

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY  
Delaware Memorial Bridge Complex  
Tuesday, June 18, 2024**

The meeting convened at 10:05 a.m. at the Delaware Memorial Bridge Complex, with Chairperson Lathem presiding.

Immediately prior to the meeting, in conformity with Section 3.4 of the Delaware River and Bay Authority By-Laws, the Executive Director – with the concurrence of the Chairperson – appointed James Salmon as the Assistant Secretary of the Delaware River and Bay Authority.

Chairperson Lathem 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.

The opening prayer was given by Chairperson Lathem, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioners from Delaware

Samuel Lathem, Chairperson  
Crystal L. Carey – Zoom\*  
Henry J. Decker - Zoom  
Michael Ratchford  
Veronica O. Faust - Zoom  
Theodore Becker

Commissioners from New Jersey

James N. Hogan, Vice-Chairperson  
Shirley R. Wilson - Zoom  
Ceil Smith  
Sheila McCann  
M. Earl Ransome, Jr.  
Heather Baldini - Zoom

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Chairperson Lathem called for the acceptance of the Agenda.

Commissioner Ransome made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ratchford, and the motion was carried by a voice vote of 11-0.

**\*Commissioner Carey joined the meeting via: Zoom at 10:10 a.m.**

Chairperson Lathem opened the meeting for public comment on any matters of interest.

The Executive Director introduced the following DRBA 2024 Summer Interns:

Paisley Crocker	Airports
Mejia Gianelly	Police
Liam Cochran	Legal/Executive
Erica Hartman	Marketing/Cape May
Jenna Delmar	Communications
Jordan Cole	Marketing/ILG
Ethan Schuster	Marketing/WWD
Jonathan Scott	Engineering

**\* Commissioner Carey arrived 10:10 a.m.**

Chairperson Lathem called for a motion to move to the Executive Session. Commissioner Ransome made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ratchford, and the motion was carried by voice vote of 12-0.

Members of the public and certain staff were excused from the room during the Executive Session.

The Executive Session started at 10:11 a.m. At 10:48 a.m. Chairperson Lathem called for a motion to close the Executive Session, and recess to conduct Committee Meetings. Commissioner Becker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCann, and the motion was carried by a voice vote of 12-0.

The Committee meetings began at 10:48 a.m. and ended at 11:13 a.m. During that time, the following Committee meetings were held:

Budget & Finance  
Economic Development  
Projects

At the conclusion of the Committee meetings, Chairperson Lathem called the Board meeting back to order at 11:13 a.m.

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12307.            APPROVAL OF THE MAY MINUTES

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve meeting minutes for May 21, 2024, seconded by Commissioner McCann, and approved by a voice vote of 12-0.

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12308.            DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – TRAFFIC AND REVENUE SUMMARY.

The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) presented charts showing Actual versus Projected Revenues for the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, Airports, Delaware City-Salem Ferry Crossing

and Food Service for May. Without objection, the charts were ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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12309. DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE.

The CFO presented charts showing statements of income and expense for May 2024 with comparisons to the same periods last year.

Without objection, the charts were ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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12310. DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – OPERATING EXPENSE BY DIVISION.

The CFO presented charts for May 2024 showing expenses by division for the quarter to date vs. the projected quarter and for year to date vs. total budget.

Without objection, the charts were ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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12311. DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

The CFO presented charts for May 2024 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 charts were ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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12312. DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY – CASH POSITION (MARKET VALUE) FOR MAY 31, 2024.

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

Without objection, the charts were ordered filed with the permanent records of the Authority.

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12313. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Lathem noted that six (6) Contract Awards, two (2) Contract Rejections, three (3) Contract Close-Outs, and six (6) Resolutions were being considered at today’s meeting.

All action items requiring committee action have been reviewed and recommended for consideration during today’s Committee meetings. He then called for public comment on any action items.

There was no public comment on action items before the Board.

