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Regular Board Meeting
Regional Commerce Center, Board Room
6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, LA 71115
December 15, 2016, 4:30 p.m.

President Sam N. Gregorio called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Regional Commerce Center, 6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, LA.

Commissioner Prescott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Gregorio called on Mr. England for roll call: Commissioners: Sam N. Gregorio, Rick C. Prescott, Lynn Austin, Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy, James L. Pannell and Steve Watkins. We have a quorum. Absent: Roy Griggs.

Commissioner Gregorio called for introduction of guests: James Flurry and Willie Bradford, Shreveport City Council; Daniel Strickland, Gremillion & Pou; Shante Wells, Washington & Wells; Bill Boles, Boles Law Firm; Ty Scroggins, Scroggins & Associates; Jacqueline Scott, Jacqueline Scott & Associates; Joe Johnson and Zachary Johnson and Tyler Comeaux, Burk-Kleinpeter. Staff: Eric England, Brenda Levinson, Danyne Malone, Gloria Washington, Rick Nance, Kathy French, Nelda French and Hettie Agee.

Commissioner Gregorio said any public comments on an agenda item? Hearing none, he said we will move on to a Public Hearing.

Public Hearing: 2016 Amended General Fund and Capital Operations Budgets of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission. Commissioner Gregorio said we will now open the Public Hearing pursuant to R.S. 39:1307 of the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act. Do I hear any public comments regarding the 2016 Amended General Fund and Capital Operations Budgets for the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission? Hearing none, we will continue with the meeting. These budget ordinances will be considered and discussed under New Business later in our meeting.

He said the next **Public Hearing** is for the 2017 General Fund and Capital Operations Budgets for the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission. Commissioner Gregorio said we will now open the Public Hearing pursuant to R.S. 39:1307 of the Louisiana Local Government Act. Do I hear any public comments regarding the 2017 proposed General Fund and Capital Operations Budgets of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission? Hearing none, we will continue with the meeting. These budget ordinances will be considered and discussed under New Business later in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

MEMBERS: Sam N. Gregorio, President; Rick C. Prescott, Vice President; Roy Griggs, Secretary-Treasurer
Lynn Austin; Erica R. Bryant; James D. Hall; Capt. Thomas F. Murphy; James L. Pannell; Steve Watkins

Approval of the Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2016: Commissioner Prescott said the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of December 5, 2016 are in your packages. If there's no corrections, deletions or additions, I move that they be accepted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Austin. Commissioner Gregorio said we have a motion and second. Any discussion? Hearing no discussion, all in favor please say "Aye". Opposed? It passes.

Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2016: Commissioner Prescott said the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 17, 2016 are in your packages. If there's no corrections, deletions or additions, I move that they be accepted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryant. Commissioner Gregorio said we have a motion and second. Any discussion please? Hearing none, all in favor please say "Aye". Opposed? It passes.

Approval of the November 2016 Financial Reports: Commissioner Prescott called on Gloria to give an update and she said the financials were emailed earlier this week. She called for questions and wished everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Commissioner Prescott said the financials is in your packages. If there's no corrections, deletions or additions, I move that they be accepted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryant. Commissioner Gregorio said we have a motion and second. Any discussion please? Hearing none, all in favor please say "Aye". Opposed? It passes.

Marketing Committee Report of December 5, 2016: Commissioner Rick C. Prescott, Chairman called the Marketing Committee meeting of December 5, 2016 to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Regional Commerce Center. Commissioner Griggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners present: Rick C. Prescott, Roy Griggs, Lynn Austin, Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy, James L. Pannell and Steve Watkins. A quorum was present.

Commissioner Prescott called for introduction of guests: Anne Gremillion and Daniel Strickland, Gremillion & Pou, Dayton Carlisle, Madden Contracting; Charley Kingery, Wieland. Staff members: Eric England, Brenda Levinson, Gloria Washington, Dannye Malone, Hugh McConnell, Kathy French and Hettie Agee.

