



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MARCH 16, 2021

CONFERENCE CALL ONLY

PhilaPort Board Members Present:

Chairman Gerard Sweeney, Yesenia Bane, Rocky Bryan, Boise Butler, Robert Clark, David Cuff, Richard Lazer, Paul McNichol, James Shacklett, John Skoutelas, Leigh Whitaker

PhilaPort Staff Present:

Jeffrey Theobald, Edward Henderson, Colette Pete, James Walsh, Kate Bailey, Joseph Fox, Lisa Magee, Joseph Petruzzi, Ayanna Williams

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Denise Soisson

Others:

David Binswanger, Manny Citron, Chris Hall, Anthony Mannino, Chris Pennington

Chairman Sweeney convened a Public Session.

The next order of business was the approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2021. The minutes were moved, seconded and approved.

Chairman Sweeney convened an Executive Session.

RESOLUTIONS:

2021-04 AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT INFRA GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (“PhilaPort”) has been authorized under Section 6 of the Act of July 10, 1989, P.L. 291, 55 P.S. Section 697 et seq. of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the “PRPA Act”) to promote, apply for and accept grants for the purposes of advancing regional port facilities and port-related projects to include furtherance of cooperative state efforts; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation announced federal funding for the 2021 Infrastructure for Rebuilding American (“INFRA”) grant program; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects include port infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the staff of PhilaPort a port infrastructure projects that would benefit the region if grant funding is received; and

WHEREAS, the Board of PhilaPort has determined, on the basis of information provided to it (which information is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by references) to approved submission of a grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That PhilaPort hereby authorizes its staff to apply for grant funding through the United States Department of Transportation’s 2021 INFRA Grant Program for the projects listed in Exhibit “A”, and submission of the formal grant application.
2. The Executive Director and CEO of PhilaPort, with the advice of its Chief Counsel, is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the specific terms and conditions of the agreements and the Executive Director and CEO is hereby authorized and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver on behalf of PhilaPort any agreements, documents or other instruments as may be necessary to effectuate such arrangements.

The motion was made, seconded and approved. Resolution No. 2021-04 on file with the Authority.

2021-05 AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT NATIONAL CLEAN DIESEL FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (“PhilaPort”) has been authorized, under Section 6 of the Act of July 10, 1989, P.L. 291, 55 P.S. Section 697.1, et seq. of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the “PRPA Act”) to promote apply for and accept grants for the purpose of advancing regional port facilities and port related projects to include furtherance of cooperative state efforts; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Transportation and Air Quality administers a National Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Grant Program (“Program”); and

WHEREAS, the staff of PhilaPort identified a port infrastructure project that would be eligible for grant funding under the Program as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Board of PhilaPort based upon the information provided by staff authorizes the submission of a Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant for the conversion of a ship-to-shore gantry crane from diesel to electric as set forth in Exhibit “A”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That PhilaPort hereby authorizes its staff to apply for grant funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Transportation and Air Quality’s Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Grant Program and submission of the formal grant application.

2. The Executive Director and CEO of PhilaPort, with the advice of its Chief General Counsel, is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the specific terms and conditions of the agreements and the Executive Director and CEO is hereby authorized and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver on behalf of PhilaPort any agreements, documents or other instruments as may be necessary to effectuate such arrangements.

The motion was made, seconded and approved. Resolution No. 2021-05 on file with the Authority.

There being no further public business to come before the board, the Public Session was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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