

MISSISSIPPI PORT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

April 25, 2024

Minutes of the Mississippi State Port Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting, Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 2510 14th Street, Suite 1450, Gulfport, Mississippi at which the following Commissioners and staff were present:

Commissioners: John Rester, President
Cowles Symmes, Vice-President
Robert J. Knesal, Treasurer
Kathryn Dennis Spear, Commissioner

Staff: Jon Nass, CEO
Jennifer Smith, Chief of Staff
DeeDee Wood, CFO
Shawn Meyer, COO
Kim Purchner, Executive Asst./HRO
Kecia Laneaux, Executive Affairs Coordinator
Teresa Ehrlich, Project Manager
Gary Pitcovich, Deputy Director of Operations
Hannah Milliet, Public Affairs Officer
Allison Chimenya, Marketing & Educational Coordinator
James Buras, Port Engineer
Errol LaRue, General Counsel
Matt Gabbett, Director of Operations
Tammy Salisbury, Assistant Comptroller
Angie Shortt, Senior Accounting Specialist
Michelle Freeman, Accounting Specialist
Lisa Mussa, Accounting Specialist
Katie Gill, Entry Level Accountant
Lucy Stevens, Payroll/Administrative
Abby Mason, HR/Legal Specialist
Ally Jones-Johnson, Stewardship & Safety Coordinator

Ben Stone, Legal Counsel

Others: Philip Carter, MDA (via telephone)
Nick Moody, MP Designs
Chris Kirby, USM
Andrew Haines, Connected Oceans
Juan Fondeur, Crowley

Commissioner Rester noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Rester.

The invocation was given by DeeDee Wood, MSPA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Symmes moved to approve the Minutes from the March 14, 2024 and April 10, 2024 Board Meetings. Commissioner Spear seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Symmes moved to approve travel (April 25-26) – Nass, Meyer to New Orleans, LA; (May 1-2) – Meyer to Lake Charles, LA; (October 27-31) – Nass, Smith to Boston, MA. Commissioner Knesal seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH APRIL 3, 2024
BILLS FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL 2024 APPROVED AND PAID
FROM THE GROSS REVENUE FUND OF THE MS STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT

CHECK#	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	CHK AMOUNT
60675	Kentwood Springs	Drinking Water	457.16
60676	AGJ Systems & Networks, Inc.	Computer Maintenance and Equipment	11,563.51
60677	All Safe Technologies, LLC	Fire Alarm Monitoring and Repair Fire System at Marine Research Facility	519.70
60678	Appraisal Associates, LLC	Land Appraisal Services	1,150.00
60679	Ben Nelson Golf & Utility Vehicles	Golf Cart Batteries	1,110.00
60680	Sparklight	Cable Services	93.18
60681	CenterPoint Energy	Natural Gas Services	35.61
60682	Chancellor, Inc.	Electrical Supplies	290.39
60683	City of Gulfport	Water	7,233.58
60684	Sun Coast Business Supply	Office Supplies	219.84
60685	Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc.	Electrical Supplies for 34th Avenue Property and Reefer Bunkers	11,239.69
60686	Continental Battery Company	Battery for Unit #12	95.26
60687	Cresco Inc.	Chiller Door Repair	798.59
60688	Dean Jaramillo	Office Supplies	394.79
60689	DNA Underground, LLC	Exploratory Excavation at East Pier Backflow Preventer	4,750.00
60690	Federal Express Corp.	Express Mail Services	24.03
60691	Fire Systems, LLC	Shed 53 Fire Pump Repairs	3,475.00
60692	Fuelman	Fuel for MSPA Vehicles	473.72
60693	Grainger, Inc.	Back Flow Preventers for Ships Water	2,386.98
60694	Harbor Square Parking Garage	Quarterly Parking	3,622.65
60695	Hughes Supply	Plumbing Supplies	1,589.97
60696	Ice Qube, Inc.	A/C Unit for Water Tower Electrical Platform	8,573.52
60697	MS State Treasurer Fund 3360900000	Telephone/Internet Services	100.61
60698	Newell Paper Co.	Office Supplies	1,194.00
60699	Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP	Shed 2 Fire Alarm Repair	4,011.50
60700	Kiwanis International of Gulfport	Membership Dues	322.00
60701	Robert J. Knesal	Travel Expenses	1,745.48
60702	Lowe's Home Center, Inc.	Maintenance Supplies	519.55
60703	Magnolia Printing Co.	Business Development Materials	405.60
60704	Mark Dunning Industries, Inc.	Waste Removal Services	955.00
60705	McClatchy Company, LLC	Advertising	104.24
60706	Mississippi Manufacturers Association	Membership Dues	575.00
60707	MS State Dept of Health	Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspections	660.00
60708	MS DHS - State Disbursement Unit	Employee Deductions	263.56
60709	MS Pub. Employees Credit Union	Employee Deductions	445.00
60710	Mississippi Power Company	Travel Reimbursement for Mark Loughman	523.19
60711	Jon T. Nass	Travel Expenses	1,724.31
60712	Pass Road Mini Storage, LLC	Storage Unit Rent	185.00
60713	The Port Employees Assoc.	Employee Deductions	108.00
60714	John Rester	Travel Expenses	1,721.00
60715	RJ Young Company, Inc.	Printer Maintenance	540.00
60716	Rotolo Consultants, Inc. dba RCI	Landscape Services	737.97
60717	Stericycle, Inc.	Document Shredding Services	165.18
60718	Southern Admin. and Benefits	Monthly Service Fee	209.00
60719	Southern Admin. and Benefits	Employee Deductions	1,125.00
60720	Specialty Hose & Fabrication	Hose Assemblies for Water Meters	781.20
60721	SSA Gulf Inc.	Office Trailer Rent for Cotton Compress	900.00
60723	Swetman Security Services, Inc.	Security Guard Services	32,673.00
60724	Cowles Edgar Symmes	Travel Expenses	523.19