Commissioner Prescott called for Public Comments on Agenda Items. Hearing none, he called on Brenda for a Customer Update. Her report included: ADS Logistics, West LA Aggregate, Calumet, Pratt Industries, Ronpak, Ternium, and Benteler. Calling for questions and hearing none, Commissioner Prescott called on Kathy to give the Public Affairs report.

Commissioner Prescott called on Eric who said the reports are in your packages. We'll have a final Board meeting of the year next Thursday. We'll hold the Budget Ordinance Public Hearing in conjunction with the meeting. We'll be adopting the calendar for 2017, naming the Official Journal and there'll be a Nominating Committee appointed by the President.

Commissioner Pannell acknowledged retirement of Ms. Anne Gremillion of Gremillion & Pou. Commissioner Bryant wished her the best on behalf of the Board and thanked her for everything she had done for the Board in the last few years. Commissioner Prescott wished her the best also.

Hearing no further business to come before the Marketing Committee, Commissioner Prescott adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:25 p.m.

Commissioner Prescott said the minutes of the Marketing Committee report of December 5, 2016 is in your package. If there be no corrections, deletions or additions, I make a motion they be approved. Commissioner Gregorio called for discussion. Hearing none, he said all in favor, please say “Aye”. Opposed? That passes.

Operations Committee Report of December 5, 2016: The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Roy Griggs at approximately 12:25 p.m., December 5, 2016 at the Regional Commerce Center Board Room.

Commissioners present: Commissioners present: Rick C. Prescott, Roy Griggs, Lynn Austin, Erica R. Bryant, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy, James L. Pannell and Steve Watkins. A quorum was present.

Commissioner Griggs called for introduction of guests: Dayton Carlisle, Madden Contracting; Gremillion and Daniel Strickland, Gremillion & Pou and Charley Kingery, Wieland. Staff members: Eric England, Brenda Levinson, Gloria Washington, Danye Malone, Hugh McConnell, Kathy French, and Hettie Agee.

Commissioner Griggs called for public comments on the agenda items. Hearing none, he called on Hugh for the Operations report. He said rail activity for November has been pretty steady. West LA Aggregates had a 90-car unit train come through, little over 10,000 tons. Ternium and ADS total brought through 250 cars, almost 23,000 tons. Calumet and Omni are steady with their petroleum shipments. Pratt is steady with their starch and paper. Again we have seen an increase in car moves for Hexion in frac sand. We’re hopeful 2017 is going to be a better rail year and barge year. In total, 501 new rail cars, 1,211 switches and tonnage will be sent out as soon as it’s received. Barge Activity - The recent rain has helped the low water come up on the River. Red River Terminals reported 4 barges of petroleum and the Davison Terminal reported 2 barges, about 12,000 tons of petroleum. Hearing no questions, Commissioner Griggs called on Rick for Port Projects.

He reported: 1) the redundant water line has been started; 2) directional signs; 3) the document storage room; 4) replacement of concrete and 5) stevedore equipment.

Commissioner Griggs called on Eric who said these reports are in their packages and I’ll be glad to answer any questions.

Commissioner Griggs adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:53 p.m.

Commissioner Prescott said the minutes of the Operations Committee report of December 5, 2016 is in your package. If there are no corrections, deletions or additions, I move for approval. Hearing no discussion, Commissioner Gregorio said all in favor, please say “Aye”. All opposed? The motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee for next year: In accordance with the By-Laws of the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission, the Nominating Committee, which is to be composed of three

commissioners, is to be appointed with the approval of the Commission during the regular meeting held in December of each year. I would like to appoint the last three Presidents, Commissioners Jimmy Hall, Erica Bryant and Capt. Tom Murphy as the 2017 Nominating Committee. I would like to appoint Jimmy Hall as the Chairman. They will report back to the Board to present their slate of officers at the January 19th Board Meeting. I will entertain a motion to approve this Nominating Committee. The motion was made by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Prescott. Commissioner Gregorio said we have a motion and a second. Calling for discussion and hearing none, he said all in favor please say "Aye". Opposed? That passes.

