

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 2, 2017

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. Tad Blevins led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Tad Blevins
Greg Paul
Wayne Stevens
Joseph Tabb
Willie Peters

Absent:

Phil Bell
Calvin Deshotel
Ralph Longman
Will Terry

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Tech Talk, Mr. Roger Stouff of the Franklin Banner Tribune, Mr. Anthony Emmons of Marine Turbine Technologies, Mr. Michael Knobloch, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. Eric Duplantis Port Attorney, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Donna Louviere, Secretary/Receptionist of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to dispense with the reading of the April 4, 2017 meeting minutes and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Allain reported that he received two more quotes on the sign for the Industrial Park. Bayou Signs gave a quote of \$24,630.00. This sign will be 12X24 and will be a vinyl covered sign which will be easy to change should the need arise for any reason such as wording, damage etc. If a change is needed the charge to change the vinyl on the sign would be \$850.00 per side. The other two quotes are from SAS Construction Inc. \$39,263.00/Fast Signs \$5,376.00 (vinyl /aluminum) for a total of \$44,639.00 and Thomas Electric \$45,230.00 (aluminum). Mr. Allain mentioned that the pipe for this sign is being donated by one of our tenants - DLS and these three quotes were determined with that in mind. The lighting for this sign will be done by Preferred Electric at a cost of \$3,500.00. Discussion followed. Mr. Tabb made the motion to contract Bayou Signs at the \$24,630.00 for the Industrial Park Sign and to employ local sub-contractors for any sub-work outside of Bayou Signs requirements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blevins and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported on the dredge material at Port Site. The project has been completed with the Parish taking down the spoil levee about four feet. Mr. Lonnie Martin was then contracted to take it down another eighteen to twenty inches and leveled the area. The area is draining well. Mr. Allain also thanked Mr. Lane Blanchard of Blanchard Farms for their help with this project.

Mr. Allain reported that he received an invoice from the St. Mary Parish Government requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$275,00.00 for the Industrial Park Phase II Project. A motion was

made at the April 5, 2016 Port of West St. Mary Board Meeting to contribute a maximum of \$275,901.00 for the project. A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to pay St. Mary Parish Government \$275,00.00 for the Port's part of the Industrial Park Phase II Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blevins and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported that Marine Turbine Technologies' lease is due for renewal at this time. Mr. Allain stated that he and Mr. McNytre had a meeting last week to discuss the lease renewal and during that time Mr. McNytre asked for an extension of two months to decide which direction MTT would be going concerning their lease options. Mr. Allain reminded the Commission that MTT has three different leases with the Port at this time and they are at a reduced rate. Mr. Duplantis reminded the Commission that MTT is one of the Ports first tenants and they have invested a significant amount into capital improvements in increasing the value of the Ports Property. Discussion followed. Mr. Tabb made a motion to extend the lease at the current rate for 60 days. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain introduced Mr. Michael Knobloch of Knobloch Professional Services who updated the Commission on the progress being made in the application process for the Louisiana DOTD Port Construction and Development Priority Program.

Mr. Peters asked about the water at the Industrial Park after the large amount of rain received last week. Mr. Allain said there has not been any progress in obtaining the right-of-way for the drainage pump. An alternate location was discussed. Mr. Allain stated that he would continue negotiations for the right-of-way.

Mr. Duplantis, Port Attorney reminded the Commissioners about completing their Financial Disclosure reports by the May 15th deadline and to make sure that the staff at the Port has documentation that it has been completed.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Paul to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Signed _____
Wilson Terry, Secretary