60725	Threaded Fasteners, Inc.	Maintenance Supplies	36.50
60726	Timeless Designs of Lucedale LLC	Interior Plant Maintenance	279.69
60727	Southern Tire Mart, LLC	Street Sweeper Tire Repair and Replacement	593.41
60728	United Way of South MS, Inc.	Employee Deductions	171.42
60729	Upchurch Services, LLC	A/C Repairs at Operations Building and Chiquita	2,378.75
60730	Vacuum Truck Sales & Service, LLC	Brushes for Street Sweeper	1,199.00
60731	Zoro Tools, Inc.	Janitorial, Safety and Maintenance Supplies	2,295.94

CHECKS DATED 03/27/24 AND RELEASED PRIOR TO SCHEDULED CHECK RUN

60661	Sparklight	Cable Services	248.90
60662	Card Services	Office Supplies, Repair Parts and Maintenance Supplies	1,929.97
60663	Card Services	Registration Fees and Travel Expenses	3,743.43
60664	Allison Chimenya	Business Expenses	216.61
60665	Guardian	Employee Deductions	1,367.49
60666	Hostpapa, Inc.	Website Hosting	179.92
60667	Ally Jones-Johnson	TWIC Card	125.25
60668	Errol LaRue	Business Expenses	138.49
60669	Shawn Meyer	Travel Expenses	2,240.55
60670	IDEMIA	TWIC Card	125.25
60671	IDEMIA	TWIC Card	125.25
60672	Jon T. Nass	Travel Expenses	1,253.37
60673	Pass Road Mini Storage, LLC	Storage Unit Rent	175.00
60674	SSA Gulf Inc.	Office Trailer Rent for Cotton Compress	900.00

TRANSFERS

03/18/24	MS Department of Revenue	Sales Tax Payment	8,800.53
03/22/24	Deferred Compensation	Employee Deductions	1,395.00
03/27/24	Federal Tax Deposit	Payroll Tax Deposit	28,202.22
04/01/24	Connected Oceans	Business Development and Consulting Services	22,916.23
04/03/24	State School Insurance Fund/DFA	04/2024 Employee Health and Life Insurance	15,474.00
		Total	<u>\$209,826.92</u>

FINAL CHECKLIST FOR APRIL 25, 2024

BILLS FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL 2024 APPROVED AND PAID

FROM THE GROSS REVENUE FUND OF THE MS STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT