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12314. AWARD OF CONTRACT #CMLF-24-02 - CAPE MAY TERMINAL FACILITIES BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

The Chief Operations Officer (COO) noted that a public bid opening was held on May 15, 2024. The COO and Projects Committee recommended awarding the base bid and add alternate no. 1 to the lowest responsible bidder, Kavi Construction, LLC of Berlin, New Jersey in the amount of \$328,000.00.

A motion to award CONTRACT #CMLF-24-02 to the aforementioned firm was made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner McCann, and approved by a voice vote of 12-0.

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12315. AWARD OF CONTRACT #CMLF-L24-03 – LEWES TERMINAL PATIO IMPROVEMENTS

The Chief Operations Officer (COO) noted that a public bid opening was held on May 30, 2024. The COO and Projects Committee recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Ocean Construction LLC of Williamstown, New Jersey in the amount of \$680,848.00.

A motion to award CONTRACT #CMLF-L24-03 to the aforementioned firm was made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner McCann, and approved by a voice vote of 12-0.

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12316. AWARD OF CONTRACT #DMB-24-16 - RESUFLOR SHOP FLOOR DB INSTALLATION

The Chief Operations Officer (COO) noted that a public bid opening was held on May 30, 2024. The COO and Projects Committee recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Champion Painting Specialty Services, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida in the amount of \$90,280.00.

A motion to award CONTRACT #DMB-24-16 to the aforementioned firm was made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner McCann, and approved by a voice vote of 12-0.

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12317. REJECT ALL BIDS FOR CONTRACT #DMB-24-50 – AUTHORITY WIDE FIRE SUPPRESSION AND EXTINGUISHER MAINTENANCE, TESTING AND INSPECTION

The Chief Operations Officer (COO) noted that a public bid opening was held on May 22, 2024. The COO and Projects Committee recommended rejecting all bids for this contract.

A motion to reject all bids for CONTRACT #DMB-24-50 was made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner McCann, and approved by a voice vote 12-0.

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12318. AWARD OF CONTRACT #ILG-22-17R – DASSAULT FENCE IMPROVEMENTS

The Chief Operations Officer (COO) noted that a public bid opening was held on May 30, 2024. The COO and Projects Committee recommended awarding the base bid and add alternate no. 1 to the lowest responsible bidder, Pro Max Fence Systems, LLC of Reading, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$727,280.00.

A motion to award CONTRACT #ILG-22-17R to the aforementioned firm was made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Ransome, and approved by a voice vote of 12-0.

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12319. REJECT ALL BIDS FOR CONTRACT #ILG-24-B – TERMINAL HOLD ROOM EXPANSION

The Chief Operations Officer (COO) noted that a public bid opening was held on May 30, 2024. The COO and Projects Committee recommended rejecting all bids for this contract.

A motion to reject all bids for CONTRACT #ILG-24-B was made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner McCann, and approved by a voice vote of 12-0.

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12320. AWARD OF CONTRACT #MIV-22-08 – BUILDING M-112 ROOF AND BUILDING REPAIRS

The Chief Operations Officer (COO) noted that a public bid opening was held on May 23, 2024. The COO and Projects Committee recommended awarding the base bid (and no add alternates) to the lowest responsible bidder, Detwiler Roofing of East Earl, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$231,000.00.

A motion to award CONTRACT #MIV-22-08 to the aforementioned firm was made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Ransome, and approved by a voice vote of 12-0.

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12321. AWARD OF CONTRACT #MIV-24-B – REHABILITATE TAXIWAY A-PHASE 3

The Chief Operations Officer (COO) noted that a public bid opening was held on May 23, 2024. The COO and Projects Committee recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, South State, Inc. of Bridgeton, New Jersey in the amount of \$2,144,613.50.

A motion to award CONTRACT #MIV-24-B to the aforementioned firm was made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Ransome, and approved by a voice vote of 12-0.

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12322. CLOSE-OUT CONTRACT #CMLF-C23-09 – MAINTENANCE DREDGING 2024

CONTRACT #CMLF-C23-09 – MAINTENANCE DREDGING 2024 to Barnegat Bay Dredging, Inc. of Harvey Cedars, New Jersey.

