

# ALBANY PORT DISTRICT COMMISSION FINANCE COMMITTEE

September 23, 2020 12:00 P.M.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 202.1, issued March 12, 2020, Article 7 of the Public Officers Law related to public body meetings is suspended and the September 23, 2020, Finance Committee meeting will be held remotely. Commissioners and APDC staff are authorized to attend the meeting by conference call. Specified APDC staff will meet in person to facilitate the meeting. In accordance with the Executive Order the meeting will be available for public viewing via on-line live video transmission and recorded, as public in-person access to the meeting is not permitted.

# **AGENDA**

- Approval of Minutes from the July 22, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting (Attached)
- 2) Third Quarter 2020 Financial Review
- 3) Review 2021 Proposed Budget
- 4) Budget Goals Review
- 5) Enter Executive Session<sup>1</sup>
- 6) Exit Executive Session
- 7) Next Meeting: October 28, 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Only if necessary (and if approved by a majority vote of the Commission), to discuss

a. matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;

b. any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;

c. information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;

d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;

e. collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law;

- f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;
- g. the preparation, grading or administration of examinations; and
- h. the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.





# ALBANY PORT DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 22, 2020 11:30 AM

Due to the pandemic the July 22, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting was held remotely pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 202.1, issued March 12, 2020, which suspended Article 7 of the Public Officers Law related to public body meetings. Chairman Coffey called the meeting to order. Also in attendance were Commissioners Steffens and Cinquanti. Also present were CEO Hendrick, General Counsel Jordan, Economic Development and Procurement Director Daley, CFO Stuto and Administrative Assistant DiLillo.

Chairman Coffey introduced the minutes of the April 22, 2020 meeting. No changes were made to the minutes. Chairman Coffey called for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Steffens and seconded by Commissioner Cinquanti and passed unanimously.

# SECOND QUARTER 2020 FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Committee reviewed the Financial Statement for the quarter ending June 30, 2020 and the projections for the remainder of the year. CFO Stuto reported that revenues are currently expected to be within budget and expenses are forecasted to come in under budget by approximately \$600,000. CFO Stuto indicated she projects these variances as the down trend in repairs, security and office supplies continues. Depreciation is projected to be under budget by \$290,000. Overall, we expect there to be positive to the variance in operating income of \$700,000. Change in net positions is projected to be under by \$3,000,000, which is due primarily by the variances, grant revenue, depreciation and decrease in operating expenses. CFO Stuto indicated that the grant receivables are just over \$100,000, which is due to project timing issues. She noted that the new

maritime Warehouse is under way and the Port will receive grant reimbursement payments soon. Commissioner Coffey asked how much of the grant monies are State or Federal. Director Daly responded on the current project breakdown.

### **BUDGET GOALS**

CFO Stuto reported that they continue to move forward on the budget goals that were set for the year. Regarding cyber security all three goals have been met. There is currently more of a focus on imports than on exports and there has been a slight shift on Maritime Goals. Chairman Coffey complimented the Port team on the status report they submitted to the Board.

# OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Steffens inquired about any updates on current grants submittals. Director Daly reported that the Federal Port Infrastructure Grant submitted in spring is expected to have an early fall response. She noted that the Port received strong letters of support for this grant, as well as a very strong BCA submission. Director Daly indicated that the NYSERDA Port Infrastructure Grant has been approved for Step I and that the Port has been invited to the next phase of the grant application, which is now linked to the offshore wind procurement submission due in October. Director Daly also reported on staff working to implement a \$5,000,000 CFA awarded grant for the expansion project. The team is working with the state to process the paperwork to be able to access those funds.

Commissioner Cinquanti requested that the team provide a list or chart of grants they have been awarded or are seeking, including the NYSERDA procurement. Director Daly stated she would provide the information requested.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no items for discussion in Executive Session.