YEAS: Commissioners: Sam N. Gregorio, Rick C. Prescott, Lynn Austin, Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall,
Capt. Thomas F. Murphy, James L. Pannell and Steve Watkins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roy Griggs

ABSTAINING: None

Ordinance No. 9 of 2016: An Ordinance Amending The Budget Of Estimated Revenues And Expenditures For The General Fund For The Year 2016, And Otherwise Providing With Respect Thereto: Mr. England said Ordinance No. 9 relates to the 2016 General Fund amendments and they are recommended for approval as they are presented in the Ordinance. A motion was made by Commissioner Prescott and seconded by Commissioner Bryant. Calling for discussion and hearing none, Commissioner Gregorio said all in favor of Ordinance No. 9 please say "Aye". All opposed? That passes.

YEAS: Commissioners: Sam N. Gregorio, Rick C. Prescott, Lynn Austin, Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall,
Capt. Thomas F. Murphy, James L. Pannell and Steve Watkins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roy Griggs

ABSTAINING: None

Ordinance No. 10 of 2016: An Ordinance Amending The Budget Of Estimated Revenues And Expenditures For The Capital Operations Fund For The Year 2016, And Otherwise Providing With Respect Thereto: Mr. England said it is just that, the Capital Operations Fund that was amended for 2016 and as presented at the November Executive Committee meeting, it is recommended for adoption at this time. The motion was made by Commissioner Bryant and seconded by Commissioner Watkins. Commissioner Gregorio said we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, please say "Aye". All opposed? That passes.

YEAS: Commissioners: Sam N. Gregorio, Rick C. Prescott, Lynn Austin, Erica R. Bryant, James D.
Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy, James L. Pannell and Steve Watkins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roy Griggs

ABSTAINING: None

Ordinance No. 11 of 2016: An Ordinance Adopting The Budget Of Estimated Revenues And Expenditures For The General Fund For The Year 2017 And Otherwise Providing With Respect Thereto: Mr. England said the 2017 General Fund Ordinance has been prepared and is recommended for adoption. I'll note that It was prepared in accordance with the discussion and the recommendation of the Special Board meeting to discuss the budget of December 5th. The motion was made by Commissioner Prescott and seconded by Commissioner Bryant. Calling for discussion, Commissioner Gregorio recognized Commissioner Hall who said we raised the issue last time of the statements that were made years ago and we've been provided copies of those in your packets saying that we were going to limit the contribution of the Port to \$500,000 for the Fire Department some years ago. And while we may have voted on those budgets and been at fault for not catching that, Commissioner Austin pointed it out and I'm going to be voting against the 2017 budget on that issue alone but vote against the whole thing. I just don't feel like when the Board's passed an action, I feel like it ought to be pointed out the next year in the budget if there's some expansion of what the Board set the limit at. We set the limit at \$500,000. So we've never really changed the policy that we voted on years ago and for that reason, I'm going to vote against the budget. Commissioner Pannell said if that was the policy and we omitted it, wouldn't it be simpler for us to go back to the policy that we already have as opposed to. Commissioner Bryant said we can amend the budget. Commissioner Pannell said okay. Once this budget is passed, can't we amend it back? Commissioner Bryant said you can amend it now. Commissioner Watkins said you can amend it now. Commissioner Pannell said can you offer an amendment now? Mr. England said if I may, with regard to the Fire Station Operations, that would be Ordinance No. 12 in the Capital Operations. Commissioner Gregorio called for any other discussion. Hearing none, all in favor, please say Aye". All opposed? Hearing none, that passes.