CHK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	CHK AMT
60748	A-1 Elevator Service, LLC	Quarterly Elevator Maintenance	2,832.00
60749	Kentwood Springs	Drinking Water	449.19
60750	AGJ Systems & Networks, Inc.	Computer Equipment	1,710.04
60751	AirGas Gulf States	Acetylene, Oxygen and Argon Cylinders	228.81
60752	Astro Ford of Mississippi, Inc.	Unit #9 Repairs	453.18
60753	Barefield Workplace Solutions, Inc.	Office Supplies	672.39
60754	Business Furniture Services, LLC	Office Furniture and Chair Mats	6,830.50
60755	Sparklight	Cable Services	248.90
60756	Chancellor, Inc.	Maintenance Supplies	392.68
60757	Sun Coast Business Supply	Office Supplies	654.46
60758	Crawford Electric Supply Co., Inc.	Lighting System Gateway	158.31
60759	Cresco Inc.	Repair A/C at Operations Building	123.00
60760	C Spire Business Solutions	Telephone and Internet Services	1,903.43
60761	Dept. of Finance & Admin.	MMRS Quarterly Charges	483.00
60762	DNA Underground, LLC	Water Line Repair at Ocean Enterprise Facility	32,927.25
60764	Empellor Marketing Systems, Inc.	Software License and Professional Services	16,300.00
60765	Federal Express Corp.	Express Mail Services	47.95
60766	Fuelman	Fuel for MSPA Vehicles	639.44
60767	Glass Solutions, Inc.	Replace Door Glass at North Gate Guard Shack	265.00
60768	Guardian	Employee Deductions	1,679.85
60769	Whitney Bank Divisional Property	May Lease for Suite 1450	27,664.17
60770	Whitney Bank Trust & Asset Management	Investment Advisory Service Fees	29,101.63
60771	Hostpapa, Inc.	Website Hosting	97.16
60772	Jerry's Lawn Mower Sales	Repair Part for Scag Mower	1,714.05
60773	KLDDiscovery Ontrack, LLC	Professional Services	1,477.00
60774	Robert J. Knesal	Per Diem	240.00
60775	Mark P. Loughman	Per Diem	280.00
60776	Lowe's Home Center, Inc.	Maintenance Supplies	203.92

60778	Memorial Hospital at Gulfport	New Employee Testing	165.00
60779	Mississippi Manufacturers Association	Convention Registration Fees	499.00
60780	MS DHS - State Disbursement Unit	Employee Deductions	263.56
60781	MS Power Company	Electricity	135,564.42
60782	MS Pub. Employees Credit Union	Employee Deductions	375.00
60783	Mississippi Power Company	Travel Reimbursement for Mark Loughman	26.93
60784	Jon T. Nass	Business Expenses	226.11
60785	The Port Employees Assoc.	Employee Deductions	120.00
60786	Redd Pest Solutions	Pest Control Services	163.50
60787	Ronnie's Automotive & Tow Ser.	Unit #3 Towing Services	85.00
60788	Rotolo Consultants, Inc. dba RCI	Landscape Services	2,192.83
60789	SBL Strategies, LLC	Professional Consulting Services	10,000.00
60790	Stericycle, Inc.	Document Shredding Services	166.42
60791	Sorg Printing, LLC	Business Cards	114.00
60792	South Mississippi Business Machines	Copier Maintenance	569.00
60793	Norma Jean Soroe	Transcription Services	434.48
60795	Southern Admin. and Benefits	Monthly Service Fee	209.00
60796	Kathryn Dennis Spear	Per Diem	360.00
60797	SSA Gulf Inc.	Office Trailer Rent for Cotton Compress	900.00
60798	Sterling Solutions LLC	Professional Services	12,500.00
60799	Swetman Security Services, Inc.	Security Guard Services	66,285.80
60800	Cowles Edgar Symmes	Per Diem	240.00
60801	United Way of South MS, Inc.	Employee Deductions	171.42
60802	Union Auto Parts	Repair Parts for Unit #3	237.50
60803	Upchurch Services, LLC	HVAC/R Maintenance and Repair Services	2,765.00
60804	USM Research Foundation	Gulf Blue Sponsorship	12,500.00
60806	Zoro Tools, Inc.	Maintenance Supplies, Safety Supplies, Floor Jack and Fork Extensions	2,969.07

CHECK DATED 04/10/24 AND RELEASED PRIOR TO SCHEDULED CHECK RUN

60732	MS Pub. Employees Credit Union	Employee Deductions	375.00
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CHECKS DATED 04/17/24 AND RELEASED PRIOR TO SCHEDULED CHECK RUN

60733	AFLAC	Employee Deductions	1,255.52
60734	Card Services	Office Equipment, Office Supplies, Maintenance Supplies and Software Subscriptions	1,401.68
60735	City of Gulfport	Water	2,660.32
60736	C Spire Wireless	Cell Phone Services	1,198.26
60737	GPAA-Gulf Ports of Americas Assoc.	Conference Registration Fees	350.00
60738	Mark Dunning Industries, Inc.	Waste Removal Services	340.00
60739	MS DHS - State Disbursement Unit	Employee Deductions	263.56
60740	MS Pub. Employees Credit Union	Employee Deductions	375.00
60741	NAVEX Global, Inc.	Report Line Annual Service Fee	2,224.53
60742	Pass Road Mini Storage, LLC	Storage Unit Rent	175.00
60743	Pearl River Community College	Registration Fees for Excel Training	230.00
60744	Portable Services, Inc.	Portable Restroom Services	425.00
60745	Legal Shield	Employee Deductions	30.91
60746	Stericycle, Inc.	Document Shredding	360.13