Chairman Coffey called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Cinquanti, seconded by Commissioner Steffens and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

# ALBANY PORT DISTRICT COMMISSION 2020 Forecast - Actual Results through August 31, 2020

	August 2020	Year to Date Jan-Aug 2020	Forecast Sept - Dec 2020	Forecast 2020	Budget 2020	Forecast to Budget Variance
Operating Revenue:						
Rental Income	292,767	2,319,023	1,159,512	3,478,535	3,467,431	11,104
Dockage Fees	22,386	194,393	94,609	289,002	255,909	33,093
Wharfage Fees:						
Calcium Chloride	-	7 400	-	7 400	-	(00.500)
Liquid Fertilizer	-	7,402	-	7,402	40,000	(32,598)
Grain	-	50,000	-	50,000	50,000	(04.040)
Heavy Lift/Project	-	37,111	30,000	67,111	98,957	(31,846)
Steel	- 0.404	18,748	20,000	38,748	101,524	(62,776)
Woodpulp	6,121	61,724	30,000	91,724	104,545	(12,821)
Total Wharfage Fees	6,121	174,984	80,000	254,984	395,026	(140,042)
Buckeye Revenue	50,000	100,000	50,000	150,000	150,000	- 60 105
Stevedore Fees and Services	1,950	125,792	188,333	314,125	245,000	69,125
Crane Equipment Rental	10,325	120,120	40,000	160,120	156,890	3,230
Security Fees Other Services and Povenue	17,375 313	241,863	160,000 6,000	401,863	382,458	19,405
Other Services and Revenue  Total Operating Revenue	401,238	4,691 3,280,866	1,778,454	10,691 5,059,320	20,708 5,073,422	(10,017)
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Operating Expenses:						
Payroll, Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits	172,503	1,602,363	834,595	2,436,958	2,569,350	(132,392)
Other Post Retirement Benefit Expense	-		100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Repairs, Maintenance and Utilities	13,532	116,714	125,000	241,714	265,500	(23,786)
Crane Parts and Repairs		4,106	25,000	29,106	55,000	(25,894)
Insurance	17,013	151,082	75,541	226,623	229,553	(2,930)
Professional and Consulting Fees	2,381	118,431	130,000	248,431	507,000	(258,569)
Service Contracts	16,419	135,836	67,918	203,754	240,000	(36,246)
Security and Safety Costs	3,301	20,610	97,608	118,218	137,300	(19,082)
Education and Training	960	3,510	3,000	6,510	10,000	(3,490)
Office Supplies and Expense	1,300	10,678	23,000	33,678	50,300	(16,622)
Advertising, Promotion and Association Dues	88	93,613	107,662	201,275	264,502	(63,227)
Contingency		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-	180,000	(180,000)
Total Operating Expense	227,497	2,256,941	1,589,324	3,846,265	4,608,505	(762,240)
Operating Income (Expense) before other items	173,741	1,023,925	189,130	1,213,054	464,917	748,137
Depreciation and Other (Income) Expenses:						
Depreciation Expense	222,056	1,768,333	1,105,645	2,873,978	2,947,307	(73,329)
Interest Income	(27)	(7,132)		(7,832)	(14,400)	6,568
Interest Expense	14,712 <sup>°</sup>	124,257	59,378	183,635	200,738	(17,103)
Waterfront Development	220	229,782	29,200	258,982	269,750	(10,768)
Municipal Support	_	79,808	79,808	159,616	163,000	(3,384)
(Gain) Loss on Sale of Asset	-	-	· -	-	-	-
Net Depreciation and Other (Income) Expense	236,961	2,195,048	1,273,331	3,468,379	3,566,395	(98,016)
Change in Net Position Before Capital Funding	(63,220)	(1,171,123)		(2,255,324)	(3,101,478)	846,154
Capital Grant Revenue	273,342	495,224		4,952,224	12,094,900	(7,142,676)
Change in Net Position	210,122	(675,899)	3,372,798	2,696,899	8,993,422	(6,296,523)