YEAS: Commissioners: Sam N. Gregorio, Rick C. Prescott, Lynn Austin, Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy, James L. Pannell and Steve Watkins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roy Griggs

ABSTAINING: None

Ordinance No. 12 of 2016: An Ordinance Adopting The Budget Of Estimated Revenues And Expenditures For The Capital Operations Fund For The Year 2017 And Otherwise Providing With Respect Thereto: Mr. England said as you will see in Ordinance No. 12 in your packets, it's listed at \$600,000 at the top of pg. 2. Commissioner Hall said I would offer my comments that I made in the last one if it's open for discussion. Commissioner Gregorio said yes, we need a motion. Then we will open it for discussion. The motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Bryant. Commissioner Pannell said I just wanted to make it clear now---we've got a couple of City Councilmen here. If they want to open the discussion to deal with that, that has to be done at some other point because a mistake was made. We're correcting that mistake. If there's some justification for that to happen, that has to come before this Board. So I just wanted to make sure that everybody understood what the statement was. Commissioner Gregorio said we have a motion to approve and a second. Commissioner Gregorio called for any discussion. Commissioner Watkins said so, are

we going to keep it at \$600,000? Commissioner Pannell said exactly. Commissioner Hall said I would make a motion to amend it to \$500,000 which was the policy set by the Board to not exceed \$500,000. Commissioner Pannell said that was my understanding. Commissioner Gregorio said we have a motion to amend that one line item. Commissioner Hall said that's correct. Do I hear a second? It was seconded by Commissioner Austin. So we're now discussing the amendment for that one line item and we're open for discussion. Commissioner Austin said I have the minutes of the July 27, 2006 meeting. At that time I was President of the Board and as reflected in the minutes, it says, "After a dialogue by the committee members on the issues presented regarding the Fire Station, the Port Capital Budget requirements and future operations, Commissioner Watkins moved that the Port Commission's 2006 budget be amended and all future Port budgets reflect a maximum expense of up to \$500,000 for fire annual operating expenses of the Port Commission's Fire Station 20" and that has not been rescinded. That would be my reason for seconding that amendment. Calling for other discussion and hearing none, he said Eric, if this passes, I assume you would have to go back and do some negotiating with the City of Shreveport and figure out and then come back and everybody try to get on the same page? Mr. England said the operations of Fire Station 20 are bound by an existing cooperative endeavor agreement which is in your packages as well. We would notify the Fire Chief, Chief Wolverton, of this action of the Board and for the 2017 Capital Operations Budget that if this Ordinance passes with the change at \$500,000, that would be the maximum we would contribute towards the operation of Fire Station 20. Commissioner Gregorio said was that in 2006, Lynn? Commissioner Austin said it was July 27, 2006. Commissioner Pannell said since that time, they have brought specific issues to us that they felt it was necessary to do and we've done that. So I'm saying we should stick with what the rules say and when there's an issue to be dealt with, deal with it at that particular time. Commissioner Bryant said I think that if we have something in place, we have to abide by that and if want to change it, then we need to have discussions in '17 about whether or not we want to change that or number or negotiate something else. Commissioner Pannell said my problem is this. If that I'm agreeing to pay you a certain amount of money and you think you need to have more, it ain't for me to go to you and have a discussion with you. If there's a discussion to be had about increasing something, that has to come from the City. We shouldn't be talking about the Board talking about anything because it's not up to us—we don't know what their issues are, so if somebody's going to initiate a conversation, I don't see where that would be the Board's responsibility to initiate that conversation. Commissioner Watkins said I know in that cooperative agreement they're supposed to come to us in October with the follow-up facts. Have they been doing that? Commissioner Pannell and Mr. England said no. Commissioner Watkins said I think we have—I think the bigger issue is how the wishes of the Board over the years were not followed. It's 2006 and was 2011 when we crept over the half million. But we just can't ignore what the Board thinks that the Board has done in the past. That was really completely ignored and we just went over it and now spent \$6/\$700,000 that really went against the Board's wishes and went against the motions of the Board, rules of the Board. So you know we've got to rein that back in. I think there's room for dialogue with the City of Shreveport. Commissioner Gregorio called for other discussion and said we have a

motion and second. We're under discussion. If no other discussion, we'll go to a vote. Any other discussion? Commissioner Hall said is this on the amendment? Commissioner Bryant said only on the amendment. Commissioner Gregorio said only on the amendment and then you'll have to vote on the Ordinance after that. Any other discussion? This is a vote on the amendment to change that one line item. All in favor, please say "Aye". All opposed? The amendment passes.

