

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY  
James Julian Board Room  
New Castle, Delaware  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

The meeting convened at 11:05 a.m. with Chairperson Lowe presiding.

Chairperson Lowe called upon Commissioner Lathem to give the opening prayer. The opening prayer was given by Commissioner Lathem, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Lowe called on the Authority Assistant Secretary to read the meeting notice. The Assistant Secretary announced that a notice of the meeting had been distributed to the offices of the Governor of New Jersey and the Governor of Delaware, to appropriate staff members and consultants, to the press in both States and to any other individuals who had indicated an interest in receiving a copy of the meeting notice.

Chairperson Lowe called on the Assistant Secretary to take the roll.

Commissioners from Delaware

William E. Lowe, Chairperson  
Crystal L. Carey  
Henry J. Decker  
James L. Ford III  
Samuel E. Lathem  
Michael Ratchford - absent

Commissioners from New Jersey

James N. Hogan, Vice-Chairperson  
James Bennett - absent  
Sheila McCann  
Shirley R. Wilson - absent  
Ceil Smith  
M. Earl Ransome, Jr.

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Chairperson Lowe called for the acceptance of the Agenda

Commissioner Lathem made a motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ford and the motion carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

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11503.           APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 21, 2019 MINUTES

Commissioner Ransome made a motion to approve the April 21, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Decker and approved by a voice vote of 9-0.

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11504. DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – TRAFFIC AND REVENUE SUMMARY.

The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) presented a chart showing Actual versus Projected Revenues for the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, Airports, Delaware City-Salem Ferry Crossing, and Food Services for the month of April 2019.

Without objection, the chart was ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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11505. DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES.

The CFO presented a chart showing statements of income and expenses for the month of April with comparisons to the same period last year.

Without objection, the chart was ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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11506. DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – OPERATING EXPENSE BY DIVISION.

The CFO presented a chart for April showing expenses by division for the quarter to date vs. the projected quarter and for year to date vs. total budget.

Without objection, the chart was ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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11507. DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

The CFO presented a chart for the month of April showing the capital budget for crossing and economic development projects and dollars committed to date for the projects. The chart also included cash expenditures spent to date for the committed projects.

Without objection, the chart was ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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11508. DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – CASH POSITION (MARKET VALUE) AS OF APRIL 30, 2019.

The CFO presented charts indicating the cash fund balances for the entire Authority.

Without objection, the chart was ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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11509. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Lowe noted (1) Contract Award, No Contract Close-Out, and (4) Resolutions to be considered today. All action items have been reviewed and recommended for consideration during today’s Committee meetings. He then called for public comment.

There were no public comments.

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11510. AWARD OF CONTRACT #DMB-18-03- MISCELLANEOUS STEEL REPAIRS, FIRST AND SECOND STRUCTURES

The Chief Operations Officer (COO) noted that a public bid opening was held on April 17, 2019. The COO and Projects Committee recommended awarding the contracts to the lowest responsible bidder, Cornell and Company, Inc., of Woodbury, New Jersey in the amount of \$6,261,000.00.

A motion to award CONTRACT #DMB-18-03 – Miscellaneous Steel Repairs, First and Second Structures to the aforementioned firm was made by Commissioner Ransome, seconded by Commissioner Lathem, approved by a voice vote of 9-0.

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11511. CHAIRPERSON’S CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS BEFORE THE BOARD

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**RESOLUTION 19-16 - AUTHORIZING AUTHORITY EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 01-84 FOR THE PERIOD, JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019**

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) adopted Resolution 01-84 requiring Commissioner review and approval of all Authority expenditures in excess of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the Authority anticipates expenditures at or over the \$25,000 amount to the following vendors:

DELAWARE RIVER & BAY AUTHORITY PROJECTED VENDORS TO BE PAID OVER \$25,000 OPERATION EXPENDITURES			
FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/19 THROUGH 12/31/19	PURCHASE DESCRIPTION	CLASSIFICATION	ESTIMATED \$
VENDOR			
Advantech Inc.	Replacement Video Management System	State Contract	\$100,000
Cape Marine, Inc.	Replacement Rescue Boat Hulls	Proprietary	\$44,000
Collinson, Inc.	Supply and Install Guide Rail and Related Materials	Quotes	\$25,000
Double K, Inc., d/b/a Hometown Trolley	Lewes Trolley	State Contract	\$220,000
John Deere Construction Retail Sales c/o JESCO, Inc.	Replacement Backhoe Loader and Wheel Loader	State Contract	\$313,000
Michael Borts	Procurement Process Review	Quotes <sup>1</sup>	\$127,000
Overhead Door Co. of Northern Delaware	Replacement Doors for DMB Maintenance Buildings	Quotes	\$47,000
W.W. Grainger, Inc.	Replacement Floor Scrubber and Boom Lift	State Contract	\$225,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority authorizes expenditures to the above-listed vendors for the described purposes and authorizes payment.