CHECK DATED 04/23/24 AND RELEASED PRIOR TO SCHEDULED CHECK RUN

60747	Monster Subs & Sandwiches, Inc.	Community Advisory Committee Meeting	195.00
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TRANSFERS

04/04/24	Public Employment Retirement	Retirement Match and Withheld	59,984.15
04/05/24	Deferred Compensation	Employee Deductions	1,295.00
04/10/24	MS Department of Revenue	Sales Tax Payment	9,357.12
04/10/24	Federal Tax Deposit	Payroll Tax Deposit	30,345.42
04/12/24	MS Department of Revenue	Employee Deductions	7,260.00
04/19/24	Deferred Compensation	Employee Deductions	1,295.00
04/24/24	Federal Tax Deposit	Payroll Tax Deposit	

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

The following items were approved:

RENEWAL LICENSES:

Steamship Agent: Ross Maritime, Inc.

Tug Company: E.N. Bisso Mississippi LLC

Commissioner Symmes moved to approve the following progress payments: Balch & Bingham (\$27,682.50); MP Design Group (\$85,917.88); Southern Earth Sciences (\$1,104.00); and Warren Paving (\$168,675.11). Commissioner Spear seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Spear left the meeting.

Commissioner Symmes moved to approve the following progress payment: DNP, Inc. (\$104,025.00). Commissioner Knesal seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Symmes moved to approve the project closeout and notice of completion for DNP, Inc. under Contract No. 23-EN-04. Commissioner Knesal seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Spear returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Knesal moved to approve Modification No. 2 to Work Order No. 1 with MP Design Group under Contract No. 23-EN-01. Modification No. 2 increases the funding of Work Order No. 1 by \$100,000.00 for on-call engineering services for various capital and maintenance projects. Commissioner Symmes seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Knesal moved to approve Modification No. 2 to Work Order No. 8 with MP Design Group under Contract No. 23-EN-01. Modification No. 2 changes the scope of Work Order No. 8 and decreases the cost by \$9,795.44. Commissioner Symmes seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Symmes moved to approve Modification No. 1 to Work Order No. 4 with WSP, Inc. under Contract No. 24-EN-03. Modification No. 1 closes the work order and de-obligate funds in the amount of \$20,000.00. Commissioner Spear seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Symmes moved to approve Work Order No. 6 under Contract No. 24-EN-03 with WSP, Inc. Work Order No. 6 supports engagement with a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and has a not to exceed amount of \$50,000.00. Commissioner Spear seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Symmes moved to approve Work Order No. 7 under Contract No. 24-EN-03 with WSP, Inc. Work Order No. 7 provides emissions calculations for MSPA's EPA

Clean Ports discretionary grant for 2024 and has a not to exceed amount of \$30,000.00. Commissioner Knesal seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Symmes moved to approve Work Order No. 8 under Contract No. 24-EN-03 with WSP, Inc. Work Order No. 8 provides a study for land reclamation and dredge material containment structures with a not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00. Commissioner Spear seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Symmes moved to approve Work Order No. 9 under Contract No. 24-EN-03 with WSP, Inc. Work Order No. 9 provides services for INFRA grant application for 2024 with a not to exceed amount of \$30,000.00. Commissioner Knesal seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Symmes moved to approve Work Order No. 10 under Contract No. 23-EN-01 with MP Design. Work Order No. 10 provides hydro surveying for maintenance dredging with a not to exceed amount of \$22,662.00. Commissioner Spear seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Knesal moved to approve Work Order No. 3 under Contract No. 24-EN-04 with HDR Engineering. Work Order No. 3 provides services for a second EPA Clean Ports Program Planning grant application. With a not to exceed amount of \$51,976.00. Commissioner Symmes seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Knesal moved to approve Change Order No. 5 under Contract No. 22-EN-03 with Warren Paving. Change Order No. 5 exercises a 1-year contract extension to November 18, 2025, and increases funding by \$1,000,000.00. Commissioner Symmes seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Symmes moved to authorize the issuance of an RFP for electrical services. Commissioner Spear seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Symmes moved to authorize the issuance of an RFP for legal services. Commissioner Knesal seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Knesal moved to approve Resolution No. 24-03, renumbered to 24-05 prior to signature, authorizing MSPA to apply for PIDP, INFRA, and EPA Clean Ports Program Grants and to partner with Gulf Regional Planning Commission to pursue grant funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All program. Commissioner Symmes seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Knesal moved to approve Resolution No. 24-04, authorizing MSPA to allocate and expend matching funds for the exclusive use of the projects being pursued and applied for by the MSPA under the PIPD, INFRA and Safe Streets and Roads for All programs. The total cost of the PIDP and/or INFRA project is estimated to be \$62,127,899.00. The MSPA's proposed match for this project would be \$12,425,579.73. The total cost of the Safe Streets and Roads for All project is estimated to be \$344,000.00. The MSPA's proposed contribution to the match for this project would be \$69,000.00. Commissioner Spear seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

