

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Willie Peters, President of the Port Commission. Mr. Peters gave an invocation. Mr. Calvin Deshotel led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Tad Blevins  
Calvin Deshotel  
Ralph Longman  
Willie Peters  
Wayne Stevens  
Joseph Tabb  
Wilson Terry

Absent:

Phil Bell  
Greg Paul

Also present at the meeting were Mrs. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Roger Stouff of the Franklin Banner, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Rebecca Pellerin, Office Manager of the Port Commission.

A motion was Mr. Tabb to dispense with the reading of the August 2, 2016 meeting minutes and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously.

Mr. Peters asked if there were any public comments - there were none.

Mr. Allain reported on the proposed Port of West St. Mary sign to be installed at the old Superior Fabricators site in Baldwin. Miller Engineers was able to accurately measure the existing sign - 8 feet by 24 feet. The cost to manufacture the sign is \$6272.00 and the cost to install the new sign is \$7272.00 - the total cost to replace the existing sign would be \$13,544.00. A motion was made by Mr. Deshotel to approve replacing the sign at the old Superior site. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blevins and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported on the bulkhead project at the Industrial Park. He spoke recently with the contractor for the project a few months about possibly pricing the cost to install pile clusters in the outside area of the Industrial Park near the bulkhead. Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers was able to obtain a price last week for the pile clusters - the cost was \$4800.00 each. Mr. Allain explained that there is nothing to tie up to in the Industrial Park and the pile clusters are parallel with the new bulkhead, eastward toward the bank. The pile clusters will allow spare barges to be parked in tide and some mooring for the dock. Mr. Allain explained that he approved the installation of 4 pile clusters because the contractor had the equipment on site and the Port realized a significant savings by having the work performed now in lieu of having to bring the equipment back in at a later date. A motion was made by Mr. Terry to approve the installation of 4 pile clusters at the Industrial Park at a cost of \$19,200 and to make the necessary changes to the budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously. Mr. Peters said that an amendment would be also be needed for the purchase and installation of the new sign at the old Superior site in Baldwin and Mr. Allain responded that the necessary amendments to the budget would be presented at the October meeting for approval.

Mr. Allain reported that he and Mr. Duplantis continue negotiations for the Right of Way agreement from the adjacent landowner to the industrial Park for the installation of a pumping station for drainage purposes. He

further reported that CLECO has their engineering completed, the pump is ready for installation and a local farmer has agreed to install the pump. He will report on this issue at next month's meeting.

Mr. Miller gave the following report on the Bulkhead project at the Industrial Park - all of the sheet piles are in and basically the pile driving is completed. The next step will be to back fill with sand. After speaking with the contractor, he was informed that the sand pit that the approved sand is coming from is in Maurice, Louisiana. There will be a delay due to Maurice experiencing flooding and heavy rain recently but it is anticipated that the sand should be available within the next few days. Mr. Allain said he has had some inquiries about leasing the bulkhead. Mr. Willie asked how much area was lost by installing the bulkhead. Mr. Miller responded that the end of the bulkhead was set at a location to allow sufficient depth to bring in a fully loaded barge. Discussion followed.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made, a motion was made by Mr. Longman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Deshotel and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Wilson Terry, Secretary/Treasurer