YEAS: Commissioners: Sam N. Gregorio, Rick C. Prescott, Lynn Austin, Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy, James L. Pannell and Steve Watkins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roy Griggs

ABSTAINING: None

Commissioner Gregorio said we're back to the Ordinance which we already have a motion and second on the floor and we're under discussion there. Any discussion on the Ordinance No. 12 of 2016? Hearing none, all in favor for the Ordinance No. 12 of 2016, please say please say "Aye". Commissioner Bryant said as amended, right? Commissioner Gregorio said sure, as amended. That's vote again. All in favor of that Ordinance as amended, please say "Aye". All opposed? That passes.

YEAS: Commissioners: Sam N. Gregorio, Rick C. Prescott, Lynn Austin, Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy, James L. Pannell and Steve Watkins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roy Griggs

ABSTAINING: None

Commissioner Gregorio said next we have the **2017 Calendar of Events/Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission Meetings**: Mr. England said the calendars are in your packages. We're following the traditional schedule, 3rd Thursday meetings, and the week before on a Monday is when we'll have the committee meetings. We've also scheduled on October 9th a Special Board meeting to discuss the budget in accordance with the discussion at the Special Board meeting last week. Commissioner Gregorio said does it require a motion? Mr. England said we need to adopt it because we publish it. A motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Pannell and seconded by Commissioner Prescott. Commissioner Gregorio said we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, he said all in favor of the 2017 Calendar as presented, please say "Aye". Opposed? That passes.

YEAS: Commissioners: Sam N. Gregorio, Rick C. Prescott, Lynn Austin, Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy, James L. Pannell and Steve Watkins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roy Griggs

ABSTAINING: None

Commissioner Gregorio said next the **Official Journal of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission**. Mr. England said it's our recommendation to name The TIMES as our Official Journal of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission. We do need an action on that. A motion was made by Commissioner Prescott and was seconded by Commissioner Pannell. Any discussion? Hearing none, he said all in favor please say "Aye". Opposed? That passes.

YEAS: Commissioners: Sam N. Gregorio, Rick C. Prescott, Lynn Austin, Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall,
Capt. Thomas F. Murphy, James L. Pannell and Steve Watkins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roy Griggs

