



STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT

Board of Port Commissioners

March 15, 2021

Pursuant to notice duly given, the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District was held on March 15, 2021, in Room 18 of the Port of Stockton Administration Building located at 2201 West Washington Street in Stockton, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: R. Jay Allen, Chairman
Anthony Barkett
*Elizabeth (Liz) Blanchard, Vice Chairperson
Michael Patrick Duffy
Gary Christopherson,
*Stephen Griffen
William R. Trezza

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Aschieris, Port Director
Steve Escobar, Senior Deputy Port Director
Jason Katindoy, Director of Maritime Operations
Katie Miller, Director of Human Resources and
Administrative Services
Juan Villanueva, Director of Development and
Planning
Jeff Wingfield, Director of Environmental and
Public Affairs
Sylvester Aguilar, Port Real Estate & Properties
Development Manager
Steven A. Herum, Port Counsel
Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board

*Commissioner Griffen arrived at 3:33 p.m. during Agenda Item #3B. Vice Chair Blanchard joined the meeting at 3:36 p.m. during Agenda Item #3B.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Jay Allen at 3:30 p.m. Chairman Allen presided and Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board, acted as Secretary for the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In compliance with Port Policy Statement #003, the Consent Calendar items of business, having been provided to each member of the Board prior to this meeting, the Commissioners present acted upon all Consent Calendar items of business under one vote.

Chairman Allen acknowledged the emailed comments as received from Mary Elizabeth with the Delta-Sierra Group:

“Thank you for posting links for meeting video and minutes. This is an important improvement that I hope will continue as covid19 considerations are lifted.

However, there are still some improvements necessary associated with minutes. By limiting comments to 250 words, you ensure that each commenter comments if read, would not exceed 3 minutes for public comments. How many meetings have occurred when there have been more than 5 commenters? The continued practice of not reading the comment letters or allowing zoom or telephone comments has resulted in the perception that the Commission cares not about comments from the community. Building strong community partnerships should be a priority of the Stockton Port.

Please post the draft minutes with the agenda and read submitted comments.”

Commissioner Trezza moved, to adopt the following resolution:

MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2021 MEETING

Resolution #8221: RESOLVED, that the minutes of the RE-ORGANIZATIONAL meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District held on the 1st day of March 2021, as the same are endorsed on Page No. 017 to Page No. 026, inclusive, of Minutes Book No. 63, be and they are hereby approved.

ADOPTION OF A CEQA STATUTORY EXEMPTION PER SECTION 15301(B) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PORT DIRECTOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO NOR-CAL PIPELINE SERVICES FOR THE WEST COMPLEX SEWER REHABILITATION FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$250,769

This agenda item was removed from the Consent Calendar.

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT 5, TASKS 1 – 4 FOR JMA CIVIL FOR THE RAIL MASTER PLANNING SERVICES FOR \$140,000

This agenda item was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Resolution #8221 was passed by the following vote:

COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR:	Allen, Barkett, Christopherson, Duffy, Trezza
COMMISSIONERS AGAINST:	None
COMMISSIONERS ABSTAINING:	None
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	None
COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:	Blanchard, Griffen

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Chairman Allen Consent Calendar Item B and Item C where removed from the Consent Calendar.

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Development and Planning Director Villanueva provided an executive summary on this agenda item. The staff report was provided to each member of the Board prior to the meeting and was also available as a link on the Agenda posted on the Port's website.

Chairman Allen acknowledged the emailed comments as received from Mary Elizabeth with the Delta-Sierra Group:

“While projects may be exempt from CEQA analysis under existing state law mitigations are still required. Please prepare briefs that are available to the public describing the measures used by the Port to minimize environmental impacts associated with construction projects found to be CEQA exempt.”

Commissioner Trezza moved, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution #8222: RESOLVED, that pursuant to Port staff review of, and belief that the West Complex Sewer Rehabilitation is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(b) the Stockton Port District Board of Commissioners hereby adopts a CEQA Categorical Exemption for the West Complex Sewer Rehabilitation and authorizes the filing of a Notice of Exemption related thereto with San Joaquin County; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, by the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District that the Port Director is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to award the West Complex Sewer Rehabilitation contract to Nor-Cal Pipeline Services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,769.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine and 00/100 Dollars); and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Port Director is authorized, empowered and directed to ensure that the provisions of this resolution are appropriately effected.

Resolution #8222 was passed by the following vote:

COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR:	Allen, Barkett, Blanchard, Christopherson, Duffy, Griffen, Trezza
COMMISSIONERS AGAINST:	None
COMMISSIONERS ABSTAINING:	None
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	None
COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:	None

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Commissioner Griffen moved, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution #8223: RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District that the Port Director is hereby authorized to execute Amendment 5, Tasks 1 – 4, for JMA Civil for Rail Master Planning Services for a total amount of \$140,000.00 (One Hundred Forty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars); and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Port Director is authorized, empowered and directed to ensure that the provisions of this resolution are appropriately effected.

