

# MISSISSIPPI PORT AUTHORITY

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### SPECIAL MEETING

**October 31, 2018**

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Minutes of the Mississippi State Port Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting,  
Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 2510 14<sup>th</sup> 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 phone until 1:40pm)  
Robert J. Knesal, Commissioner

Staff: Jonathan Daniels, Executive Director/CEO  
Matthew Wypyski, Chief Operating Officer  
Kim Purchner, Executive Asst./HRO  
John Webb, Director of Engineering  
Mel Arsenault, Director of External Affairs  
Nick Foto, Deputy Program Manager  
Shawn Meyer, Director of Operations

Ben Stone, Legal Counsel

Others: Michael Sheeley, CH2MHill

Commissioner Simpson noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

There were no public comments.

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#### OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rester moved to approve a professional service agreement between MSPA and ARUP Advisory, Inc. for Concession Advisory Services. Commissioner Knesal seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rester moved to take up the agenda item of a Master Service Agreement and Task Order 1 for Phase 1 planning, design and environmental services to dredge the federal navigation channel, such task order to form additional work scope under an existing contract with Jacobs/CH2M. Commissioner Norris seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

*Commissioner Roberts disconnected via phone and entered the meeting at approximately 1:40 p.m.*

Following the foregoing discussion, Commissioner Knesal moved to reject the task order and to direct MSPA staff to negotiate with Digital Engineering (current General

Engineering firm) for Phase 1 planning, design and environmental services to dredge the federal navigation channel. Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion failed with the Commissioners voting as follows:

Commissioner Simpson	Negative
Commissioner Rester	Negative
Commissioner Norris	Negative
Commissioner Roberts	Affirmative
Commissioner Knesal	Affirmative

Commissioner Knesal moved to table the agenda item: Approval of a Master Service Agreement for Phase 1 planning, design and environmental services to dredge the Federal Navigation Channel. Commissioner Roberts seconded and the motion was approved with the Commissioners voting as follows:

Commissioner Rester	Negative
Commissioner Norris	Negative
Commissioner Roberts	Affirmative
Commissioner Knesal	Affirmative


Commissioner Simpson broke the tie and voted in the Affirmative and the agenda item was tabled.

Commissioner Rester moved to approve a Master Service Agreement for Phase 1 planning, design and environmental services to dredge the Federal Navigation Channel with Jacobs/CH2M. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Norris moved to adjourn. Commissioner Rester seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m.

Approved and Attested

  
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James C. Simpson, Jr.  
President

  
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Jack Norris  
Secretary