It is recommended that the Authority accept this project and make the final payment to the contractor. The final cost of this project is \$296,248.80.

A motion to Close-Out Contract #CMLF-C23-09 was made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Ransome, and approved by a voice vote of 12-0.

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12323. CLOSE-OUT CONTRACT #DMB-21-08 – LANE SIGNAL INDICATORS REPLACEMENT

CONTRACT #DMB-21-08 – LANE SIGNAL INDICATORS REPLACEMENT to McLean Construction Company of Glen Burnie, Maryland.

It is recommended that the Authority accept this project and make the final payment to the contractor. The final cost of this project is \$1,218,600.

A motion to Close-Out Contract #DMB-21-08 was made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner McCann, and approved by a voice vote of 12-0.

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12324. CLOSE-OUT CONTRACT #DMB-19-28 – TOWER AND ANCHORAGE EMERGENCY LIGHTING

CONTRACT #DMB-19-28 – TOWER AND ANCHORAGE EMERGENCY LIGHTING to JJD Electric LLC of Paulsboro, New Jersey.

It is recommended that the Authority accept this project and make the final payment to the contractor. The final cost of this project is \$808,778.94.

A motion to Close-Out Contract #DMB-19-28 was made by Commissioner Ransome seconded by Commissioner Becker, and approved by a voice vote of 12-0.

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12325. CHAIRPERSON’S CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS BEFORE THE BOARD

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**RESOLUTION 24-22 - AUTHORIZING AUTHORITY EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 24-17 FOR THE PERIOD, JANUARY 1, 2024, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) adopted Resolution 24-17 requiring Commissioner review and approval of any professional service contract, non-professional service contract, materiel contract, or supply contract valued at \$50,000 or above and any construction management or construction contract valued at \$200,000 or above; and

WHEREAS, the Authority anticipates expenditures at or above the aforementioned thresholds to the following vendors:

DELAWARE RIVER & BAY AUTHORITY  
VENDORS PROJECTED BE AWARDED  
A MATERIEL, SUPPLY, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, OR NON-PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT  
VALUED \$50,000 OR ABOVE  
OR  
A CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT/CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
VALUED \$200,000 OR ABOVE  
DURING THE PERIOD 1/1/24 THROUGH 12/31/24

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>PURCHASE DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>ESTIMATED</b>
Deer & Company c/o Atlantic Tractor LLC	Gator Utility Vehicles	State Contract	\$202,000

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

**Resolution 24-22 was moved by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, and was approved by a roll call vote of 12-0.**

**Resolution 24-22 - Executive Summary Sheet**

**Resolution:** Authorizing Authority Expenditures Pursuant to Resolution 24-17 for the period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

**Committee:** Budget & Finance

**Committee and Board Date:** June 18, 2024

**Purpose of Resolution:**

To receive Commissioner approval of the identified vendors and expenditures for those specific professional service contracts, non-professional service contracts, materiel, and supply contracts valued at \$50,000 or above, and for those specific construction



management or construction contracts valued at \$200,000 or above, that otherwise would require a public competitive process per Resolution 24-17.

**Background for Resolution:**

The proposed Resolution meets the requirements of Resolution 24-17, 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 \$50,000 or more, or a construction management or construction contract in the amount of \$200,000 or more, unless it has first been approved by a vote of Commissioners.

**Purchase Detail:**

Deer & Company c/o Atlantic Tractor LLC: Gator Utility Vehicles

The Authority plans to purchase six (6) gator utility vehicles programmed into the 2024 Capital Equipment Replacement Plan for the Cape May-Lewes Ferry and Delaware Airpark. The equipment will be purchased pursuant to state contract prices (*GSS21673 GRND-MAINT*).

**Classification Definitions:**

**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 24-17 Part 2.a.).

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**RESOLUTION 24-23 AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTION OF AN 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 crossings 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 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 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 vessel traffic and anticipates that this type of large vessel traffic will continue to increase; 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, by adoption of Resolution 19-18, the Authority entered 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 for a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, that Agreement expired on May 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to enter into a successor 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 for an additional five year period; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's cost for CO-OPS services will be approximately \$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 on or after June 1, 2024 at a maximum cost of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) per year, subject to the annual review and consent of the Budget and Finance Committee.