ABSTAINING: None

Commissioner Gregorio said next we have the **Gray Water Feasibility Study Discussion**. Mr. England said one of the projects that we discussed in November at the Executive Committee meeting, also at the Special Board meeting last week, was the Gray Water Feasibility Study. Based on those discussions, Commissioner Pannell had asked for this line item to be placed on the agenda for additional discussion. Commissioner Pannell said I'm fortunate enough I have Tyler Comeaux here if he will come up and help me with this. He's a little bit more in depth than me. I asked for this and I've been asking about this for a couple or three years because we realize that the gray water system did not work. We spent close to \$5 Million. For the people that don't know at the Lucas Treatment Center they dump three million gallons of treated water in the Red River. We diverted that to the Port for our usage. I think Pratt may have started using it and they could not use it because of too many particles per million of whatever the reason was. My problem is spending that kind of money and I feel there's technology out there to be able to make that water useable. But the whole discussion goes much further than that and I'm saying that my concern is that we have unfortunately in the last year or so we have been dealing with things that have happened in the past that we're trying to get straightened out here. The Red River flooded and we had a lot of problems. As a Board, we've got to look down the road and see where our problems are and start working on them before they jump right up in our face. And I see this and I'm trying to hopefully make my issue to this Board here as to why this is a huge issue and one of the places that this problem could be solved is here at the Port. But I think after talking—I had breakfast with an engineer the other morning—and after talking the discussion needs to go further than the gray water. The gray water issue needs to be dealt with as far as if there's an additional purification system. We know there's not to put an additional purification system. But a question would be part of the study would be what would you put there because the station now is at the Lucas Treatment Plant. Tyler said it is at Lucas. Commissioner Pannell said but at some point when it matures it reverts back to...Mr. England said that's correct...Commissioner Pannell said back to the City. Mr. England said when the water and sewer loans are retired. Commissioner Pannell said right now the deal is that we split the revenue so we spent \$5 Million dollars and we're splitting "0" because we're not getting anything out of it. So at this point here now we need to know what would it cost to make this usable—and I'm thinking that Pratt's particles per million is probably going to be the floor, ceiling of whatever you want to call it. But from the City's standpoint—this is what my concern is and everybody's talking about saving dollars. But understand what we are doing here. We are taking water and we're purifying the water, paying that cost to purify it from y'all's end and you centered it out here to be used in an area that does not call for water to be purified. If you, and the other thing is the deal that's with the City, the deal has to be advantageous to us because if you do a study, what would the difference be getting gray water from the City and getting gray water from right there? Tyler said there's

different filtration processes but the thing about the City water is you have a treated water system and Red River you would have to treat it a little bit differently, not too terribly much differently. There's different systems and right now you also have the pumping and piping already in place at Lucas or the City and you guys assisted to have the pumping and piping in place at the City. Commissioner Pannell said the reason why I'm saying that is because we would still have to look at what is the amount of water that we need now, but what if someone came now with a huge need for water and we go back to the City and the City says we can't provide that. I can remember back Lynn, when you was President when I first came here, we was talking to Florida Power and Light about doing a power plant here because we were trying to make sure that we had enough power. We just got through with getting a land study here, but at this point, there is going to be a crisis of water I think I'm asking you because you have been working with the City. Tyler said correct. Commissioner Pannell said what is the City's problem at this point? Tyler said the City is not in a crisis right now but not only City recently, but nationally everybody's looking at alternative sources for water especially for industrial users. Potable water, as Commissioner Pannell said, is not necessarily needed here and so this there is an amount of water on your minimum day at our wastewater treatment plan that can always be used as re-used water with a certain type of filtration. And so cities and counties and states throughout the nation have been looking at alternative for re-use. So we, BKI, on behalf of the City actually met with DEQ this year on some reuse topics and talking right now, DEQ's regulations are pretty stringent on municipalities here in Louisiana and they were open to the idea of using gray water because they recognize as well that gray water will eventually be a future for industrial clients. The statute as it is now in the law it's not really open ended for industrial users to be able to use necessarily a lot of flexibility in there. It's pretty rigid. They were open to the idea of listening, not only from a local, but a statewide level and listening to legislators and they were very open to the idea of seeing what possibilities are out here. If you able to get a client or potential tenant that would be interested in a higher limit than what the statute reads right now, they'd be interested in listening as long as it won't hurt the effluent system which would be the Red River. You can't put something in the Red River that would be detrimental to the oxidation (dissolved oxygen) downstream in the Red River and other municipalities pull from the Red River downstream and you don't want fish killed, etc. So DEQ right now, they have rigid regulations but they are open to the possibility, and on behalf of the City, we are conducting currently some sort of gray water stuff for the City at Lucas Treatment Plant knowing that you guys have the infrastructure in place. But it's not going to be just to the Port, and I think that's where you're going. Commissioner Pannell said and I think that's my point and furthermore, the deal that we have with the City, I have no problem with that. If you look at where we are as far as when we go to bring industry in, we can say okay we're bidding against someone else and we can get you in here because we can abate your taxes. The parish does not have any say on whether we do that or not. We need to figure out how we can end up with something that belongs to us that we can determine what happens with it. You've got a business coming in and we say, okay, we can abate your water usage for five years. We've got to have something to negotiate from. And if you've got somebody else that's controlling that, you can't negotiate something that somebody else is controlling. And then, just like you were