A motion to approve Resolution 19-16 was made by Commissioner Ford, seconded by Commissioner McCann, and approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

### Resolution 19-16 - Executive Summary Sheet

**Resolution:** Authorizing Authority Expenditures Pursuant to Resolution 01-84 for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

**Committee:** Budget & Finance

**Committee and Board Date:** May 21, 2019

**Purpose of Resolution:**

Authorizes expenditures of \$25,000 or greater with the identified vendors during the 2019 calendar year.

**Background for Resolution:**

The proposed Resolution meets the requirements of Resolution 01-84, whereby the Authority shall not enter into any contract committing the Authority to spend or make any other expenditures relating to services, material and supplies in the amount of \$25,000 or more unless it has first been approved by a vote of Commissioners.

**Background for the specific purchases:**

Advantech Inc.: Replacement Video Management System

The Authority will be utilizing Advantech to begin replacement of the current Video Management System (VMS). Advantech sells and supports Milestone Systems, the new VMS manufacturer selected by the Authority, and will provide integration and implementation of the new VMS in accordance with the prices of their competitively-bid state contract for Building Access Security Services (GSS15599-BLDG\_SECURE).

Cape Marine, Inc.: Replacement Rescue Boat Hulls

The Authority plans to hire a contractor to supply and install four new rescue boat hull sponsors, repair fiberglass, and perform general outboard maintenance on all seven Yamaha engines aboard the CMLF rescue boats. The replacement sponsors (\$35K of total estimate) are made by Zodiac Milpro, who maintains the exclusive rights to manufacture and sell the hull via authorized distributors.

Collinson, Inc.: Supply and Install Guide Rail and Related Materials

Throughout the year the Authority retains a contractor specializing in guide rail repair and related work to rehabilitate areas damaged by motorists. Quotes for the current repair work were solicited and received from three contractors, with Collinson quoting the lowest price to supply the materials and perform the work as specified by DRBA staff. It is likely that the cost of such services will exceed the \$25,000 threshold in 2019.

Double K, Inc., d/b/a Hometown Trolley: Lewes Trolley

The Authority intends to purchase one replacement trolley in order to continue to provide reliable ground transportation to customers at the Lewes Terminal. The previous equipment

has exceeded its useful life and meets the equipment replacement criteria in place for the Authority. The replacement trolley will be purchased at prices established by the HGAC's cooperative purchasing contract for Buses – Shuttles, Transits, Trams & Other Specialty Buses (Contract BT01-19) as awarded to Hometown Trolley. All HGAC contracts have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process and the State of Delaware is a participating end user of the HGAC cooperative. The retired equipment will be sold at public auction.

John Deere Construction Retail Sales c/o JESCO, Inc.: Replacement Backhoe Loader and Wheel Loader

The Authority is replacing a backhoe loader and wheel loader that have each exceeded their useful lives and meet the replacement criteria in place for capital equipment. Both purchases will be made via an authorized equipment dealer (JESCO) subject to John Deere's competitively-bid cooperative contract (Sourcewell #032515-JDC: Full Size & Compact Construction Equipment). The retired backhoe will be sold at public auction. The retired wheel loader will be liquidated per FAA requirements.

Michael Borts: Procurement Process Review

The Authority's Board of Commissioners has requested a review of the Authority's procurement process to enhance long range planning alternatives by utilizing current best practices. The review will include analysis of transparency, efficiency and price competitiveness. The review will establish actionable recommendations to meet these goals.

Overhead Door Co. of Northern Delaware: Replacement Doors for DMB Maintenance Buildings

The Authority will be hiring a contractor to furnish and install nine (9) replacement steel overhead doors at the Delaware Memorial Bridge Maintenance facilities. Quotes to supply and install the new doors were solicited and received from three (3) door supplier/contractors, with Overhead Door Co. of Northern Delaware submitting the lowest quote meeting the Authority's specifications.

W.W. Grainger, Inc.: Replacement Floor Scrubber and Boom Lift

The Authority intends to purchase one replacement floor scrubber and one replacement Z-80 boom lift for Maintenance Operations. The equipment being replaced have each exceeded their useful life and meet the replacement criteria in place for the Authority. Grainger is party to a competitively-bid state contract for Industrial Supplies and Equipment (GSS18577). The purchase of one Tennant ride-on scrubber (Janitorial Equipment and Supplies) and one Z-80 boom lift (Material Handling) will be made in accordance with Grainger's state contract prices.

