

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Jacksonville Port Authority
2831 Talleyrand Avenue
October 23, 2023

A meeting of the Jacksonville Port Authority Board of Directors was held on Monday, October 23, 2023 at the Port Central Office Building, 2831 Talleyrand Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida. Chairman Bean called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and welcomed all attendees. Board Member Wendy Hamilton led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Board Members Attending:

Mr. Daniel Bean, Chair
Ms. Wendy Hamilton, Vice Chair
Mr. Palmer Clarkson, Treasurer
Ms. Soo Gilvarry, Secretary
Mr. Ed Fleming, Member

Absent: Mr. Jamie Shelton, Member

Other Attendees:

Mr. Eric Green, Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Beth McCague, Chief of Staff
Mr. Joey Greive, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Linda Williams, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Nick Primrose, Chief, Regulatory Compliance
Mr. James Bennett, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Reece Wilson, Office of General Counsel
Mr. Chris Miller, City Council Liaison
Ms. Rebecca Dicks, Board Liaison

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Bean called for approval of the September 28, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. After a motion by Mr. Clarkson and a second by Mr. Fleming, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.

Public Comments

Chairman Bean called for comments from the public. There were no public comments.

Presentation

Chairman Bean recognized immediate past JAXPORT Board Chairman Palmer Clarkson and thanked him for his leadership and service over the past year.

New Business

**AC2023-10-01 Terminal Development for SET
CM at Risk – Plumbing, Mechanical & Electrical
JE Dunn Construction Company**

Mr. James Bennett presented this submission for Board approval of Change Order No. 7 to JE Dunn Construction Company in the amount of \$30,827,936.00 for Terminal Development at SET – CM Risk, plumbing, mechanical and electrical, plus contingency at 2% of the total contract cost. The total contract cost to include Change Order No. 1 – 7 is \$72,319,717.08.

After a motion by Mr. Clarkson and a second by Ms. Gilvarry, the Board voted to approve this submission.

CEO UPDATE

CEO Eric Green informed the Board of a new environmentally friendly initiative at the Talleyrand Terminal, aimed at enhancing sustainability efforts. As part of this initiative, rail partner WATCO is converting eight locomotives nationwide, one of which will be located at the port's Talleyrand Terminal, from diesel to battery-powered systems. This multi-million-dollar initiative is being funded by both WATCO and a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. By transitioning the locomotive's power source, the initiative is expected to significantly reduce emissions and enhance the sustainability initiatives that are already in progress at the Talleyrand Terminal as part of JAXPORT's Express Project.

During Mr. Green's update, he highlighted the recognition received by JAXPORT's Director of Container Sales for the Southeast U.S., David Briceno, during Hispanic Heritage month. Mr. Briceno and his family immigrated to the U.S. from Colombia in the 1980's. David expressed gratitude for the sacrifices made by his parents to provide him and his siblings with a better life, which continues to inspire his professional success. Mr. Green extended congratulations to David for the well-deserved recognition.

Mr. Green provided an update to the Board that legislation has been filed to construct the new Fire Station at Blount Island. He stated that this legislation is sponsored by City Council President Salem, Vice-President White, and City Council Members Gay and Miller. The legislation will be heard in committees the week of November 20th and before the full City Council on November 28th.

Mr. Green relayed Board Chairman Bean's suggestion to invite various departments within JAXPORT to present their work and provide insights to the Board. Mr. Green announced that Public Safety Director Derrick Lewis would initiate this series with a presentation on the developments and activities of JAXPORT's Public Safety Department.

Public Safety Director Derrick Lewis, joined by Emergency Preparedness Manager Jason Miller and Safety Operations Assistant Manager Joanna Gamble, provided an update to the Board on recent activities and initiatives undertaken by the Public Safety Department and emphasized their commitment to providing a safe and secure workplace for employees and customers.

Mr. Green then introduced Vee Kachroo, the CEO of AMPORTS, who provided a comprehensive overview of AMPORTS's operations to the Board. The presentation also featured the introduction of AMPORTS COO, Ben Buben, and CFO, Jake Brown. With its global presence and headquarters at JAXPORT's Blount Island Terminal, AMPORTS stands as one of the largest automotive servicing companies in North America. Their operations play a pivotal role in supporting over 220 jobs within the Jacksonville area, emphasizing their significant contribution to the local economy and the maritime industry.

Reports

R2023-010-01 Engineering and Construction Update

Mr. James Bennett provided an overview of the key capital and engineering projects.

R2023-10-02 Financial Highlights & Monthly Financials/Vital Statistics

Mr. Joey Greive provided Financial Highlights and provided an overview of the financials and vital statistics.

R2023-10-03 Commercial Highlights

Mr. Robert Peek provided commercial highlights to the Board for the month of October 2023.

Other Business

After a motion by Mr. Clarkson and a second by Ms. Hamilton, the Board unanimously approved travel by one or more Board Members of the Authority for business solicitation purposes or to attend any necessary conferences and/or meetings during the months of November/December 2023.

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:51AM.