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CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION
Special Board Meeting
Regional Commerce Center, Board Room
6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, LA 71115
July 22, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

Commission President Rick C. Prescott called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Regional Commerce Center, 6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, LA.

Commissioner Bigby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called after Mr. England informed the Board the microphone and recording system was not functioning. Commissioners: Rick C. Prescott, Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Bill Altimus, Erica R. Bryant, Sam N. Gregorio, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy and James L. Pannell were present. Absent: None.

Introduction of guests: Craig Lee, National Institute for Community Empowerment; Linzola Winzer, Southern University Shreveport; Pearlina Thomas, Plaque Enterprises; Cozette Jones, Minority Contractor Association; Gary Harris, Minority Contractors Association; Al Jones, Larry Wimberly, Wimberly Construction Company, Rick Hall, Hall Builders; Raymond Hill, Thermo Tech Air Conditioning & Heating; Melvin Douglas and Calvin Douglas, Douglas Construction; Rudolph Glass and Natassah Muhammad, Glass Enterprises Inc.; Sheldon Henderson, Henderson Construction, Inc.; Romano Dillard, 2R Construction; Tina Balthazar and Priscilla Metoyer, Balthazar Electriks; Curtis Ellis, Custom Lawn Care; David Handy, APE, LLC; Desiree Mingo, MD Construction, LLC; Quinn Eubanks, City of Shreveport; Sammie Steadman and DeRodney Bryant, Steadman Trucking; Raymond Hill, Therma Tech Heating; Alphonso Williams, A. Williams Enterprise; Martin Burrell, The Burrell Group; Alvin Thomas, Leg. Aide for District 4; Ed Walsh and Sarah McKinney, Romph Pou Agency; Jerry Harper, Harper Law Firm; Jim McMichael, McMichael Medlin and Allison Jones, Downer, Jones, Marino & Wilhite. Staff: Eric England, Dannya Malone, Rick Nance, Tyler Comeaux, Zazell Dudley and Hettie Agee.

Commissioner Prescott asked if there are any public comments on any agenda items. Commissioner Pannell requested that he be permitted to give his presentation before the public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Pannell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, to revise the agenda to approve Commissioner Pannell giving his presentation prior to the public comments. Motion approved by the following vote:

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

MEMBERS: Rick C. Prescott, President; Roy Griggs, Vice President; Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer; Bill Altimus; Erica R. Bryant; Sam N. Gregorio; James D. Hall; Capt. Thomas F. Murphy; James L. Pannell

AYES: Commissioners: Rick C. Prescott, Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Bill Altimus, Erica R. Bryant, Sam N. Gregorio, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy and James L. Pannell. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

Using Power Point, Commissioner Pannell made a presentation on the Port's M/WBE program as it relates to the recently discussed VMS project and RFP.

Commissioner Hall said Mr. Chairman, a Point of Order. We came here to potentially discuss a bid. Now he's starting to name people. If we're going to name people, let's have an Executive Session because the law requires 24 hours' notice for anybody. He's referred to Mr. Malone; he's referred to Eric England. If we're going to have a Personnel meeting, we need to have an Executive Session with the proper 24 hours' notice. Commissioner Pannell said Okay, go ahead. I did wrong, people; everybody in here I did wrong; I should have known better to do that. I should have known better and I'll apologize to these two people and I'll wrap up what I've got to say. I'm very sorry.

Commissioner Prescott called Attorney Malone to the podium. Would you tell us what is the definition of an MBE per our MWBE Program? Mr. Malone said Commissioner Prescott, consistent with federal law, our MWBE Program, at least the definition of a minority contractor under our program states that minority persons are those who are citizens of the United States and who are Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Subcontinent Asian Americans which includes those persons from India, Pakistan, the Maldives Islands, Japan, China, Taiwan etc.

Commissioner Prescott called on Mr. Craig Lee and Gary Harris as they requested to make public comments regarding Commissioner Pannell's presentation and the Port M/WBE program.

NEW BUSINESS:

ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY CONTRACTORS: (PORT COMMISSION: BIDDING PROCESS AND NOTICES): Mr. England called on Ms. Jones and said you had communicated with Commissioner Prescott for a desire to attend the public meeting and make comments. This is a part of the agenda for you to make your...Ms. Jones said I don't have any comments.

Commissioner Prescott said we're trying to get some clarity. Is that a part of the program to notify all the minorities for a bid? There are areas where we send our notices and I do know minorities check that periodically to see what is going on. What I'm trying to find out is, is that something that is required for us to do with the present program, and if it is---Commissioner Pannell said no.

Commissioner Bryant said I understand that point. Essentially, it's not required but you're saying it would be good business practice if we did do that. Eric, is the current W/MBE Program, are you currently in the process of making some adjustments or making some type of recommendation to the Board in relation to the operations of that program? Mr. England said yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: DISCUSSION OR COURSE OF ACTION CONCERNING THE PORT COMMISSION'S SECURITY PLAN OR DEVICES AND RELATED MATTERS PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 42:17 (3).

Motion by Commissioner Griggs, seconded by Commissioner Bigby, to go into Executive Session to discuss the Port Complex Security Plan. Motion approved by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Rick C. Prescott, Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Bill Altimus, Erica R. Bryant, Sam N. Gregorio, James D. Hall, Capt. Thomas F. Murphy and James L. Pannell. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: 0. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

Motion by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Griggs, to go back into regular session. Motion approved by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Rick C. Prescott, Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Bill Altimus, Erica R. Bryant, Sam N. Gregorio, James D. Hall and Capt. Thomas F. Murphy. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: James L. Pannell. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

The Board met in Executive Session and discussed the previously referred to matter.

(Commissioner Pannell left the meeting prior to the conclusion of the Executive Session)

Commissioner Prescott said for the record: The statement Commissioner Pannell said in Executive Session—the reference to him saying this isn't a jail. I don't disrespect people, but if we sit here and listen to you, you ought to have the decency to stay in here and show the same respect. So, I reject his statement that I'm trying to handle him in a bad way like he can't leave. Everybody listened to him. Commissioner Pannell should be able to sit and listen to others. I want this reflected in the record.

He recognized Commissioner Murphy. **He said I move that the Board reaffirms the Executive Director's authority to execute, negotiate and enter into contracts in accordance with existing By-Laws. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. Motion approved by the following vote:**

AYES: Commissioners: Rick C. Prescott, Roy Griggs, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Bill Altimus, Erica R. Bryant, Sam N. Gregorio, James D. Hall and Capt. Thomas F. Murphy. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: James L. Pannell. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

Commissioner Prescott called for anything else that needed to be brought before the Board. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter O. Bigby, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

August Meetings

Regular Board Meeting of August 12, 2019 4:30 p.m.

Regional Commerce Center, Board Room

Shreveport, LA 71115