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Wharfage Fees						
Liquid Fertilizer / Molasses	7,402		7,402	40,000	(32,598)	8,142
Grain	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
Heavy Lift/Project	37,111	30,000	67,111	98,957	(31,846)	75,822
Steel	18,748	20,000	38,748	101,524	(62,776)	42,623
Woodpulp	61,724	30,000	91,724	104,545	(12,821)	111,897
Total Wharfage Fees	174,984	80,000	254,984	395,026	(140,042)	288,484
Buckeye Revenue	100,000	50,000	150,000	150,000	0	150,000
Stevedore Fees and Services	125,792	188,333	314,125	245,000	69,125	325,000
Equipment Rental-Crane	120,120	40,000	160,120	156,890	3,230	160,000
Security Fees	241,863	160,000	401,863	382,458	19,405	374,590
Other Services and Revenue	4,691	6,000	10,691	20,708	(10,017)	10,000
Total Operating Revenue	3,280,866	1,778,454	5,059,320	5,073,422	(14,102)	5,195,734
Operating Expenses:						
Payroll, Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits	1,602,363	834,595	2,436,958	2,569,350	(132,392)	2,799,705
Other Post Retirement Benefit Expense	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	100,000
Repairs, Maintenance and Utilities	116,714	125,000	241,714	265,500	(23,786)	226,500
Crane Parts and Repairs	4,106	25,000	29,106	55,000	(25,894)	55,000
Insurance	151,082	75,541	226,622	229,553	(2,931)	250,000
Professional and Consulting Fees	118,431	130,000	248,431	507,000	(258,569)	187,000
Service Contracts	135,836	67,918	203,754	240,000	(36,246)	215,000
Security and Safety Costs	20,610	97,608	118,218	137,300	(19,082)	141,000
Education & Training	3,510	1,000	4,510	10,000	(5,490)	24,000
Office Supplies & Expense	10,678	25,000	35,678	50,300	(14,622)	46,300
Advertising, Promotion and Association Dues	93,613	107,662	201,275	264,502	(63,227)	212,965
Contingency	0	0	0	180,000	(180,000)	180,000
Total Operating Expense	2,256,941	1,589,324	3,846,265	4,608,505	(762,240)	4,437,470
Operating Income (Expense) before other Item	1,023,925	189,130	1,213,055	464,917	748,138	758,264
Depreciation and Other (Income) Expenses:						
Depreciation Expense	1,768,333	1,105,645	2,873,978	2,947,307	(73,329)	2,857,760
Interest Income	(7,132)	(700)	(7,832)	(14,400)	6,568	(10,000)
Interest Expense	124,257	59,378	183,634	200,738	(17,104)	210,975
Waterfront Development	229,782	29,200	258,982	269,750	(10,768)	284,750
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Net Depreciation and Other (Income) Ex		1,273,331	3,468,379	3,566,395	(98,016)	3,513,485
Change in Net Position Before Capital Funding		(1,084,201)	(2,255,324)	(3,101,478)	846,154	(2,755,221)
Capital Contributions and Grant Revenue	495,224	4,457,000	4,952,224	12,094,900	(7,142,676)	10,000,000
Change in Net Position	(675,899)	3,372,799	2,696,900	8,993,422	(6,296,522)	7,244,779

# ALBANY PORT DISTRICT COMMISSION ("APDC") 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Overview

In accordance with the requirements of the Public Authorities Accountability Act ("PAAA"), public authorities with a December 31 fiscal year are required to adopt, make available on their website, and report in the Public Authority Reporting Information System ("PARIS") their 2021 budgets.

Overall, the 2021 budget anticipates an increase in the APDC's net position of approximately \$7 million. This anticipated increase assumes capital contributions of \$10 million in 2021. Capital contributions are typically grants received from state or federal sources. Absent of the capital contributions for 2021, the budget anticipates generating approximately \$760,000 to fund capital projects.

Certain items are reimbursable from Federal Marine Terminals ("FMT") in accordance with the Terminal Operating Agreement ("Agreement") between APDC and FMT. Accounting rules require these items to be recorded as expenses when incurred by APDC and revenue recognized when reimbursed by FMT; however, due to the unpredictable nature of these items and that on a net basis do not impact the operating budget, these items are not included for budgeting purposes.

During the development of the budget, proposed goals have been identified to guide the allocation of resources proposed for 2021 and beyond. Accomplishing these goals will bring new facilities online, stabilize and grow real estate revenue, develop enterprise-wide cybersecurity practices, and position the APDC for future growth.

