

There next came on for discussion the concept for restoration and redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport, and after a general discussion of the subject Commissioner Sam LaRosa offered the following Resolution for adoption:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGING AND ENDORSING THE PROPOSED RESTORATION AND REDEVELOPMENT CONCEPT UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AT GULFPORT

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 State the Mississippi and the United States, including almost complete destruction of the facilities and infrastructure at the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport; and

WHEREAS, the Harrison County Development Commission is charged by statute and by the Harrison County Board of Supervisors with the advancement of economic opportunity and development in Harrison County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized by the Harrison County Development Commission and its members that restoration and redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport is vital to the continued economic recovery and development of Harrison County, as well as the entire of the State of Mississippi, from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, a concept for such restoration and redevelopment by the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport has been advanced and suggested which focuses on restoration and redevelopment of the Port facilities in such a way as to protect persons and property in Gulfport from collateral damage in future storms due to port operations, maintain and protect investment by existing customers at the port, facilitate and maximize the future growth of port operations



through private investment while at the same time seeking to minimize community displacement, disruption and intrusion by port activities and operations; and

WHEREAS, the concept under consideration for restoration and redevelopment of the Port facilities would allow and accommodate future growth of port facilities which could bring substantial new and better jobs, businesses and economic development opportunities into Harrison County as well as the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Harrison County Development Commission wishes to express its enthusiastic support for the concept under consideration by the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport for restoration and redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport, finding and declaring the same essential to our joint missions and purpose of advancing the well being of citizens of Mississippi, especially those in South Mississippi and Harrison County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harrison County Development Commission does hereby express its enthusiastic support for the concept presently under consideration by the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport for restoration and redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport;

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport is encouraged to proceed with development of plans to carry out and implement the proposed concept under consideration for restoration and redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport, while continuing to work with community leaders and interest groups to address and accommodate community needs and concerns with the project.

COMMISSIONER Alicia Ellis seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

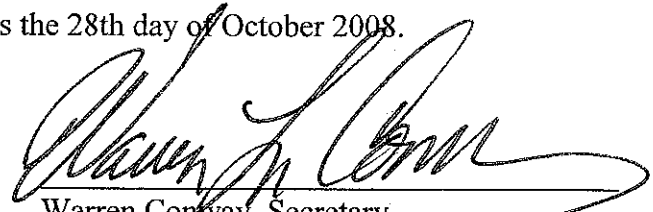
Commissioner Johnny Atherton	Voted: Absent
Commissioner Sharon Bentz	Voted: Yea
Commissioner Jim Brashier	Voted: Absent
Commissioner Frank Castiglia, Jr.,	Voted: Absent
Commissioner Warren Conway	Voted: Absent
Commissioner Alicia Ellis	Voted: Yea
Commissioner Brian Gollott	Voted: Yea
Commissioner Henry Kinney	Voted: Absent
Commissioner Sam LaRosa	Voted: Yea
Commissioner Sara Miller	Voted: Yea
Commissioner Mark Schloegel	Voted: Yea
Commissioner John B. "Shorty" Sneed	Voted: Yea

A majority of the Members present and having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted on the 28th day of October 2008.

CERTIFICATE

I, Warren Conway, Secretary of the Harrison County Development Commission, hereby certify that the attached Resolution dated the 28th day of October, 2008, is a true and correct copy of such Resolution adopted on such date.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 28th day of October 2008.



Warren Conway, Secretary
Harrison County Development Commission