

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 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. Wilson Terry led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Calvin Deshotel
Phil Bell
Ralph Longman
Greg Paul
Willie Peters
Wayne Stevens
Joseph Tabb
Wilson Terry

Absent:

Tad Blevins

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

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to dispense with the reading of the November 1, 2016 meeting minutes and to accept the same as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry and carried unanimously.

Mr. Peters asked for any public comment - there was none.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to approve and accept the proposed Employment Contract for the position of Executive Director between the Port Commission and Mr. David Allain. The contract is for a four year period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Deshotel to approve the Port Commission's 2017 Proposed Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain gave the following report:

Industrial Park - Mr. Allain continues to negotiate with the adjacent landowner regarding the installation of the drainage pump. He reported that he was waiting on CLECO to get the Right of Way agreement set so that the Privat family can review it. He added that the most recent negotiations included a 10 year lease at \$500 per year lease rate. He said that further negotiations regarding the Port performing maintenance and guaranteed pumping continue. Mr. Jude Hebert of Cleco reported that their legal team is reviewing the documents and there are some questions regarding terminology inside of the Right of Way agreement. Mr. Hebert assured the Commission that he will report to Mr. Allain

with any new developments. Mr. Allain added that the tides have been high with the rains and south winds recently.

Mr. Allain reported that the Port of West St. Mary sign will be erected Friday, December 9th at the old Superior Facility.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to issue a letter of no objection to the Corps of Engineers on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Government as requested for improvements to Teche Ridge/Yokely Levee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Deshotel and carried unanimously.

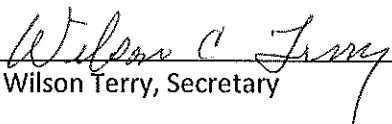
Mr. Duplantis reminded the Commissioners to complete their hour of Ethics Training before the end of the year.

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported that the bulkhead at the Industrial Park is approximately a week or so away from completion; two barge loads of limestone have been brought in and two six inch lifts have been installed with six inches more to be installed. The mooring bollards will be installed on Wednesday of this week and the tire fenders on the face of the wall should be installed next week. He added that the final inspection and substantial completion should be done in the next week or so.

Mr. Allain said he is waiting for the Parish to invoice the Port Commission for its share of the bulkhead cost and that the funds are included in the 2016 Budget. Mr. Miller said they he would check on that.

Mr. Peters thanked everyone for their phone calls and concern during his recent illness.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Terry to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Signed 
Wilson Terry, Secretary