ENGINEERING UPDATE:

James Buras reported on current engineering projects.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

Shawn Meyer reported on the maritime activity for March of 2024:

Vessels	15		Vehicles	13,500
Tugs	8		Railcars	819
Tonnage (YTD)	1,447,197		Barges	46
TEU's (short tons)	136,610		Military	1

Tonnage had a decrease of 2 percent compared to FY23, however, better than last month's decrease of 11 percent. Monthly tonnage increased by 12 percent in March.

TEU's down 2 percent, but an increase over last month's decrease of 4 percent. March was the highest TEU count in the last fiscal year.

The cranes recently underwent certification and recorded a 98.4 percent up-time.

Maintenance dredging will begin soon.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

A warm welcome was given to Juan Fondeur, the new Terminal Manager of Crowley. Crowley is celebrating their 25th year at the Port.

A \$2.6M grant was received from the State of Mississippi SMIF grant. MSPA was the only coast Port to receive the allocation.

Kim Purchner was recognized for retiring after 26 years of employment at the Port.

Three new hires were introduced: Kecia Laneaux-Executive Affairs Coordinator; Abby Mason-Human Resources/Legal Assistant and Ally Jones-Johnson-Stewardship and Safety Coordinator.

MSPA is participating in talks with a new organization out of Washington, DC at the request of Tom Crowley. The organization is HUGE (Honduras, U.S., Guatemala, and El Salvador) and we are discussing cargo targets.

Director Nass, Shawn Meyer and Andrew Haines are headed to New Orleans today to attend the Breakbulk Conference.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S COMMENTS:

Ben Stone had no comments.

MDA'S COMMENTS:

Philip Carter had no comments.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Symmes expressed appreciation to Kelby Cuevas and Dole for the much-appreciated tour of the Dole facilities in Costa Rica.

Commissioner Symmes moved to close the meeting to discuss the need for an Executive Session. Commissioner Spear seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Symmes moved to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matter. Commissioner Spear seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

(THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT APPROXIMATELY 9:50 A.M.)

Commissioner Symmes moved to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Spear seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Rester stated that no action took place during Executive Session.

Commissioner Symmes moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:33 a.m.

Approved and Attested

John Rester
President



Mark Loughman
Secretary



RESOLUTION NO. 24-04

After proper notice, a quorum of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport ("MSPA") took up for consideration the matter of authorizing the MSPA to allocate and expend matching funds for the exclusive use of eligible projects being pursued and applied for by the MSPA under the Port Infrastructure Development Program ("PIDP"), Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects Program ("INFRA"), and Safe Streets and Roads for All ("SS4A") for the purpose of making certain improvements to facilities at the State Port. Commissioner Knesal moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE MSPA AUTHORIZING THE MSPA TO ALLOCATE AND EXPEND MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS BEING PURSUED AND APPLIED FOR BY THE MSPA UNDER PIDP, INFRA, AND SS4A PROGRAMS, WHICH WILL BE USED FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE STATE PORT.

WHEREAS, Section 59-5-37(1) of the Mississippi Code authorizes, among other things, the MSPA to make all contracts and purchases incidental to or necessary for the advancement, promotion and development of the State Port;

WHEREAS, in a manner consistent with the authority granted under Section 59-5-37(1) of the Mississippi Code, the MSPA is eligible to pursue and apply for certain grant funds that will be used for the advancement, development and improvement of facilities at the State Port;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has authorized, by separate resolution, the MSPA to pursue and apply for PIDP and INFRA funds, and to partner with Gulf Regional Planning Commission ("GRPC") to apply for SS4A grant funds for certain improvements at the State Port, including, without limitation, infrastructure improvements, rail improvements and planning opportunities to improve roadway and pedestrian safety (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the Project will add additional pier space on the East Pier, improve rail infrastructure and efficiency on the East Pier and develop a plan to increase the safety of roadway and pedestrian traffic near port facilities, all of which will assist the MSPA in attracting and growing business, increasing cargo throughput, improving the efficiency of freight movement and increasing economic activity at the State Port and throughout the State of Mississippi;

