (\$14,895.12); CDM (\$ 37,871.60) for a subtotal of \$2,783,979.99. Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve CDBG Funds Request #22 reimbursement for the rail upgrade to Piltz, Williams, LaRosa for \$3,780.00. Commissioner Knesal seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Knesal moved to approve the following progress payments: BMA (\$240,038.30); BMI Environmental (\$1,645.00); QES (\$14,409.50); Rod Cooke Construction (\$23,716.75); W.C. Fore Trucking (\$441,955.20). Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Norris recused himself and left the meeting.

Commissioner Simpson moved to approve payment of \$114,032.50 to Yates Anderson JV (under Restoration Agreement Request #64), for a total of \$2,898,012.49; Progress Payment to Balch & Bingham of \$11,544.30. Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Norris returned to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Knesal moved to approve Modification No. 1 to Task Assignment No. 1 under Contract No. 13-EN-02; Brown, Mitchell & Alexander. Modification No. 1 adds \$100,000.00 to the contract. Commissioner Norris seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve Amendment No. 2 to Task Order No. 10; Contract No. 010-HUD-011 with Anchor QEA, LLC. Amendment No. 2 requires no change in the lump sum and all work has been completed. Commissioner Simpson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 10; Contract No. 010-HUD-007 with Volkert, Inc. Amendment No. 1 decreases costs by \$6,714.36 and all work has been completed and accepted. Commissioner Simpson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Knesal moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 13; Contract No. 010-HUD-002; Thompson Engineering. Amendment No. 1 extends the contract by 60 calendar days and increases costs by \$3,990.52. Commissioner Norris seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Knesal moved to approve Amendment No. 4 to Task Order No. 9; Contract No. 010-HUD-002; Thompson Engineering. Amendment No. 4 requests an extension of 180 calendar days with no change in costs. Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve Amendment No. 3 to Task Order No. 8; Contract No. 010-HUD-002; Thompson Engineering. Amendment No. 3 requests an extension of 180 calendar days with no change in costs. Commissioner Norris seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Simpson moved to approve Amendment No. 3 to Task Order No. 3; Contract No. 10-HUD-012; CDM Smith, Inc. Amendment No. 3 requests an extension of 365 calendar days and an increase of \$60,000.00. Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Simpson moved to approve a MS State Pilot's rate increase of 3%, effective January 1, 2014. Commissioner Norris seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Commissioner Simpson reported that he had met with the pilots on several occasions regarding this rate increase and Commissioner Rester commended the pilots for the great job they do.

Commissioner Norris moved to approve Task Order No. 27 under Contract No. 010-HUD-001 with Neel Schaffer, Inc. Task Order No. 27 has a not to exceed amount of \$30,960.00 and duration of 221 calendar days. Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Knesal moved to approve Task Order No. 8 under Contract No. 010-HUD-003 with QES, Inc. Task Order No. 8 has a not to exceed value of \$60,365.73 and duration of 221 calendar days. Commissioner Simpson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Norris recused himself and left the meeting.

Commissioner Simpson moved to approve Task Order No. 12 under Contract No. 010-HUD-006 with Yates Anderson Joint Venture. Task Order No. 12 has a not to exceed value of \$101,640.00 and duration of 180 days. Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Norris returned to the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Plans are being made to hold additional Community Port Tours. Tentative dates are February 15th, May 10th and September 20th.

Gantry Crane information will be sent via the Port of the Future website shortly.

A presentation was made by Ray Johnson on Green Marine Environmental Program.

A presentation was made by Van Williams, WLOX on "South Mississippi Proud".

PATHWAYS TO THE PORT UPDATE:

A solid process is in place for the jobs program. We currently have 7 community organizations participating.

A training analysis is underway which will greatly benefit the program.

PORT RESTORATION UPDATE:

Phase I is extremely close to completion.

There are pre-bid conferences scheduled for January 8th and 22nd for the crane package and shoreline protection package.

In response to the MS Jobs First program question, that program is being utilized here at MSPA.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

Matthew Wypyski reported on the monthly maritime activity:

Vessel calls	Vessels	16		Truck Count	5,866
	Tugs	11		Railcar Count	509
	Barges	45		TEU's	15,769
				Tonnage (short tons)	203,589

Mr. Wypyski reported no tariff increase for 2014.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Director Daniels thanked everyone for the last 6 months and their involvement with and interest in the MSPA. The current pace is very aggressive – MSPA has a dedicated and professional staff, along with extra supportive Commissioners. A thank you goes out also to CH2MHill, to the tenants for their patience and to the labor union for the dedication.

We are currently working with 14 different companies for development opportunities. We already have formal MOU's with some of them. One area we're working is to become a strategic military port. The Stephen L. Bennett arrived at our port right before Thanksgiving and was previously destined for Port of Beaumont. This was a test run and we passed it with flying colors.

A Letter of Intent was recently signed by our Commissioners which defines a cost sharing agreement with the Corps of Engineers regarding our channel depth.

Island View continues to work on demolition of their hotel south of Hwy 90. They have repaired and put the parking garage back in use and hope to have the newly remodeled hotel open for occupancy in the first quarter of 2015.

Staff is making repairs to the tug dock which was damaged by Hurricane Isaac. This will free up space on the south end of the East Pier for development opportunities.

We continue to work on the Economic Feasibility Study for a Maritime Commerce Center.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S COMMENTS:

Teri Wyly had no comments and wished everyone happy holidays.

MDA'S COMMENTS:

Phillip Carter had no comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Simpson wanted to thank Gov. Bryant for reappointing him to a 5 year term as Port Commissioner. He is very grateful, humbled and honored to be on the Board.

Commissioner also spoke of his excitement regarding the upgraded MSPA website and the opportunity to be more transparent.

Commissioner Roberts commended Director Daniels on his last six months and felt like we received an early Christmas present when he was hired.

There were no issues for Executive Session so the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Approved and Attested

John Rester
President

E.J. Roberts
Secretary