

State of Mississippi

County of Stone

Resolution

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast and with neighboring states causing the greatest natural disaster ever to occur in the State of Mississippi and the United States, including almost complete destruction of the facilities and infrastructure of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Port of Gulfport's restoration program is to facilitate the restoration of public infrastructure and publicly owned facilities that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, to provide storm mitigation against future damage and to provide for the long term recovery of the operating capacity of the Port.

WHEREAS, it is recognized by the Stone County Board of Supervisors and its members that restoration and redevelopment of the Port at Gulfport is essential to the continued economic recovery and development of the entire State of Mississippi from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport has adopted a concept that focuses on restoration and redevelopment of the Port facilities in such a way as to maintain and protect investment by existing customers at the Port; facilitate and maximize the future growth of Port operations through private investment; and, at the same time, seeks to minimize community displacement, disruption and intrusion by port activities and operations and future storms; and

WHEREAS, the restoration and redevelopment of the Port facilities would allow and accommodate future growth of Port facilities which could bring new and better jobs, a higher quality of life, and businesses and economic development opportunities into the coastal region and the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Stone County Board of Supervisors supports the concept adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport for restoration and redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport; and

WHEREAS, the Stone County Board of Supervisors finds that the adopted plan for restoration and redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport aligns with and enhances our organization's mission of improving communities of Mississippi; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on motion of Supervisor Clark Byrd and on second of Supervisor Lance Pearson, that the Stone County Board of Supervisors does hereby express its wholehearted support for the concept adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport for restoration and redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, at the meeting of the Stone County Board of Supervisors, on the 20th day of April, 2009.

STONE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: *Dale T Bond*
DALE T. BOND, PRESIDENT



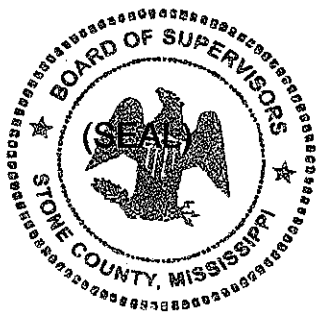
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GERALD BOND, CHANCERY CLERK

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF STONE

I, GERALD W. BOND, Clerk of the Chancery Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Stone, State of Mississippi, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing transcript is a true and correct copy of Order passed by such Board of Supervisors at their April, Term, A.D., 2009, on the 20th day of April, 2009, as fully and completely as the same appears of record and remains on file in my office, of which original record I am the official custodian.

Given under my hand and seal of said Board of Supervisors, at my office in Wiggins, Mississippi, this the 20th day of April, 2009.



Gerald W. Bond
GERALD W. BOND,
CLERK OF THE CHANCERY COURT
and EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
STONE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: _____ D.C.