

Georgia Ports Authority
Tuesday, March 25, 2025
8:30 a.m.
Savannah, GA

762-233-1679
Conference ID: 423 360 119#

Agenda

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Womack | 1. | Call to Order
a) Approval of Agenda
b) Attendance Report |
| Fountain | 2. | Approval of Minutes |
| Fountain | 3. | Receive Comments Regarding Agenda and Non-Agenda Items |
| | 4. | Committee Chair Reports
Audit, Budget & Finance – Womack
Community & Government Affairs – Tarbutton
Ports Development – Hertz
Sales, Marketing & Communication - Wilheit |
| McCurry | 5. | Executive Division
a) Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement Georgia Power Garden City Terminal
b) Board Resolution – Lease Agreement CSXT |
| McCurry | 6. | Administrative Division
a) Monthly Purchasing Request(s)
b) Capital/Operating Purchase Report |
| Dooley | 7. | Finance Division |
| Novack | 8 | Engineering Division
a) GCT Ship to Shore Crane Hydraulic Systems |
| Lynch | 9. | Chief Executive Officer Report |
| Fountain | 10. | Chairman's Comments
a) Appointment of Nominating Committee |
| Fountain | 11. | Executive Session (If Needed) |

NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING IS MAY 19 – 20 IN SAVANNAH, GA

MINUTES OF MEETING

GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

January 28, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kent Fountain. Other Authority Members present were Vice Chairman, Alec Poitevint, Secretary and Treasurer, Christopher C. Womack and Authority Members, James L. Allgood, Leda Chong, David J. Cyr, Don A. Grantham, Jr., Douglas J. Hertz, Martin "Trey" Kilpatrick, William D. McKnight, Philip Wilheit, Jr., and Joel Wooten. Ben J. Tarbutton, III, was excused for good cause.

Staff members attending were President & CEO Griffith Lynch, Lise Altman, Duke Acors, Flavio Batista, Tom Boyd, Robert Dooley, Susan Gardner, Olli Himbert, Ed McCarthy, James McCurry, Christopher Novack, William Sutton, and Emily Richardson. Special Assistant Attorney General Paul Threlkeld also attended. Guests are shown on the attached sign in sheet.

On motion by Mr. Allgood seconded by Mr. Poitevint, it was unanimously voted: To approve the agenda.

On motion by Mr. Wooten, seconded by Mr. Wilheit, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 2, 2024, and accept them as distributed.

Current policy requires that the Authority approve all purchases that total \$500,000 or more. On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. Grantham, it was unanimously voted: To approve eleven (11) operating purchases for a total of \$22,606,147.

Current policy requires that the Staff provide monthly reports to the Authority concerning capital and operating purchases totaling \$100,000 or more, but less than \$500,000. For the period, there were no (0) capital purchases and fifteen (15) operating expenses totaling \$ 3,730,800. This item is provided for information only. No action by the Authority is required.

On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. Wilheit, it was unanimously voted: To establish contract signature authority to the GPA President & Chief Executive Officer; 2). authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of \$4,250,000 for the Mayor's Point Fire Protection System project.

On motion by Mr. Grantham, seconded by Mr. Poitevint, it was unanimously voted: To establish contract signature authority to the GPA's President and Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of \$73,550,000 for the Ocean Terminal Truck Gates project.

On motion by Mr. Allgood, seconded by Mr. Wooten, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Kent Fountain
Chairman

Christopher Womack
Secretary and Treasurer

MINUTES OF MEETING

GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 28, 2025

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The full Chief Executive Officer's Report was included in the Board package.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Fountain complimented Mr. Lynch on his report to the board and noted that it has been a phenomenal twelve consecutive months of growth. That growth while maintaining such a strong expense ratio is a testament to the team and the overall management of port operations. Mr. Fountain also remarked that such performance while Ocean Terminal is only partially usable during its renovation is even more impressive. At the same time, he noted that the progress of the Ocean Terminal project, the new cranes and especially the construction of the new overpass exit from the terminal. That overpass is going to be great for the community and certainly worth the additional investment to lessen the impact of port operations on surrounding area. Chairman Fountain thanked the entire board for their commitment and support throughout the year.



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: **Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement – Garden City Terminal - Georgia Power Company**
DATE: March 25, 2025

ISSUE: GPA owns certain real property referred to as Garden City Terminal and has recently renovated Warehouse 83B located thereon. As part of the renovation work, GPA requested that Georgia Power Company extend their existing underground electrical lines on the property to feed a new transformer for Warehouse 83B. Construction of the new electric facilities has been completed, and GPA and Georgia Power now desire to enter into the attached Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement, based on the as-built drawings of the facilities, for a term of twenty years. GPA has the right to use the easement area for any purpose that does not interfere with Georgia Power's easement rights. All such rights will revert to GPA if Georgia Power abandons or fails to maintain or operate the new facilities for a continuous period of twelve months.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: The Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement is in keeping with current policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The new facilities are necessary to supply additional electricity for Warehouse 83B on Garden City Terminal.