WHEREAS, the MSPA hereby accepts the Total Project Costs Worksheet prepared by WSP, showing an estimated cost of \$62,127,899.00 to complete the portion of the Project potentially funded by PIDP and/or INFRA, which will require 20% matching funds, a copy of the opinion is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and fully incorporated herein by this reference;

WHEREAS, the MSPA hereby accepts the Estimated Budget Worksheet prepared by WSP, showing an estimated cost of \$344,000.00 to complete the portion of the Project potentially funded by SS4A, which will require 20% matching funds, a copy of the Worksheet is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and fully incorporated herein by this reference;

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the pursuit of such PIDP, INFRA and SS4A Grant Funds, the Board of Commissioners of the MSPA hereby authorizes the MSPA to allocate and expend matching funds for the exclusive use of the Project based upon the preliminary cost estimates referenced hereinabove and detailed in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto, which amount of said matching funds is currently estimated to be \$12,494,579.73, which matching funds may be increased based upon the MSPA's receipt of final design plans and total project costs;

WHEREAS, the source of the MSPA's matching funds for the Project shall be from the MSPA's operating account, which the entire balance of the matching funds have been presently secured and shall remain as readily available funds exclusively earmarked for the Project in said account until such time as a final eligibility determination for such Project is made and in the event the MSPA is not awarded the some or all of the grant funds, the matching funds shall be released from its exclusive earmark for the Project without further action by the Board of Commissioners;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 59-5-37(1) of the Mississippi Code and in the event the MSPA is awarded grant funds for the purposes stated herein, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the allocation and expenditure of matching funds for the exclusive use of the Project is incidental to or necessary for the advancement, promotion and development of the State Port and increases the capacity for operations designed to stimulate economic growth and development at the State Port and throughout the State of Mississippi;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and directs the MSPA, by and through its Executive Director and/or his designee, to allocate and expend matching funds currently estimated to be in the amount of \$12,494,579.73, which amount may be increased based upon the MSPA's receipt of final design plans and total project costs, for the exclusive use of the Project, and to execute, complete and deliver all necessary documentation, applications and other instruments to the appropriate authority administering such grants, as may be required at any time and from time-to-time, based upon the grant requirements and to do and perform such other acts and deeds on behalf of the MSPA as may be deemed necessary or desirable at any time or from time-to-time in connection with the matters contemplated in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, that, any and all actions heretofore or hereafter taken by the Executive Director and/or his designee in the name and on behalf of the MSPA in connection with or related to the matters set forth herein as contemplated by the foregoing Resolution be, and are hereby adopted, affirmed, approved and ratified in all respects as the act of the MSPA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT, AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and directs the MSPA, by and through its Executive Director and/or his designee, to allocate and expend from the MSPA's operating account matching funds currently estimated to be in the amount of \$12,494,579.73, which amount may be increased based upon the MSPA's receipt of final design plans and total project costs, for the exclusive use of the Project, and to execute, complete and deliver all necessary documentation, applications and other instruments to the appropriate authority administering such grants, as may be required at any time and from time-to-time, based upon the PIDP, INFRA and SS4A Grant

requirements and to do and perform such other acts and deeds on behalf of the MSPA as may be deemed necessary or desirable at any time or from time-to-time in connection with the matters contemplated in this Resolution.

Commissioner Symmes seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

	<u>Voted:</u>
Commissioner Rester	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Symmes	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Loughman	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Knesal	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Spear	<u>Aye</u>

The motion having received the foregoing vote of the Board of Commissioners, the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, on this the 25th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:

