



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 21, 2023**

PhilaPort Board Members Present:

Chairman Gerard Sweeney, Rocky Bryan, Boise Butler, David Cuff, Richard Lazer, Warren Santone, James Shacklett, Leigh Whitaker

PhilaPort Board Members Absent:

Robert Clark, John Skoutelas

PhilaPort Staff Present:

Jeffrey Theobald, Edward Henderson, Colette Pete, James Walsh, Kate Bailey, Yordania Almonte, Sean Mahoney, Lindsay Mulgrew, Lisa Magee, Ryan Mulvey, Diana Skversky.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Denise Soisson

Others:

John Henkel, John DiDomenicis

Chairman Sweeney convened a Public Session.

The next order of business was the approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2023. The minutes were moved, seconded, and approved.

Chairman Sweeney convened an Executive Session.

RESOLUTIONS:

**2023-02 AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A REIMBURSABLE
AGREEMENT WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL
OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
FOR THE DELAWARE RIVER PORTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (“PhilaPort”) has been authorized, under Section 8 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”) (8) To make, enter into and award contracts with any person, association, partnership or corporation for the development, design, financing, construction, improvement, maintenance, operation, management, furnishing, fixturing, equipping and repair of port facilities and port-related projects, or parts thereof; and

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) National Ocean Service (NOS) enacted the Delaware River and Bay Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS®) in order to collect and disseminate

oceanographic data in the Delaware River and Bay areas. In order for PORTS® to properly function, funding must exist to provide for enhancements, management, operations, maintenance, and repairs (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, PhilaPort has provided funding to NOAA to support this project for Twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the South Jersey Port Corporation, and the Diamond State Port Corporation desire to contribute to the funding of this Project as well as PhilaPort; and

WHEREAS, the Board of PhilaPort, based upon the information provided by staff (which information is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference), authorizes PhilaPort to accept funding from South Jersey Port Corporation, and the Diamond State Port Corporation for the Project and to enter into an agreement with NOAA to fund a portion of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That PhilaPort hereby authorizes its staff to accept funding from South Jersey Port Corporation, and the Diamond State Port Corporation for the Project and to enter into an agreement with NOAA to fund a portion of the Project.
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. 2023-02 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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