saying, what if the City has another use for that and somebody else is willing to—industrial can go up the other way just like it's coming down here and what happens if somebody else comes in and offers you a better deal? So I think that part of the study has to be all of the options as opposed to how do we put another filtration system in and so I just don't want something to be put in the budget. Just because we put it in the budget don't mean that we're going to work on it tomorrow. But I'm saying that this is something that does not need to sit until July, August or something. It's something we need to be talking about here. That's pretty much why I wanted to bring that up today. Commissioner Watkins said what kind of dollars are we talking about? Mr. England said we have \$50,000 budgeted in the 2017 Capital Budget. Commissioner Pannell said if we set the parameters as to what we—the \$50,000 was put in and the parameters was to determine how we can better use the gray water and I'm saying that the parameters need to be more than that at this point is basically what I'm saying. Mr. England said we have a February Executive Committee meeting approaching, and when we reported in November at the Executive Committee, we introduced the projects and told the committee that we would bring this back up at the February Executive Committee with our recommendation for engineers for our projects including the gray water study. Obviously BKL is interested in performing that study as evidenced by their presentation today. Commissioner Gregorio said and what I'm hearing is to bring this matter to attention of the Board. You have a plan in February to address it? Mr. England said that's correct. Commissioner Gregorio said I'm hearing it does not need a motion at the moment, is that correct? Commissioner Pannell said it does not need a motion, Mr. Chairman. The reason why I was doing that is because unfortunately this is my last meeting here at the Port. I have decided to turn in my resignation for obvious and maybe in-obvious reasons. At this point, I have no problem with stating I worked hard at this Port. I don't come in here and just talk about stuff off the top of my head. I spend my time to do that. I was appointed to this Board by Keith Hightower and I had three remaining years to serve when the former Mayor came. So there was five years that I served here without being reappointed and I've been serving here two more years that I haven't been reappointed. So nobody has to hit me in the head with a brick to tell me that there's a problem here. Just like I said my Grandmother said don't overstay your welcome, so apparently I have overstayed my welcome here. So I'm out of here. Thank y'all but I truly enjoyed serving with all of y'all and some people like I've said before have become some of my closest friends. That is what makes this harder than anything else. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Prescott said Commissioner Pannell, I'd just like to make a statement I just want you to listen to me for a minute. You haven't been reappointed, but we have a President that's sitting here that hasn't been reappointed also. Commissioner Pannell said it would be so glaring if he was and I wouldn't so there's a reason why he hasn't been. Commissioner Prescott said just hear me out. So I'm saying I don't think it's just some stuff. I don't know but I don't think there is. Commissioner Pannell said I may be privileged to a little more information. Commissioner Prescott said I just wanted to let it be known that our President hasn't been reappointed. It's probably because they just haven't gotten to it yet. I'm just saying that to try to keep the peace. Commissioner Pannell said the City has a lot of problems and to save them some time, they won't have to get to (inaudible) one. (Inaudible) on two people. So that will save them a little bit of time. Commissioner Bryant said Mr. Pannell, I guess you have made your decision