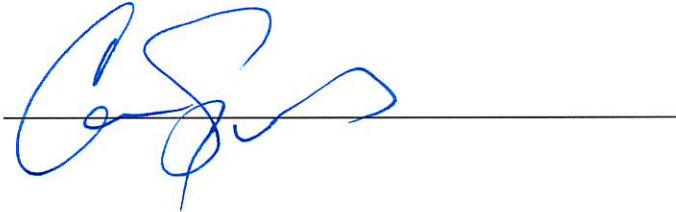


EXHIBIT A

Total Project Costs (By Project Element)			
Item	Description	Cost	Remarks
East Pier Expansion			
1	Construction	\$ 40,129,213	
2	Construction Contingency	\$ 10,032,303	~25% of Construction
3	Support	\$ 5,618,090	
Sub-Total East Pier Expansion		\$ 55,779,606	
West Pier Rail Extension			
1	Construction	\$ 1,958,293	
2	Construction Contingency	\$ 293,744	~15% of Construction
3	Support	\$ 310,000	
Sub-Total West Pier Rail Extension		\$ 2,562,037	
East-West Rail Connector			
1	Construction	\$ 2,526,092	
2	Construction Contingency	\$ 378,914	~15% of Construction
3	Support	\$ 622,500	
Sub-Total East-West Rail Connector		\$ 3,527,506	
Electrical Relocation			
1	Construction	\$ 225,000	Estimate from Mississippi Power
2	Construction Contingency	\$ 33,750	~15% of Construction
3	Support		
Sub-Total Electrical Relocation		\$ 258,750	Estimate from Mississippi Power
Total Project Cost			
1	Construction	\$ 44,838,598	
2	Construction Contingency	\$ 10,738,711	
3	Support	\$ 6,550,590	
Total Project Cost		\$ 62,127,899	

25%

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PIDP (80%)	\$	49,702,318.91
LOCAL (20%)	\$	12,425,579.73

SS4A Planning and Demonstration Grant Application - Supplemental Estimated Budget

This budget template should be submitted with a Planning and Demonstration Grant application. This template is structured based on Table 3 of the FY24 NOFO and illustrates the appropriate level of detail for project-level budget estimation. Please note that this form is set up to calculate project costs from any sub-activities and to calculate subtotals and totals. If you add or remove rows to meet your project needs, check that your math is correct before submitting.

Supplemental Estimated Budget						
Itemized Estimated Costs of New or Updated Action Plan Activities (if applicable)						
	SS4A Federal Request	SS4A Non-Federal Match	Other Federal Funds (if applicable)	Other Non-Federal Match (if applicable)	Total Project Cost	
New or Updated Action Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Component	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Component	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal Budget for New or Updated Action Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Itemized Estimated Costs of Supplemental Planning Activities						
	SS4A Federal Request	SS4A Non-Federal Match	Other Federal Funds (if applicable)	Other Non-Federal Match (if applicable)	Total Project Cost	
US 90 from 25th to 33rd Planning Activity	\$ 195,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 229,000.00	\$ 229,000.00
Follow-Up Data Collection and Safety Analysis	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Road Safety Audit	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 69,000.00
Stakeholder Engagement and Collaboration	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 37,500.00
Countermeasures and Concept/Cost Development	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 37,500.00
28th Street from 30th to 39th Planning Activity	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87,500.00	\$ 87,500.00
Follow-Up Data Collection and Safety Analysis	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Road Safety Audit	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00
Stakeholder Engagement and Collaboration	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Countermeasures and Concept/Cost Development	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
34th Avenue from 28th to 33rd Planning Activity	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87,500.00	\$ 87,500.00
Follow-Up Data Collection and Safety Analysis	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Road Safety Audit	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00
Stakeholder Engagement and Collaboration	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Countermeasures and Concept/Cost Development	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Subtotal Budget for Supplemental Planning Activities	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 69,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 344,000.00	\$ 344,000.00

Itemized Estimated Costs of Demonstration and Pilot Activities

	SS4A Federal Request	SS4A Non-Federal Match	Other Federal Funds (if applicable)	Other Non-Federal Match (if applicable)	Total Project Cost
Demonstration/Pilot Activity #1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Component	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Component	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Component	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Component	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Demonstration/Pilot Activity #2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Component	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Component	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal Budget for Demonstration and Pilot Activities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Budget for Planning and Demonstration Activities	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 69,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 344,000.00

RESOLUTION NO. 24-03 05

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After proper notice, a quorum of the Board of Commissioners (“Board”) of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport (“MSPA”) took up for consideration the matter of authorizing the MSPA to pursue and apply for certain grant funds, including, without limitation, Port Infrastructure Development Program (“PIDP”) funds, Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects Program (“INFRA”) funds, Zero-Emission Technology Deployment Competition (“ZETD”) funds, Climate and Air Quality Planning Competition (“CAQP”) funds, and Safe Streets and Roads for All (“SS4A”) funds in partnership with Gulf Regional Planning Commission (“GRPC”), for the purpose of making certain improvements to facilities at the State Port. Commissioner Knesal moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE MSPA AUTHORIZING THE MSPA TO PURSUE AND APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PIDP, INFRA, ZETD, AND CAQP FUNDS, AND TO PARTNER WITH GRPC TO PURSUE AND APPLY FOR SS4A FUNDS, WHICH WILL BE USED FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE STATE PORT.