**Resolution 24-23 was moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner McCann, and was approved by a roll call vote of 12-0.**

### **Resolution 24-23 - Executive Summary Sheet**

**Resolution:** Authorizes the Execution of An 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:** June 18, 2024

**Board Date:** June 18, 2024

**Purpose and 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 AirGap 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.

DRBA and NOAA entered into a five-year Agreement pursuant to Resolution 19-18.

This successor Agreement which continues that relationship is in the best interest of the DRBA.

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**RESOLUTION 24-24 - FIFTH AMENDMENT OF THE GROUND LEASE AND THE MEMORANDUM OF GROUND LEASE BETWEEN THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND THE DELAWARE RIVER & BAY AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, The Delaware River & Bay Authority (the “Authority”) is the operator of the Delaware Airpark (“Airport”) pursuant to that certain Ground Lease, dated July 31, 2000, between the State of Delaware (“State”) and the Authority, a Memorandum of which was recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Kent County to give notice of the existence of the Lease (“Ground Lease”); and

WHEREAS, through a Master Planning process it has been determined to be necessary for future airport development and growth to acquire additional lands surrounding the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the State as the Landowner of the Airport has acquired additional parcels of land surrounding the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration provided 90% of the financing for the acquisition through federal grants acquired with the State of Delaware and the Authority each paying 5% of the match; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and the State have agreed to amend the Ground Lease to add the land listed below acquired by the State to the definition of the Demised Premises in addition to those parcels already approved by Resolution 06-08 and 06-33, 09-37, 11-07 and 13-36

Tax parcel KH-03-046.11-01-03.02-000 totaling 15.5 acres (Additional Land)

Tax parcel KH-03-046.11-01-03.02-000 totaling 3.9 acres (Easement)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to finalize the terms and conditions of the Amendment to the Ground Lease and Memorandum of the Ground Lease and, with the advice and consent of counsel, to have such amendments executed by the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and the Executive Director.

**Resolution 24-24 was moved by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Ransome, and was approved by a roll call vote of 12-0.**

**Resolution 24-24 - Executive Summary Sheet**

**Resolution:** Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Lease Amendment and a Memorandum of Ground Lease with the State of Delaware.

**Committee:** Economic Development

**Committee Date:** June 18, 2024

**Board Date:** June 18, 2024

**Purpose and Background for Resolution:**

The State of Delaware acquired land directly adjacent to the Delaware Airpark in support of a Master Plan that was developed for the growth and expansion of the airport. The parcels were obtained for development needs and safety zone buffers as required by the FAA. No other parcel acquisitions are planned at this time.

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**RESOLUTION 24-25 - LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY AND LAUGHING GIRAFFE AVIATION, LLC AT THE MILLVILLE AIRPORT**

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

WHEREAS, Laughing Giraffe Aviation, LLC (“Laughing Giraffe”) desires to lease approximately 21,750 square feet of land in order to construct a corporate hangar at the Millville Airport; and

WHEREAS, Laughing Giraffe has agreed to pay the Authority annual rental in the amount of Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars 00/100 (\$6,525.00); and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the Lease (“Lease Agreement”) is for twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, rent shall adjust annually by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and have a Fair Market Adjustment every five (5) years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to finalize the terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement with Laughing Giraffe Aviation, LLC and, with the advice and consent of counsel, to have such Agreement executed by the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and the Executive Director.

**Resolution 24-25 was moved by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Ransome, and was approved by a roll call vote of 12-0.**

**Resolution 24-25 - Executive Summary**

**Resolution:** Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement between the Delaware River and Bay Authority and Laughing Giraffe Aviation, LLC regarding Millville Airport

**Committee:** Economic Development

**Committee Date:** June 18, 2024

**Board Date:** June 18, 2024

**Purpose of Resolution:** To permit the Executive Director, Chairman and Vice Chairman to execute and deliver a Lease Agreement for space at the Millville Airport.

