

**MISSISSIPPI PORT AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING**

**September 11, 2024**

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Minutes of the Mississippi State Port Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting, Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 2510 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1450, Gulfport, Mississippi at which the following Commissioners and staff were present:

Commissioners:       Cowles Symmes, Vice-President (via telephone)  
                              Mark Loughman, Secretary (via telephone)  
                              Robert J. Knesal, Treasurer (via telephone)  
                              Kate Dennis Spear, Commissioner (via telephone)

Staff:                     Jon Nass, Executive Director  
                              Jennifer Smith, Chief of Staff  
                              Shawn Meyer, COO  
                              Errol LaRue, Counsel  
                              John D'Antico, General Counsel  
                              Kecia Laneaux, Executive Affairs Coordinator  
  
                              Ben Stone, General Counsel (via telephone)

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Roll call was taken and noted above.

Commissioner Symmes noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at approximately 10:31 a.m.


Commissioner Knesal moved to amend the agenda by striking items 2.A. and 2.B. under new business and replace with a new item 2.A for consideration of Resolution No. 24-07 authorizing the payment of \$320,010.00 to J.E. Borries for emergency dredging services and authorizing the MSPA to enter into an Agreement with J.E. Borries for further emergency dredging services not to exceed \$445,000.00. Commissioner Loughman seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Loughman moved to approve Resolution No. 24-07 authorizing the payment of \$320,010.00 to J.E. Borries for emergency dredging services and authorizing the MSPA to enter into an Agreement with J.E. Borries for further emergency dredging services in an amount not to exceed \$445,000.00. Commissioner Knesal seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:36 a.m.

Approved and Attested

  
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John Rester  
President

  
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Mark Loughman  
Secretary