Resolution #8223 was passed by the following vote:

COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR:	Allen, Barkett, Blanchard, Christopherson, Duffy, Griffen, Trezza
COMMISSIONERS AGAINST:	None
COMMISSIONERS ABSTAINING:	None
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	None
COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:	None

POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PORT DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT ALLOCATION OF ONE LIEBHERR LHM 550 CRANE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, CALIFORNIA FEDERAL SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY PROGRAM FOR \$465,655

Development and Planning Director Villanueva provided an executive summary on this agenda item. The staff report was provided to each member of the Board prior to the meeting and was also available as a link on the Agenda posted on the Port's website.

Commissioner Griffen moved, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution #8224: RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District that the Port Director is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase a Liebherr LHM 550 Crane from the Department of General Services/California Federal Surplus Personal Property Program for \$465,655.00 (Four Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Five 00/100 Dollars) from the Port's General Fund; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Port Director is authorized, empowered and directed to ensure that the provisions of this resolution are appropriately effected.

Resolution #8224 was passed by the following vote:

COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR:	Allen, Barkett, Christopherson, Duffy, Griffen, Trezza
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COMMISSIONERS AGAINST:	Blanchard
COMMISSIONERS ABSTAINING:	None
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	None
COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:	None

UPDATE ON THE PORT OF STOCKTON STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Daniel Smith, a Principal with The Tioga Group, Inc. provided an update on the Port's Strategic Plan. His presentation included the following highlights:

- Outreach update and general feedback
- Expansion of the Port's maritime business to include bulk and break-bulk cargoes
- Light industry/e-commerce warehousing compared to the Port's facilities
- Strategy for the use of Sharpe Army Depot

Chairman Allen acknowledged the emailed comments as received from Jan Warren with the Interfaith Climate Action Network:

“Dear Port Commissioners,

Every monthly meeting that isn't cancelled I look at the agenda to see if you've found a way for the public to engage other than make written comments. On Monday, March 15, 2021 I will attend 3 other zoom meetings in which I can comment on a specific item on the agenda.

On the March 15 meeting I can look at slides for the
Sewer Rehab
Rail Planning Service GSA Federal Surplus Property Program
Liebherr Crane Allocation

However, there is no slide presentation on the Strategic Planning Update. Therefore, how can I possibly comment on it. I saw the first presentation in 2020 and have yet to see another visual update.

I have yet seen a report on the promised outreach to the closes community members to the Port. Comments are made, yet never addressed or responded to. The community would prefer to work with the Port if they'd give us the opportunity.”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Allen acknowledged that there were no Committee Reports.

PORT DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Port Director Aschieris provided an executive summary of recent Port activities.

- Since the last Commission meeting, the following short-term lease has been executed:

Lessee: Transhold, Inc.
Location: West Complex Warehouse 1004, 40,000 square feet, Warehouse 1005, 30,000 square feet and 27,000 square feet of yard space west of Warehouse 1004
Term: 1 year

- Current calendar year-to-date shipping reflects 59 ships. Shipping activity for the same period in 2020 reported 36 ships. Since the last Commission meeting, 10 ships have called at the Port.
- Current calendar year-to-date tonnage totaled 991,646 metric tons. Tonnage for the same period in 2020 totaled 708,160 metric tons. Since the last Commission meeting, 203,405 metric tons of cement/slag from Vietnam and Mexico, fertilizer from Chile, steel from Korea, animal feed to Japan, molasses from El Salvador, food oils from Indonesia, sulfur to Mexico and dry bulk to Japan and Guatemala have been handled.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Barkett shared that public comments should be read at the Commission Meetings.

Commissioner Griffen shared that the purchase of the crane was a strategic decision which should place the Port in a better position.

Vice Chair Blanchard shared that she had received a few calls related to the Boggs Tract Community Farm status.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mary Elizabeth with the Delta-Sierra Group submitted emailed comments that were read by Chairman Allen and submitted to the Commission.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION: ONE CASE

At 4:47 p.m. Chairman Allen announced that, in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, an executive session would be conducted by the Board of Commissioners pursuant to Government Code §54956.9. The general public and other Port staff was excused from the meeting, and the closed session commenced at 4:48 p.m. Port Director Aschieris, Senior Deputy Port Director

Escobar, Director of Maritime Operations Katindoy, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services Miller, Director of Development and Planning Villanueva, Director of Environmental and Public Affairs Wingfield, Port Real Estate & Properties Development Manager Aguilar and Port Counsel Herum remained for the executive session.

At 5:26 p.m., Chairman Allen re-opened the meeting in public session. He reported that the Port Commission took no formal, reportable action during the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m. by Chairman Allen.

Melanie Rodriguez
Secretary to the Board

Chairman R. Jay Allen