STAFF CONTACT: James C. McCurry, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer
Paul H. Threlkeld, Special Assistant Attorney General
Christopher Novack, Vice President of Engineering and Facilities Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION: That the Authority approve the Non-Exclusive Easement Agreement between Georgia Ports Authority and Georgia Power Company in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Griff Lynch".

Griff Lynch
President and Chief Executive Officer



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: Board Resolution – Lease Agreement CSXT
DATE: March 25, 2025

ISSUE: CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSX”) owns a rail yard in Atlanta referred to as the Hulseley Yard (the “Facility”) and has requested that GPA lease a portion of the Facility, consisting of 37.16 acres, including all tracks and other improvements located thereon, for the purpose of providing terminal services for customers of CSX and GPA. As part of the proposed agreement, CSX has agreed to invest in certain capital improvements to the Facility. GPA and CSX are negotiating the terms and conditions of the Lease and Operating Agreement.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: The final Lease and Operating Agreement will be in keeping with current policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: GPA will pay a base lease rate, and the parties will share revenues based on certain minimum lift volumes and container storage revenues.

STAFF CONTACT: James C. McCurry, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer
Edward McCarthy, Chief Operating Officer
Paul H. Threlkeld, Special Assistant Attorney General

RECOMMENDATION: That the Authority approve the Board Resolution authorizing the GPA President & CEO to enter into a Lease and Operating Agreement between Georgia Ports Authority and CSX Transportation, Inc., subject to terms and conditions acceptable to both parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch
President and Chief Executive Officer



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: **Monthly Purchasing Requests**
DATE: March 25, 2025

ISSUE: At each regular meeting of the Authority, a list of purchase requests in an amount of \$500,000 or greater is presented by staff for approval.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Current policy requires that the Authority approve all purchases that total \$500,000 or more.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: For the period, there is one (1) capital purchases and two (2) operating purchases for a total of \$3,350,000.

STAFF CONTACT: James C. McCurry, Chief Administrative Officer
Tamela Wright, Purchasing Manager

RECOMMENDATION: That the Authority approves three (3) purchases as presented in the attached report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch
President and CEO



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: **Capital/Operating Purchases Report**
DATE: March 25, 2025

ISSUE: At each regular meeting of the Authority, a list of capital and operating purchases between \$100,000 and \$500,000 is presented by Staff for information.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Current policy requires that the Staff provide monthly reports to the Authority concerning capital and operating purchases totaling \$100,000 or more, but less than \$500,000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: For the period, there were no (0) capital purchases and ten (10) operating expenses totaling \$ 2,348,943.

STAFF CONTACT: James C. McCurry, Chief Administrative Officer
Tamela Wright, Purchasing Manager

RECOMMENDATION: This item is provided for information only. No action by the Authority is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch
President and CEO



TO: Chairman and Members of the Georgia Ports Authority
SUBJECT: **GCT Ship to Shore Crane Hydraulic Systems**
DATE: March 25, 2025

ISSUE:

Snag loads are the shock loads which are exerted on the ship to shore crane when the load of the crane snags behind an object during hoisting. It is also possible for the container to jam inside the ship cell due to skewing. These shock loads can damage the cranes hoisting mechanisms as well as the structure. A hydraulic system prevents these loads from harming the crane by installing a hydraulic system in the crane's machinery house that senses these loads and prevents damage.

The most recent fleet of ship to shore cranes at GCT and OT have these systems in place. The older cranes at GCT numbered STS 22 through 29 do not have the systems and STS 30-37 have the hydraulic materials but require installation. This project requests the approval to proceed with installation of a hydraulic system in STS Nos. 23, 24, and 26 through 29 (STS 22 and 25 are expected to be retired in the next 2-3 years). The project request also includes the installation of the hydraulic systems in STS 30-37. Funding for this project in the amount of \$2.0 million is available through the GPA's internal capital improvement program.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This project is in keeping with established policy to enhance operations and customer service at the GPA's Port of Savannah facilities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures up to \$2,000,000 from the Internal Capital Budget are required for the GCT Ship to Shore Crane Hydraulic Systems project.

STAFF CONTACT:

Christopher B. Novack, P.E., Vice President of Engineering & Facilities
Maintenance
Susan Gardner, Vice President of Operations

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Authority 1.) establishes contract signature authority to the GPA's President and Chief Executive Officer; 2.) authorize Staff to issue contracts and purchase orders in support of the project, and 3) establish an overall project budget of \$2,000,000 for the GCT Ship to Shore Crane Hydraulic Systems project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griff Lynch
President & Chief Executive Officer