**Background for Resolution:** The owner of Laughing Giraffe Aviation has been a user of the Millville Airport for some time. They recently purchased a corporate aircraft, and they desire to build a hangar on the airfield to house the aircraft. The rent is based upon the current appraised rental rate for land at the airport.

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**RESOLUTION 24 –26 - RECOGNIZING AND SALUTING HENRY J. DECKER FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS Henry J. Decker was appointed by Governor John Carney to serve as a Commissioner on the Delaware River and Bay Authority, participating in his first Commission meeting on May 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS Mr. Decker served with distinction, enthusiasm and dedication as a Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioner for more than seven years, sharing his insight and expertise as the chairperson of Budget and Finance and as a member of the Personnel and Audit Committees; and

WHEREAS Henry J. Decker began his career in 1969 as a Financial Analyst in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and later served as South Dakota’s Finance Commissioner and Secretary of Transportation; and

WHEREAS Mr. Decker established his Delaware public service credentials in 1979, serving as State Budget Director for a two-year period; and

WHEREAS Mr. Decker continued his impressive public service career in Delaware, including a three-year term as the First State’s Secretary of Public Safety and a twenty-year stint as Assistant Vice President of Delaware Technical and Community College; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee, Mr. Decker focused on enhancement of oversight procedures, improved accountability of the Authority’s business practices, and participated in two successful bond sales on Wall Street; and

WHEREAS Mr. Decker’s skill and experience helped the bi-state agency successfully navigate the negative financial impacts of COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Decker willingly supplied his time, talents, and energy to the successful operation of the Delaware Memorial Bridge, Cape May - Lewes Ferry, Wilmington Airport, Millville Airport, Cape May Airport, Delaware Airpark, Civil Air Terminal at Dover, and the Forts Ferry Crossing, all of which are managed by the Delaware River and Bay Authority; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware River and Bay Authority does hereby praise and congratulate Henry J. Decker for the invaluable services rendered by him to the States of New Jersey and Delaware through his outstanding contributions as a Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioner and does hereby record the Commissioners sincere appreciation by the presentation of this Resolution, adopted today, June 18, 2024.

**Resolution 24-26 was moved by Commissioner Ransome, seconded by Commissioner Becker, and was approved by a roll call vote of 11-0.**

**Commissioner Decker thanked all the Commissioners. Vice-Chairperson Hogan, Commissioner Wilson, and Commissioner Ratchford recognized and thanked Commissioner Decker. The Executive Director also thanked Commissioner Decker for his hard work and dedication to the Authority.**

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**RESOLUTION 24 -27 - RECOGNIZING AND SALUTING JAMES N. HOGAN FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS the Honorable James N. Hogan was appointed by Governor Jon S. Corzine to serve as a Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioner, participating in his first Commission Meeting on December 19, 2006; and,

WHEREAS Mr. Hogan served with distinction, enthusiasm and dedication as a Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioner for nearly eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, for his entire tenure, Mr. Hogan led the New Jersey Commission delegation and was elected by his peers as either Chairman or Vice Chairman of the twelve-person governing board; and

WHEREAS, due to his in-depth knowledge, expertise and experience in emergency management and law enforcement, Mr. Hogan was a staunch advocate and go-to resource for the leadership staff of the Authority's Police Department; and

WHEREAS Mr. Hogan used his political skills and persuasive personality to forge better intergovernmental working relationships in Cape May County, resulting in unprecedented growth, jobs, and development to the Cape May Airport; and