and I just want to say I have appreciated the time and the guidance that you've shown me since I've been on this Board. I kind of was thrown into this situation and you helped me out a lot and I just want to say thank you and I appreciate that and I appreciate your service to the Port. Commissioner Watkins said I'll also just echo that and if he truly does resign we are losing a good man and we've served together a long time and been on opposite sides of a lot of issues and on the same side of many many more. He has served well I don't know of anybody that has done his research etc. as much as James does and when he brings up something, he just doesn't bring it off the top of his head. He's has put his time and effort into it and I certainly hope he reconsiders because he is a very valuable part of this Board and also a very very good friend. Commissioner Prescott said just take some time and think about it and let things kind of cool down basically because I know you've been a big help to me and I appreciate the time I've been with you. That would be my request that for the time being just relax and take time to think about it. Commissioner Pannell said and like I say, I just didn't jump up and do this but I'm saying that people have been very proactive by calling and asking that I be reappointed but then I get a phone call saying stop these people from calling me. I didn't ask these people to call. I didn't ask them. I was brought in and sit down and said that over a year and a half ago that would be done. So I've thought about this and that and a lot of other things that's taking place right now I just think that my time could be better used somewhere where it's a little more appreciated. That's what I'm basically saying. When I get to a point where I feel that what I'm doing is either I'm not doing as much as I can or what I'm doing is not understood. Too many times I have come in here with things and it's just been shut down before I could even get out there. That's the reason why I've brought this up today because when I first brought this up, it was somebody said that that wasn't necessary. I'm not going to have a discussion with people who haven't taken the time to figure it out, but when I said all of a sudden because I said, it's not a good idea and I can't take that. That's a disservice to myself, you know, and at some point I have got to start looking at what's best for James. I love this Port and I love working at this Port and this Port has a lot of potential. And when I come in here and raise hell, it's only because I'm saying that we have a good group of people here. We need to focus on proactive things because we're good at reacting. Everything that came before us so far has been a reaction and we handled it, but then reactions. This is a billion dollar operation. That's what I was saying the last time and we have to treat it like a billion dollar operation. You've got to put your time in here; you just can't show up and look at this agenda and see what's on it and offer a motion and second and leave out of here. This is an industry. I appreciate y'all and like I say, I'm quite sure she'll do her research and find someone equally as well or better. Apparently that's the thought already. So I thank y'all and I appreciate it. Commissioner Gregorio said we'll go to **Rs. No. 18 of 2016** which is next on the agenda.

Mr. England said at a previous meeting we adopted preliminary resolutions for two bond issues that were recommended for refinance by our municipal advisor and bond counsel. We placed the preliminary resolution for one of these bond issues back on the agenda in order to address some housekeeping items. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve

Resolution No. 18 and amend it to \$17 Million dollars. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pannell. Commissioner Gregorio called for any discussion. Hearing none, he said all in favor please say “Aye”. Opposed? That passes.

YEAS: Commissioners: Sam N. Gregorio, Rick C. Prescott, Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall,
Capt. Thomas F. Murphy, James L. Pannell and Steve Watkins

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roy Griggs

ABSTAINING: Lynn Austin

PORT DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mr. England said Ken Guidry, Executive Director of the Red River Waterway Commission and Kathy Rushing, Administrative Assistant, will be retiring at the end of the year. Colin Brown, Deputy Director, will be appointed at their meeting next week. He has been mirroring Ken Guidry for the past year in that job.

We want to welcome—we saw Councilman Bradford walk in and want to make sure we recognize him along with Councilman Flurry and want to thank them for all the help you all provided us on the Morris Dickson project, especially assuring those building permits could be issued. Just want to thank you for that and all the help on the Port’s position with regard to the MPC.

Last but certainly not least in addition to wishing everybody Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Commissioner Pannell and I spoke in my office earlier, but I want to publicly say what an honor it’s been to work for you over these past eleven years as your Executive Director. I too am one that hopes you reconsider your decision. That concludes my report.

Commissioner Gregorio said that concludes the agenda so we will stand adjourned at approximately 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roy Griggs
Secretary-Treasurer

January 2017 Meeting Notices!!

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, January 19, 2017, 4:30 p.m.

Marketing and Operations Committee Meetings, Monday, January 9, 2017, 12 Noon
Regional Commerce Center, 6000 Doug Attaway Blvd, Board Room, Shreveport, LA