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To: Tom Davis <tdavis@harveyandbattey.com>
CC: Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>
Date: 11/1/2012 9:36:03 AM
Subject: RE: Bill Bethea and the Jasper Ocean Terminal Joint Project Office

Tom,

Thanks.

I want to keep you updated, t Nikki is going to make an appointment in November, that person will be someone from the region and Colden Battey is one of the candidates under consideration.

We will keep you in the loop.

Ted

From: Tom Davis [mailto:tdavis@harveyandbattey.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2012 1:04 PM
To: Pitts, Ted
Cc: Veldran, Katherine; Patel, Swati
Subject: RE: Bill Bethea and the Jasper Ocean Terminal Joint Project Office

Ted, there are things now taking place that will have a lasting impact on the prospects of a Jasper port. As you know, I have little to no faith in either the South Carolina State Ports Authority or the Georgia Ports Authority, or their respective appointees to the board of the Jasper Ocean Terminal Joint Project Office, supporting aggressive action to defend that project. Each entity has its own parochial port interests, and it is for that reason the intergovernmental agreement provides the governors of South Carolina and Georgia each with an appointment to the six-member JPO board. Please let me know the status of Gov. Haley's decision to replace Bill Bethea. As I indicated previously, there is no one in this neck of the woods who is the more knowledgeable about maritime facilities in general and the Jasper port in particular than Colden Battey. Thanks for your consideration. Tom

From: Pitts, Ted [mailto:TedPitts@gov.sc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 2:15 PM
To: Tom Davis
Cc: Veldran, Katherine; Patel, Swati
Subject: RE: Bill Bethea and the Jasper Ocean Terminal Joint Project Office

Tom,

Thanks.

Bill's replacement will be someone from the region. I will make sure Colden's name is included on the list for consideration.

Ted

From: Tom Davis [mailto:tdavis@harveyandbattey.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 10:13 AM
To: Patel, Swati; Veldran, Katherine; Pitts, Ted
Subject: Bill Bethea and the Jasper Ocean Terminal Joint Project Office

All,

I just learned that Bill Bethea has resigned his position on the JPO. That is a devastating loss, but doesn't really surprise me. Without a bit of compensation, Bill has poured his heart and soul the past few years into trying to make the Jasper port a reality, but at every turn he has been undermined by senior members of the South Carolina General Assembly and officials at the SCSPA and the GPA who have no interest whatsoever in that port ever being built. You may recall Bill being called a "Benedict Arnold" and a "traitor" during the last legislative session, simply for supporting an opportunity plan that, as you know, makes eminent sense. There is a disgusting display of short-sighted and selfish politics of the very worst sort.

Bill was Gov. Haley's appointee on the JPO, and it is imperative that his vacated spot be filled by someone who is committed to building the Jasper port and who has the knowledge, experience and ability to effectively champion the project. In that regard, I respectfully urge the governor to appoint Colden Battey as her representative on the JPO board. Colden is a former member of the SCSPA board, a current member of the Savannah River Maritime Commission and (in my opinion, with the exception of Bill Bethea) the person in South Carolina who is the most knowledgeable about maritime facilities in general and the Jasper port in particular.

If necessary, Colden would be willing to resign his position on the SRMC in order to serve on the JPO. He is also willing to travel to Columbia at your and the governor's convenience to discuss this matter further. In my opinion, time is of the essence since many matters are now being discussed and decided that will materially affect the viability of the Jasper port. I appreciate your and the governor's consideration in this important matter.

Tom