WHEREAS Mr. Hogan recognized the importance of the Authority's transportation network and endorsed the investment of financial resources in numerous infrastructure projects – including the Ship Collision Protection System, Bridge Cable Dehumidification System, the Bridge Deck Rehabilitation Program, the Vessel Repowering Program, and the Ferry's Marine Master Plan, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to his work ethic, Mr. Hogan's storied public service career includes, but is not limited to serving as both Gloucester County's Clerk and Sheriff, Emergency Management Coordinator for both Gloucester County and Franklin Township as well as an adjunct faculty member at three institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hogan willingly supplied his time, talents, and energy to the successful operation of the Delaware Memorial Bridge, Cape May - Lewes Ferry, Wilmington Airport, Millville Airport, Cape May Airport, Delaware Airpark, Civil Air Terminal at Dover, and the Forts Ferry Crossing, all of which are managed by the Delaware River and Bay Authority; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware River and Bay Authority does hereby praise and congratulate James N. Hogan for the invaluable services rendered by him to the States of New Jersey and Delaware through his outstanding contributions as a Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioner, Chairman and Vice-Chairman and does hereby record the Commissioners sincere appreciation by the presentation of this Resolution, adopted today, June 18, 2024.

**Resolution 24-27 was moved by Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Ransome, and was approved by a roll call vote of 11-0.**

Vice Chairperson Hogan was lauded by his fellow Commissioners for his efforts and work on behalf of the Delaware River and Bay Authority. Commissioner Smith recognized his leadership and reaffirmed the fabulous job he did for New Jersey. Commissioner Ransome appreciated his direct approach to issues and praised his dedication, leadership and honesty. Commissioner Wilson thanked Vice-Chair Hogan for his acumen and discussed his friendship, mentorship, and professionalism. Commissioner Ratchford noted that Vice-Chair Hogan was always an honest broker, stressing compromise and fairness between the States of Delaware and New Jersey. Commissioner McCann noted that Vice Chair Hogan was the consummate leader and will be greatly missed by both state delegations. Commissioner Becker appreciated Vice-Chair Hogan's leadership and dedication. Chairperson Lathem discussed the years working together with Vice-

Chair Hogan. His dedication to the DRBA and the wonderful working relationship they had. James Hogan will be truly missed. On behalf of the staff and employees at the DRBA, the Executive Director presented Vice-Chair Hogan with a gift.

**Vice-Chair Hogan thanked his fellow Commissioners and DRBA staff, parting with a Thank you and God Bless!**

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12326. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

The Executive Director confirmed that, during the current two-year term, the Vice-Chairperson is from New Jersey and, pursuant to the DRBA Bylaws Section 2.3, any new Vice-Chairperson elected to fill a vacancy created during such term must be elected from among the Commissioners from New Jersey. The Executive Director called for the nomination of Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Smith made a motion to nominate Commissioner Ransome as Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further nominations, the motion to elect Commissioner Ransome as Vice-Chairperson for 2024 was approved by a roll call vote of 11-0. Commissioner Ransome thanked the Commissioners from New Jersey for all their support. Commissioner Ransome discussed teamwork with Delaware.

The Executive Director discussed ILG leading the Avelo Airlines Network.

March 2024 – Load Factors

- ILG to TPA – 93%
- ILG to SJU – 93%

The Executive Director (ED) shared a picture of World Environment Day held at the DRBA and thanked Kate Betterly and her team from Morris Nichols for helping DRBA staff. The next photo was taken at the Memorial Day Service and the ED acknowledged the DRBA grounds crew and staff. The next picture shows Mr. Causey and his family enjoying the day’s activities at Family Fun Day at Morey’s Pier in Wildwood, New Jersey. The ED displayed a picture of Stephen Williams opening his gift at his retirement gathering.

**Upcoming DRBA Events**

Friday, June 28, 2024 – Stowaway’s Grand Opening – TBD.  
Cape May Lewes Terminal, Cape May, NJ

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 – Board of Commissioners Meeting  
James Julian Board Room – 10:00 am.

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12327. COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC FORUM

Chairperson Lathem called for comments from Commissioners.

Chairperson Lathem welcomed Commissioner Ransome and looking forward to working with him.



There were no additional comments.

Commissioner Lathem called for comments from the Public.

There were no comments from the public.

A motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 12:02 p.m. was made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Ransome, and approved by a voice vote of 12-0.

Respectfully submitted,

**THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY**

James Salmon  
Assistant Secretary  
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