2021 Budget Goal	Objective	Metric	
New roadway and terminal improvement design	Design completed	Design completion percentage	
New roadway and terminal improvement - construction	Construction Bid, construction awarded for roadway, construction underway for roadway	Design doc and bid doc completion, construction completion percentage	
Shed 1 reuse or demo plan	Shed 1 plan established	Established plan and bid documents prepared and put out and completed	
Re-program/re-purpose available land	Create revenue/development opportunities	Percentage change of available vacant acres	
	Re-use plan for 700 Smith Blvd, clean up complete, lease option/lease presented and approved	Clean up plan approved, clean up complete, lease option or lease presented and approved	
	Re-use plan for 877 S Pearl Street/13 Binghamton	Lease or sale options presented/approved	

2021 Budget Goal (cont.)	Objective	Metric		
	Obtain necessary regulatory approvals	Approvals in place		
Continue Port expansion efforts	Design & permitting access and bridge	Application submitted & received		
	Permitting on heavy Lift Quay	Application submitted		
	Pursue federal and state grant funding opportunities (5-6 major sources)	Funding Awarded		
		Percentage of land leased or number of business development		
	Business development results	commitments		
	Funding/Financing Plan in Place	% Completion		
	Site Clearing and pre-development	% Completion		
Retain imports	Lumber shipments to big box store's various distribution centers in the Northeast	Shipments of 20,000 s.t. 6 ships		
	Wood pulp from Europe to various destinations in the U. S. and Canada	Annual volume of 50,000 s.t. annually		
Obtain new import business	Winter Port Business Development	12,000 s.t. of products, primarily steel, from Europe to Mid-Western and Canadian destinations during closure of the Great Lakes through May		
	Calcium Chloride that is primarily shipped to Canada and some U. S. destinations.	Shipments totaling 8,000 s.t annually		
	Containerboard from Europe for various paper companies and brokers in Canada, New York & New Jersey	Shipments of 3,000 s.t. annually		
	Shipments of more than the two major energy construction projects.	Import shipments for major energy construction projects		
	Identify and secure shipments of international or domestic steel to move over our facilities	Shipments of 3,000 s.t. annually		
Expand ocean carrier calls	Develop additional business for ocean carrier that carries forest products - either import or export	Two additional shipments for return loads		
Obtain barge business	Continue marketing program aimed at South Atlantic and Gulf Coast barge operators to secure either heavy lift/project or general cargo business	Shipments moving over Ro-Ro ramp or terminal		
Obtain wind energy business	Obtain land-based wind energy project shipments	Number of wind energy projects secured		

Significant revenue and expense assumptions that have been used in the development of the 2021 budget are presented below.

# **REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS:**

Revenue derived from operations is budgeted at approximately \$5.2 million. Budgeted operating revenue for 2021 represents \$136,000 increase compared to the current operating revenue projection for 2020. There is not one specific driver of this budgeted increase; it is the result of net growth in rental income along with a budgeted increase in maritime-related revenue. The maritime-related categories have been budgeted with a slight increase, with the expected increase to 40 ships in 2021.

- Rental income through the leasing of APDC-owned real property is the largest single operating revenue component. Income from real estate represents over 68% of APDC's operating revenue. APDC's real estate portfolio serves as a stabilizing force to offset volatility in the maritime sector. Rental revenue is expected to increase by modest inflationary adjustments to rents, generally through CPI, as prescribed in the individual leases. APDC has completed negotiations for a new lease on the DEC building which will provides an increase in rental revenue. The budget reflects 9 months at the new rate, due to current and expected delays from COVID 19 changes in overall state operations. APDC also completed negotiations for an expanded lease for RIS on the Rensselaer side of the port.
- Maritime Related revenue is generated from charges for vessels being berthed at APDC-owned docks (dockage) and charges generated from the loading and unloading of vessels (wharfage). Additionally, the Agreement with FMT consists of two primary revenue components: a fixed amount related to FMT's operation of the APDC maritime terminal and a revenue sharing payment that is triggered upon FMT gross revenue exceeding specified thresholds. The 2021 budget reflects the fixed amount of the payment (\$200,000) and the additional \$45,000 for the expansion of the FMT agreement. We do expect the 10% revenue share as defined under the terms of the Agreement and for both 2020 and 2021.
- Services Revenue consists of fees generated primarily from two activities: security charges for the terminal and terminal escort charges for those entering the terminal without the necessary Transportation Working Identification Credentials ("TWIC"). Also included in this category are the charges collected for FMT's use of the APDC's mobile harbor cranes. Of the amount budgeted for 2021, \$375,000 is for security charges and represents about 4,200 hours of chargeable security services and 2,100 TWIC escorts. The 2021 budget anticipates 450 hours of billable crane hours, generating \$160,000 of revenue. The crane revenue activity is correlated to the anticipated handling needs of an additional woodpulp customer. Similar to certain other break bulk commodities, movement of woodpulp shipments drive crane utilization.