## **Purchase Classification Definitions:**

**Proprietary.** A purchase necessary to support or maintain existing Authority equipment for which a vendor has the right to prohibit an equivalent product from being supplied. Similar products or services may be available, however the Authority must purchase from the original equipment manufacturer or service provider to uphold a contract, warranty, etc. A proprietary specification typically restricts the acceptable product or service to one manufacturer or vendor; although the product or service may be available from more than one distributor.

**Quotes.** A purchase of equipment, supplies or non-professional services or a contract for construction or construction management that is anticipated to cost between \$25,000 and \$49,999 during a calendar year and for which the Authority has solicited written quotes. *“Contracts for materiel and supplies and non-professional services, awarded to any [vendor for an amount of] more than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000 in the aggregate require the solicitation of three written quotes or all available sources, whichever is less... Construction management contracts or construction contracts...which are less than \$50,000 do not require formal solicitation of competitive prices and, if more than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000 require the solicitation of three written quotes or all available sources, whichever is less...”* (DRBA Resolution 98-31 Part 4).

**Quotes<sup>1</sup>.** Pursuant to DRBA Resolution 98-31, Part 1.d.(ii), the Executive Director, with notice to and approval by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Authority is authorized to enter into contracts for professional services in excess of \$50,000 without the contract being publicly announced and advertised where “the subject matter of the contract falls within the definition of “public business of a confidential nature” as provided by Section 4(b) of the Authority's Freedom of Information Regulations. Nonetheless, the Executive Director has solicited three written quotes for these services which are confidential pursuant to Section 4(b) (11) of the Authority’s Freedom of Information Regulations.

**State Contract.** A purchase of equipment, supplies or non-professional services which, under normal circumstances, would require competitive bidding, however the vendor has agreed to provide the goods or services to the Authority at fees less than or equal to that vendor’s respective contract as awarded by the State of Delaware or New Jersey. *“Any contract for the purchase of materiel and supplies and non-professional services.... which contract individually exceeds \$50,000, or in the combination with other contracts, exceeds \$50,000 in any one calendar year shall be pursuant to a contract entered into by the Authority after competitive bidding. This provision shall not apply to purchases by the Authority from suppliers in cases where the Authority is purchasing at prices pursuant to contracts awarded by the States of Delaware or New Jersey for state agencies.”* (DRBA Resolution 11-36 Part 2.a.). In accordance with Resolution 11-36, this purchase classification also includes those *“...purchases from cooperatives and/or the piggy-backing of existing publicly-bid contracts for state and governmental entities which State of Delaware or New Jersey may or may not individually publicly advertise”*.

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**RESOLUTION 19-17 – AUTHORIZES AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY AND PNC BANK TO PROVIDE TRUSTEE AND CUSTODY SERVICES FOR PENSION AND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT ASSETS**

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) is a bi-state Authority of the State of Delaware and the State of New Jersey, created by Compact, that operates and maintains the Delaware Memorial Bridge, Cape May-Lewes Ferry, Forts Ferry Crossing and five regional airports; and

WHEREAS, the Authority seeks to engage a qualified banking firm to serve as trustee and custodian of the Authority’s Pension and Other Post-Employee Benefit (“OPEB”) Assets in accordance with the Delaware River and Bay Authority Employee’s Retirement Plan and the Delaware River and Bay Authority Retiree Health Benefits Plan (hereinafter, the “Services”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to enter into a Services Agreement (“Agreement”) with the selected banking firm; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement to serve as trustee and custodian of the Authority’s Pension and OPEB Assets shall have a base term of five (5) consecutive years with the Authority granted the option to extend the Agreement for no more than two additional periods of two (2) years each after the expiration of the base term, either such two-year “Option Term” to be authorized by the originating committee with the consent of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Authority publicly advertised a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the required Services in compliance with Resolution 98-31, as amended, which governs the procedure for the procurement of professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority received and evaluated three proposals pursuant to the aforementioned public advertisement; and

WHEREAS, the Authority short-listed two proposals and conducted oral interviews with each of the respective firms; and

WHEREAS, PNC Bank (“PNC”) was designated as the highest-ranking firm following final evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the Authority conducted an analysis of the scope, complexity and cost of the services proposed by PNC and negotiated with PNC to provide such services at compensation determined to be fair and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed this recommendation and concurs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to finalize the terms and conditions of the Agreement with PNC to provide the Services to the Authority and to have



such Agreement, with the advice and consent of Counsel, executed by the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Executive Director.

