



## **STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT**

Board of Port Commissioners

November 2, 2020

Pursuant to notice duly given, the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District was held on November 2, 2020, in Room 18 of the Port of Stockton Administration Building located at 2201 West Washington Street in Stockton, California.

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Stephen Griffen

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 G. Villanueva, Director of Development and  
Planning  
Jeff Wingfield, Director of Environmental and  
Public Affairs  
Sylvester Aguilar, Manager of Port Real Estate and  
Properties Development  
Steven A. Herum, Port Counsel  
Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board  
Andrew Nelson, Executive Recruiter with CPS HR  
Consulting  
Susan Shey Dvovich, Managing Partner with Shey-  
Harding Executive Search  
Daniel Smith, Principal with The Tioga Group, Inc.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Christopherson at 3:30 p.m. Chairman Christopherson 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.

The following emailed comment was provided to the Commissioners for consideration related to Consent Calendar item B:

Emailed Comment as received from Mary Elizabeth with the Delta-Sierra Group:

“3B. Consideration and approval of the 2019 Port of Stockton Power Content Label (PCL) and PCL Customer Letter for submittal to the Port’s customers and the California Energy Commission. No information regarding this letter was posted in the presentations neither the presentation posted on the Port website on 10.30.2020 15:32 or more recently uploaded presentation as accessed today. This renewable energy item is important to the community and should be available to the public with other agenda presentations prior to the Commissioners vote. This lack of transparency and governmental openness is concerning. I believe that the Port Commissioners can do better.”

Commissioner Duffy moved, to adopt the following resolutions:

### MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2020 MEETING

Resolution #8196: RESOLVED, that the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District held on the 19th day of October 2020, as the same are endorsed on Page No. 083 to Page No. 092, inclusive, of Minutes Book No. 62, be and they are hereby approved.

### CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE 2019 PORT OF STOCKTON POWER CONTENT LABEL (PCL) AND PCL CUSTOMER LETTER FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE PORT’S CUSTOMERS AND THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Resolution # 8197: RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District that the 2019 Port of Stockton Power Content Label (PCL) and the PCL Customer Letter for submittal to the Port’s Customers and the California Energy Commission is hereby approved, as presented; and

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

Resolutions #8196 and #8197 were passed by the following vote:

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

### CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairman Christopherson acknowledged that there were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

### INTERVIEW/PRESENTATION OF EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRMS FOR THE POSITION OF PORT DIRECTOR

Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services Miller introduced Mr. Andrew Nelson, Executive Recruiter with CPS HR Consulting and Ms. Susan Shey Dvonch Managing Partner of Shey-Harding Executive Search.

Mr. Nelson's presentation included the following highlights:

- Recent recruitments
- Information about CPS HR
- Full-time Executive Recruiters
- Customized Work Plan and Timeline
- Phase 1 – Define the Ideal Candidate
- Phase 2 – Aggressive Recruiting
- Phase 3 – Selection Process

Ms. Dvonch's presentation included the following highlights:

- Company Background
- Benefits of using a Search Firm
- Public Agency Recruitment
- Relevant Experience
- Recruitment Process
- Search Plan
- Level of Involvement
- Ensuring Transparency

- Commitment to Diversity

Chairman Christopherson explained to both Mr. Nelson and Ms. Dvovich that once the Commission reached a decision on which search firm it would use for the Port Director's replacement each would be notified of the decision. He also thanked each for their time in presenting to the Commission.

#### UPDATE ON THE PORT OF STOCKTON STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Daniel Smith, a Principal with The Tioga Group, Inc. provided an executive summary and a handout for this agenda item. Mr. Smith's presentation included the following highlights:

- Assembling cargo data
- Assembling background information on agencies that interact with the Port of Stockton
- Assembling background information on the regional economy and key industry sectors
- Sifting out COVID-19 induced short term changes from long-term trends
- Developing an outline and key questions for the next Strategic Plan update

#### CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PORT DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE HYPER CONVERGED INFRASTRUCTURE (HCI) PLATFORM VXRAIL FROM I.T. SAVVY, LLC, FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$269,775 PAID WITH 75 PERCENT (75%) GRANT FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

Director of Development and Planning Villanueva provided an executive summary of this agenda item. Mr. Villanueva's presentation included the following:

Aligning with the Port's Information Technology (I.T.) recommendations is the proposed purchase of a Hyper Converged Infrastructure (HCI) Platform VxRail which is the fastest-growing category in datacenter security. The platform provides software integration while enhancing the following:

- I.T. agility and efficiency
- Data encryption
- Multifactor authentication
- Stretched clusters
- Degraded device handling capabilities

The proposed purchase would deliver an effective enhancement to the Port's existing cyber security posture without curbing the benefits of performance and scalability of the existing enterprise information systems. The following items would be included in the purchase:

- Supply
- Licensing
- Support
- Installation
- Commissioning of all hardware components

The 2013 gap analysis assisted in the identification of a prioritized list of technology projects and an implementation strategy to assist the Port in improving its I.T. security structure while protecting the information systems and platform technologies. The proposed purchase aligns with I.T. planning efforts while leveraging federal grant funding. This new platform would expand I.T. infrastructure to a commercial data center in Sacramento. This will provide geographic diversity to the Port's I.T. infrastructure, add I.T. agility and efficiency and increase system availability and recovery in the event of a disaster.