• The Facility Related category primarily represents the revenue recognized through various reimbursements received primarily from FMT for the use of fuel, utilities, equipment rentals and other similar items utilized in the daily operation of APDC's terminal. As these items are effectively offset by expenses, this category is not budgeted in 2021.

# **EXPENSE ASSUMPTIONS:**

- 11 full-time salaried employees
- 6 full-time hourly employees
- 6 regular part-time security employees
- 2 new positions
- Static association membership (AAPA, NAPA, CEG, Green Marine, Capital Region Chamber, etc.)

Expenses incurred from operations ("OpEx") are budgeted at approximately \$4.4 million and this amount reflects a 11% increase over the current projection of operating expenses for 2020. The major drivers of this increase are Professional fees, Safety and Security costs and Advertising and Promotion as detailed below.

- OpEx incurred for Salaries and related expenses are budgeted at approximately \$1.8million for 2021. Included in the 2021 budget is an allocation of \$135,000 to fund two new positions and an approximately \$60,000 pool for salary adjustments. The pool for salary adjustments is to be distributed at the discretion of the CEO. APDC's NYS Retirement payment for 2021 is \$123,000 higher than 2020 due to an adjustment for prior years. Approximately \$300,000 of the proposed salary expense has a revenue offset through the billing of security services.
- Professional Services are expected to decrease by about \$60,000. The 2020 estimated amount includes a fee due to CBRE for their services related to the DEC lease agreement.
- Administrative Expenses are expected to increase over the 2020 projections. This
  increase reflects the significant decrease in 2020 expenses due to APDC's reduction
  of expenses during COVID 19 restrictions.
- Facilities Equipment & Maintenance are expected to decrease in 2021 slightly, by \$15,000. Crane Parts and Repair are budgeted consistent with 2020, but greater than the projection due to the uncertainty of possible repairs.
- Security and Safety costs for 2021 are projected to increase over the 2020 projections but are inline with the 2019 budget. We have again budgeted \$80,000 to replace cameras throughout the property.

### **NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

- Non-operating revenue is income derived from APDC's investment portfolio.
- Within the non-operating expense categories are contractual amounts related to noncapital lease obligations of the APDC and various interest and transaction charges related to other lease obligations.
- During 2014Q2 the APDC entered into a master lease agreement with a commercial bank for purposes of funding current and future capital items. Various APDC-owned assets are pledged as collateral under the terms of the lease agreement. An additional sub-lease was executed during Q4 2018 to partially fund capital project costs.
- For 2021, we have again included a contingency amount representing approximately 4% (or \$180,000) of operating expenses is being proposed to help stabilize the volatility in various maritime and maritime-related revenue activities and/or reduce the impact of unanticipated expenses on net position.

# **CAPITAL ITEMS:**

- The 2021 budget anticipates generating approximately \$760,000 to fund necessary capital repairs and replacements in 2021and reflect the fluctuations addressed earlier in this document. The performance of operating activities during 2021 will either reduce or increase the resources used to fund APDC's capital needs.
- Capital contributions totaling \$10 million is expected to be recorded by APDC in 2021. These amounts will be restricted for capital-related activities and are projected to supplement the amounts generated by APDC 2021 operating activities.