

Maryland Port Commission
Open Session Minutes
July 17, 2023
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

The Three Hundred and Ninety-Ninth Session of the Maryland Port Commission was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Secretary of Transportation Paul J. Wiedefeld. The Commission met in Open Session by telephone conference from 2:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Stanton Room, 20th floor, World Trade Center, 401 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Present: Secretary Wiedefeld (in person) and Commissioners Barber, Dandy, Lunn, McDonald, Richardson, and Richardson (all Commissioners attended via telephone conference).

Staff: Brian Miller (Interim Acting Executive Director), Robert Munroe (Deputy Executive Director, Administration and Environment), Philip Whaling (Assistant Attorney General and Principal Counsel), Holly Miller (Acting Director of Harbor Development), Steve Johnson (Director of Engineering), Wonza Spann-Nicholas (Director of Finance), Ryan Barry (Director of Operations), Bradley Smith (Director of Maritime Commercial Management & Strategic Initiatives), Jennifer Guthrie (Director of Office of Government Relations and External Affairs), William Richardson (Director of the Environment), John Thornton (General Manager of Procurement), Mark Riesett (Procurement), Oge Nwafor (Harbor Development), Ken Kolarik (Information Services Department), and Krystal Jones (Executive Office).

Contracts for Approval, John Thornton, General Manager, Procurement

The MPC telephone approval of these contracts is needed so that the contracts may be presented to the Board of Public Works for approval in August.

John Thornton, General Manager of Procurement, presented the following contracts to the Maryland Port Commission for approval:

- 1. Contracts #522802A and #522802B** – Dredging and Coastal Engineering Services to support the State of Maryland’s Dredged Material Management Program, Moffatt & Nichol, Baltimore, Maryland (#522802A), and Gahagan & Bryant Associates, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland (#522802B); Amount – \$5,000,000 (each contract); Term: August 24, 2023* – July 31, 2028 (**or earlier upon BPW approval*).

After discussion, a motion to approve Contracts #522802A and #522802B was made by Commissioner McDonald, seconded by Commissioner Dandy, and approved unanimously by the Commission.

- 2. Contract #522078** – Agency Wide Waterfront Structure Repairs at Maryland Port Administration (MPA) Marine Terminals, Ballard Marine Construction, LLC, Washougal, Washington; Amount – \$20,000,000; Term: August 24, 2023 – August 30, 2026 (**or earlier upon BPW approval*).

After discussion, a motion to approve Contract #522078 was made by Commissioner Dandy, seconded by Commissioner Richardson, and approved unanimously by the Commission.

- 3. Contract #518008, Modification No. 2** – Reconstruction of Berths 1- 6, Phase 3 – Berth 3 at Dundalk Marine Terminal, Cianbro Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland; Amount – \$947,558.89; Term: August 24, 2022* – August 25, 2023 (**or earlier upon BPW approval*). Modification No. 2 increases the contract value to compensate the contractor for the additional costs of performance incurred to deal with unknown, differing site conditions encountered during construction and for increased costs of asphalt.

After discussion, a motion to approve Contract #518008, Modification No. 2 was made by Commissioner McDonald, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Baltimore Sun Opinion Commentary

Commissioner Richardson asked about the recent Baltimore Sun opinion commentary on environmental priorities at the Port of Baltimore jointly submitted by the Greater Baybrook Alliance and Dundalk Renaissance. Interim Acting Executive Director Miller stated that the MPA will address the commentary and follow up at the next meeting, and Deputy Executive Director Munroe concurred.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Richardson. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.