A motion to approve Resolution 19-17 was made by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Ransome, and approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

**Resolution 19-17 - Executive Summary Sheet**

**Resolution:** Authorizes an agreement between the Authority and PNC Bank (“PNC”) to provide trustee and custody services for pension and other post-employment benefit assets.

**Committee:** Budget and Finance

**Committee/  
Board Date:** May 21, 2019

**Purpose of Resolution:**  
To authorize an agreement with PNC to serve as trustee and custodian of the Authority’s Pension and Other Post-Employee Benefit (“OPEB”) Assets in accordance with the Delaware River and Bay Authority Employee’s Retirement Plan and the Delaware River and Bay Authority Retiree Health Benefits Plan.

**Background for Resolution:**  
The proposed Resolution meets the requirements of Resolution 98-31, as amended, which governs the procedure for the procurement of professional services.

The Authority received and evaluated proposals submitted by the following three (3) firms, and short-listed\* two (2) of those firms:

- PNC Bank\*
- U.S. Bank
- Wilmington Trust\*

After an initial review and evaluation of all proposals, the Authority conducted oral interviews with the short-listed firms and utilized the final evaluation criteria to establish a final ranked list, with PNC Bank being identified as the top-ranked firm following the short-list interviews. The Authority conducted an analysis of the proposed costs for the services and negotiated for the services to be provided at rates determined to be fair and reasonable.

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**RESOLUTION 19-18 - AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY AND THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ENHANCEMENT, MANAGEMENT, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE DELAWARE MEMORIAL BRIDGE AIR GAP MEASUREMENT SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Delaware River and Bay Authority is the owner and operator of the Delaware Memorial Bridge crossing facility which provides crossing of the Delaware River for the purpose of enhancing transportation and commerce between the State of Delaware and the State of New Jersey, and the region; and

WHEREAS, since 1998 the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has operated a Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS) for the Delaware River and Bay Authority for the purpose of promoting navigation safety, improving the efficiency of US ports and harbors and ensuring the protection of coastal marine resources; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware River and Bay PORTS has monitoring stations from Lewes, Delaware to Newbold, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the safe navigation and operation of vessels in the regional port system is vital to the economic growth and stability of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has seen an increase in large ship traffic over the past eighteen (18) months, and

WHEREAS, in April 2019 an Air-Gap system was installed on the Delaware Memorial Bridge to provide real-time air-gap information required for safe transit of large vessels under the Delaware Memorial Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to enter into an agreement with NOAA, and the National Ocean Services (NOS\_ through the Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS) to allow CO-OPS to enhance, manage, operate, maintain and repair a microwave air-gap measurement system on the Delaware Memorial Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Air-Gap information from the Delaware Memorial Bridge will be incorporated into the Delaware River and Bay Authority's PORTS; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's cost for CO-OPS services will be capped at \$20,000.00 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director is hereby authorized with the advice and consent of counsel to finalize and execute a Reimbursable Agreement for the enhancement, management, operation, maintenance, and repair of the Delaware Memorial Bridge air-gap measurement system with the US Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and National Ocean Service for a period of no more than five years beginning in 2019 at a maximum cost of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) per year, subject to the review and consent of the Budget and Finance Committee in years two through five.

A motion to approve Resolution 19-18 was made by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner McCann, and approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

**Resolution 19-18 - Executive Summary Sheet**

**Resolution:** Authorizes the Execution of Agreement between the Authority and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the enhancement, management, operation, maintenance, and repair of the Delaware Memorial Bridge air-gap measurement system

**Committee:** Budget and Finance

**Committee Date:** May 21, 2019

**Board Date:** May 21, 2019

**Purpose/Background for Resolution:**

Since 1998, PORTS has been operating on the Delaware River and Bay for the purpose of promoting navigation safety, improving the efficiency of ports and harbors and ensuring the protection of coastal marine resources.

In April 2019, an Air-Gap system was installed on the Delaware Memorial Bridge to provide real-time air-gap information required for safe transit of large vessels under the Delaware Memorial Bridge.

The safe navigation and operation of vessels in the regional port system is vital to the economic growth and stability of the region.

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**RESOLUTION 19-19 - RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF THE NEW CASTLE AIRPORT AND EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) is the operator of the New Castle Airport; and

WHEREAS, Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC (“Comcast”) has requested a permanent non-exclusive easement in order to install communication services to the Dupont leasehold; and

WHEREAS, the total easement consists of approximately Thirty-Four Hundred (3,400) linear feet; and

WHEREAS, the granting of said easement shall not interfere with or be detrimental to the future use of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to enter into an easement agreement with Comcast to formalize the parties’ rights and obligations with respect to Comcast’s easement at the airport; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to finalize the terms and conditions of the Easement Agreement at the New Castle Airport, with the advice and consent of counsel, to have such Easement Agreement executed by the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and the Executive Director.