WHEREAS, Section 59-5-37(1) of the Mississippi Code authorizes, among other things, the MSPA to make all contracts and purchases incidental to or necessary for the advancement, promotion and development of the State Port;

WHEREAS, in a manner consistent with the authority granted under Section 59-5-37(1) of the Mississippi Code, the MSPA is eligible to pursue and apply for certain grant funds that will be used for the advancement, development and improvement of facilities at the State Port;

WHEREAS, the MSPA has identified the use of grant funds for certain improvements at the State Port, including, without limitation, infrastructure improvements, rail improvements, equipment upgrades, and planning opportunities to monitor environmental conditions and improve roadway and pedestrian safety (all together, the “Project”);

WHEREAS, the Project will add additional pier space on the East Pier, improve rail infrastructure and efficiency on the East Pier, reduce emissions at the State Port by replacing cargo handling equipment, monitor future emissions and environmental conditions on or near the State Port and develop a plan to increase the safety of roadway and pedestrian traffic near port facilities, all of which will assist the MSPA in attracting and growing business, increasing cargo throughput, improving the efficiency of freight movement and increasing economic activity at the State Port and throughout the State of Mississippi;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the MSPA hereby authorizes the MSPA to pursue and apply for certain grant funds that the MSPA is eligible to receive and to partner with GRPC to pursue certain grant funds that GRPC is eligible to receive, for the purpose of advancing, promoting and developing the State Port, including, without limitation, pursuing all those grant opportunities that support projects that will impact the competitiveness of State Port and have the potential to generate increased economic activity at the State Port and throughout the State of Mississippi;

WHEREAS, PIDP, administered by the United States Department of Transportation, provides grant funding for projects that improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port;

WHEREAS, INFRA, administered by the United States Department of Transportation, provides grant funding for multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of freight and people in and across rural and urban areas;

WHEREAS, ZETD, administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, provides grant funding for zero-emission port equipment and infrastructure to reduce mobile source emissions at U.S. ports, delivering cleaner air for communities across the country;

WHEREAS, CAQP, administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, provides grant funding for climate and air quality planning activities at U.S. ports, including emissions inventories, strategy analysis, community engagement, and resiliency measure identification, all of which will build the capacity of port stakeholders to continue to reduce pollution and transition to zero-emissions operations over time;

WHEREAS, SS4A, administered by the United States Department of Transportation through Metropolitan Planning Organizations such as GRPC, provides grant funding to develop action plans with the goal of developing a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a locality, Tribal area, or region;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and directs the MSPA, by and through its Executive Director and/or his designee, to pursue and apply for certain grant funds that the MSPA is eligible to receive, including, without limitation, PIDP, INFRA, ZETD and CAQP funds, and to partner with GRPC to apply for SS4A funds, and to execute, complete and deliver all necessary documentation, applications and other instruments to the appropriate authority administering such grants, as may be required at any time and from time-to-time, based upon each grant's requirements and to do and perform such other acts and deeds on behalf of the MSPA as may be deemed necessary or desirable at any time or from time-to-time in connection with the matters contemplated in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, that, any and all actions heretofore or hereafter taken by the Executive Director and/or his designee in the name and on behalf of the MSPA in connection with or related to the matters set forth herein as contemplated by the foregoing Resolution be, and are hereby adopted, affirmed, approved and ratified in all respects as the act of the MSPA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT, AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and directs the MSPA, by and through its Executive Director and/or his designee, to pursue and apply for certain grant funds that the MSPA is eligible to receive, including, without limitation, PIDP, INFRA, ZETD and CAQP funds, and to partner with GRPC to apply for SS4A funds, and to execute, complete and deliver all necessary documentation, applications and other instruments to the appropriate authority administering such

grants, as may be required at any time and from time-to-time, based upon each grant's requirements and to do and perform such other acts and deeds on behalf of the MSPA as may be deemed necessary or desirable at any time or from time-to-time in connection with the receipt of grant funds, which will be used for the advancement, promotion and development of the State Port, including, without limitation, projects that will impact the competitiveness of State Port and have the potential to generate increased economic activity at the State Port and throughout the State of Mississippi.

Commissioner [Symmes] seconded the motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

	<u>Voted:</u>
Commissioner Rester	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Symmes	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Loughman	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Knesal	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Spear	<u>Aye</u>

The motion having received the foregoing vote of the Board of Commissioners, the President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, on this the 25th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:

