

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 11, 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. Phil Bell led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

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

Absent:

Tad Blevins
Will Terry

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Roger Stouff of The Franklin Banner, Mr. Alan Taylor of Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Co., Mr. Jude Hebert of Cleco, 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 June 6, 2017 meeting minutes as presented and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman and carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Peters introduced Mr. Alan Taylor of Kolder, Champagne, Slaven and Company. Mr. Taylor recently completed the Audit of the Port Commission for the year ending December 31, 2016. Mr. Taylor reported that it was a good clean audit report and the Port Commission is once again receiving an Unmodified Opinion, the best opinion that could be given. He reported that the financial statements included in the document fairly present the financial position and the results of the operations of the District. Mr. Taylor provided copies of the audit and graphics for the Port Commission to review. The graphics basically compared the 2016 year to the previous years. Mr. Taylor urged the Commission to take time to review the report and invited them to contact him regarding any questions or comments regarding the Audit. Mr. Taylor thanked the Commission for allowing them to provide services to the Port Commission.

Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to review the Audit Report as presented to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Deshotel and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported on the Industrial Park and told the Commission that he proposes to add a culvert which will provide access to the Port Sign being installed. He has contacted the Louisiana DOTD and submitted the necessary paperwork for a permit to install a 40ft culvert. Once the necessary permit is received, a request will be made to Louisiana One Call for a Dotti to mark the area and the culvert will be installed at the Industrial Park.

Mr. Allain reported that the Marine Turbine Technologies' Lease has been signed with a primary term of 5 years and optional term of an additional 5 year renewal. Discussion followed.

Attorney's Report - Mr. Duplantis informed the Commission that the Etheridge Law Suit has been settled with no impact on the Port. He also reminded the Port Commission about completing the online Ethics Certification that is due yearly. Mr. Duplantis asked for the Commission to consider expanding the Agenda to pass a resolution of respect for Mr. John Parker Conrad, Sr., who passed away last week at the age of 101. Mr. Duplantis gave the Commission a little history of Mr. Conrad who was the founder of Conrad Industries and was legendary in the Ship Building Industry on the Gulf Coast.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to expand the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bell and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to pass a resolution of respect for Mr. Conrad by the terms in accordance of the Port Attorney. The motion was seconded by the Commission and carried unanimously.

Mr. Peters wished the Executive Director, David Allain a "Happy Birthday".

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. Deshotel and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Signed _____
Wilson Terry, Secretary