A motion to approve Resolution 19-19 was made by Commissioner Ford, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.

**Resolution 19-19 - Executive Summary**

**Resolution:** Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Permanent Easement Agreement with Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC at the New Castle Airport.

**Committee:** Economic Development

**Committee Date:** May 21, 2019

**Board Date:** May 21, 2019

**Purpose of Resolution:** To permit the Executive Director to execute and easement agreement at the New Castle Airport.

**Background for Resolution:** Authorizes the Executive Director, Chairman and Vice Chairman to execute and deliver an easement for approximately 3,400 linear feet of property at the New Castle Airport. This will allow Comcast services to be provided to Dupont, a tenant at the airport. Comcast is also speaking with additional tenants about tie-ins along the easement.

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11512. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

The Executive Director reported on events in and around the Authority as follows:

DMB Tidbits – April Traffic Count was the all-time best April in Authority history;  
Good Friday = 73,198 vehicles crossed for the best Good Friday count ever;  
First time more than 70,000 daily vehicles from January 1<sup>st</sup> to Memorial Day

The Executive Director reported on a successful toll increase implementation with thanks to Gerry DiNicola and her IT department.

Ferry Facts – At the end of April 2019 – Vehicle traffic was up 9%, Passengers up 15%, Traffic Revenue up 17%.

The Executive Director reported on the Ship Collision Federal Grant Announcement with U.S Senator Carper and U.S. Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester at the Authority. It was one of the largest grants ever received by the State of Delaware for a 45-million-dollar project, half of which will come from the Federal Government.

McCullough Middle School students made a visit to the DRBA. This is a great way to get the local kids involved in what we do and open their minds to the future.

Lt. Clayton Palmer has retired after 30 years of service in Cape May and Lewes and as an ambassador for the DRBA. He rode the ferry and interacted with our customers and is an incredible guy. Thank you for your service to the DRBA.

The Police Unity Tour route included the Cape May Lewes Ferry. The cyclist's route started New York City, crossed the Ferry and headed on to Washington, DC. It was truly a sight having them on the Ferry.

Tech Village Groundbreaking at WWD, one tenant currently has about 5 employees and when they move to the new location will have about 25 employees.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall in Lewes, this was an event by the American Legion folks with an estimated attendance about 6,000. We are pleased to be a part of this event.

#### Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 30, 2019- Memorial Day Services, 10:30 a.m. Veterans Memorial Park;

Commission Meeting – Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – James Julian Board Room.

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#### 11513. COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC FORUM

Chairperson Lowe called for comments from the public and the Commissioners.

Ms. Penny Dryden with Executive Community Housing and state Director of the Delaware Concerned Residents for Environmental Justice (DCREJ). Ms. Dryden referenced Commissioner Lathem comments suggesting space for the community to meet. The work being done by the DCREJ is compatible with the mission of the DRBA. She Suggests a Community Advisory Board, to connect with the community and to discuss issues with the Authority. Ms. Dryden asked for the DRBA to consider one and if one in place please share with the community.

Mr. Ken Dryden with the Delaware Concerned Residents for Environmental Justice. Mr. Dryden just received the Facility Use Policy and didn't have time to review the policy. Mr. Dryden would like to review the policy and return to the Commissioners at a later date with questions or concerns.

Commissioner Ford thanked the DRBA employees and police presence during the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall in Lewes. Heath Gehrke, Director of Ferry Operations did an exceptional job. It was a proud moment for the DRBA and our county.

Chairperson Lowe congratulated Commissioner Lathem on Senate confirmation and reappointment to the Board.

Vice-Chairperson Hogan discussed the 2000-2008 homeowners' crisis and its effects to homeowners. Homeowners still facing deed & mortgage issues with someone else holding a note to the home which cannot be locate. Vice-Chairperson sees another meltdown coming and dealing with issues and mortgages. Nothing we can do to change it, but in reality nothing was fixed after the 2008 crisis.

Commissioner Ransome thanked the community group and appreciated their comments.

Commissioner Lathem discussed being good neighbors. Still able to do something to be good neighbors, and taking care of the fire companies. This community is so important and whatever we can do to help would be great. The community is us and whatever we can due to be good neighbors.

There being no further business, Chairperson Lowe adjourned the meeting at 11:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY**

Stephen D. Williams  
Assistant Secretary