The Port proposes purchasing the HCI Platform VxRail at a cost of \$269,775.00 using 2018 federal grant funds:

- FEMA Grant 2018-PU-00648 seventy-five percent (75%) for \$202,331.25
- General Fund Port Match twenty-five percent (25%) for \$67,443.75

Chairman Christopherson acknowledged that there were no requests to address the Port Commission on this matter.

Vice Chairman Allen moved, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution #8198: RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District that the Port Director is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase Hyper Converged Infrastructure (HCI) Platform VxRail from I.T. Savvy, LLC., using \$202,331.25 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant 2018-PU-00648 and \$67,443.75 from the Port of Stockton General Fund for a total of \$269,775.00; and

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

Resolution #8198 was passed by the following vote:

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG)

Commissioner Barkett attended the October 22, 2020 SJCOG meeting. He shared that SJCOG announced that Diane Nguyen would be the next Executive Director starting January 4, 2021.

## PORT DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

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

- Current calendar year-to-date shipping reflects 199 ships. Shipping activity for the same period in 2019 reported 203 ships. Since the last Commission meeting, 9 ships have called at the Port.
- Current calendar year-to-date tonnage totaled 3,230,725 metric tons. Tonnage for the same period in 2019 totaled 3,935,131 metric tons. Since the last Commission meeting, 149,500 metric tons of cement/slag from Vietnam and Mexico, sulfuric acid from Japan, molasses from Guatemala and fertilizer from Germany, Trinidad and Estonia have been handled.
- The Port Director shared that his retirement announcement had been made public.

## COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Duffy thanked the Director for inviting the Commissioners to his staff retirement announcement luncheon.

Commissioner Duffy requested that the video be improved and that presentations be viewable for those that attend the Commission meeting remotely. He also shared his thoughts related to the public being able to offer spoken comments during the meeting. Commissioner Blanchard also requested that presentations be viewable and to allow the public to provide comments during the meeting.

Vice Chairman Allen shared that improved access to the meetings might address most of the non-agenda public comments that are received.

Chairman Christopherson congratulated Vice Chairman Allen on his recent reappointment to the Port Commission.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following emailed comments were provided to the Commissioners for consideration related to this item:

Emailed Comment as received from Mary Elizabeth with the Delta-Sierra Group:

“We continue to request increased public outreach efforts, including the posting of the Commission meeting minutes and information about the planned Port of Stockton Environmental Justice Task Force. We request that community outreach be a part of any project consideration. When will the outreach plan be available for public review? When will this Environmental Justice Task Force begin meeting? What are the purpose and responsibilities for Task Force Members?”

Emailed Comment as received from Jan Warren:

“Since March the meetings for the Port of Stockton Commissioners have failed to provide true public access and transparency. Youtube is capable of audio and visual; however, you didn’t provide that. We have been unable to see or access the presentations. Please note below what the other public agencies are offering.

#### San Joaquin Valley Air District Board Meetings

Governing Board meetings are webcast.

Public may address Governing Board during public comment period and on any scheduled item on the agenda. Comments are generally limited to a maximum of three minutes per speaker.

Agendas, minutes, and PowerPoint presentations are available on their website for the entire year.

#### County of San Joaquin Board of Directors

Public can watch the meetings and provide comments to the Board before and during the meeting:

WATCH Live stream of the Board of Supervisors meetings  
[athttp://sanjoaquincountyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/default.aspx](http://sanjoaquincountyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/default.aspx)  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw9ExATz2VnZjbntMMA\\_Anw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw9ExATz2VnZjbntMMA_Anw)

Every effort will be made to read all comments received into the record, except for time limitations.

Agendas, Meetings, and videos of past meetings are available to the public.

Stockton City Council holds public meetings scheduled Tuesday evenings in the City Council Chamber. All meetings are open to the public.

- Agendas for City Council, Council Committees, and other Board and Commission meetings are available online or through the City Clerk.

Channel 97 in Stockton is a channel devoted to Stockton City Government.

City Council Meetings

Live broadcast of Stockton City Council Meetings: Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

- Rebroadcast daily: 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.”

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

At 5:19 p.m. Chairman Christopherson 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 5:20 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, Manager of Port Real Estate and Properties Development Aguilar and Attorney Herum remained for the executive session.

At 6:04 p.m., Chairman Christopherson re-opened the meeting in public session. He reported that the Port Commission conferred with legal counsel and took no formal, reportable action during the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. by Chairman Christopherson.

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Melanie Rodriguez  
Secretary to the Board

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Chairman Gary Christopherson