

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 3, 2019

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wilson Terry, President of the Port Commission. Mr. Terry led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Peters gave the Invocation. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Calvin Deshotel
Donna Lanceslin
Ralph Longman
Willie Peters
Joseph Phillips
Murphy Pontiff
Joseph Tabb
Wilson Terry

Absent:

Greg Paul

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

A motion was made by Mr. Peters to dispense with the reading of the November 12, 2019 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or any opposition - there was none. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Allain reported that the transit shed leased to Marine Turbine Technologies at the Port site sustained damage during Hurricane Barry in July of this year. He explained that he and the Port staff have been working with FEMA and have filed a claim for damages sustained in the Hurricane. There was tin damage in the front western bay of the transit shed and he reported that he sent a crew to secure and remove materials were loose and flying in the wind. He further explained that some of the purlins are not suitable for re-tinning. Mr. Allain reported that he requested a proposal for repair of the roof, Acadianne Renovations submitted a proposal in the amount of \$31,900. The proposal includes the replacement of rusted purlins and tin in the southeast bay of the building. Mr. Allain suggested that the transit shed be repaired as it is leased to Marine Turbine Technologies and they are utilizing the building for testing. Mr. Deshotel suggested that Mr. Allain secure additional proposals for the repairs and he responded that he would do so.

Mr. Allain reported that there have been issues with the sewer system at the Port Commission office. A camera was run through the main trunk line and it was determined that it consists of an old cast iron line. Temporary repairs were made but he reported that he was not sure how long the repairs would

last. He said eventually changes will have to be made to the sewer line and that there are several options to permanently repair the line. He said he suggests that nothing be done at the moment and to wait to see how long the temporary repairs last. Mr. Deshotel suggested that instead of spending additional funds on repairing the building, that the Port Commission explore the possibility of building an administrative office. Discussion followed. Mr. Terry requested that Mr. Allain obtain prices for the permanent repair to the sewer system. Mr. Allain said that he would also obtain estimates to build a new building and possibly funding from the state to build the office and report back to the Commission at next month's meeting.

Mr. Allain reported on the proposed 2020 budget. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to adopt the 2020 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lanceslin. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry announced the Election of Officers for 2020 and turned the meeting over to the Port's Attorney, Mr. Eric Duplantis. Mr. Duplantis opened the floor for nominations for the office of President of the Port Commission. Mr. Tabb noted that it has been tradition that in the past, officers were normally nominated in line and that he is currently Vice President but that he does not wish to be President of the Commission. Mr. Tabb suggested that Mr. Terry continue in the role of President of the Port Commission. Mr. Longman nominated Mr. Terry for the office of President. Mr. Duplantis asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. The nominations were closed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pontiff. The motion carried unanimously and Mr. Terry was elected President of the Port Commission. Mr. Duplantis then turned the meeting back over to Mr. Terry.

Mr. Terry opened nominations for the Office of Vice President. Mr. Deshotel nominated Mr. Greg Paul for the office of Vice President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters. Mr. Terry asked if there were any other nominations, there were none. A motion to close nominations was made by Mr. Longman with a second from Mr. Peters. The motion carried unanimously and Mr. Paul was elected Vice President.

Mr. Terry opened nominations for the Office of Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Terry nominated Mr. Joseph Tabb for the Office of Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman. Mr. Terry asked if there were any other nominations, there were none. A motion to close nominations was made by Mr. Peters with a second from Mrs. Lanceslin. The motion carried unanimously and Mr. Tabb was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Port Commission.

Mr. Miller of Miller Engineers reported that he continues to work on the Training Facility with an effort to complete the plans right after the holidays. He said that he and Mr. Allain will be meeting with Mr. Baham to compile the equipment list for the school. It is anticipated that if all goes well, the project should go to bid sometime in January of 2020. Discussion followed.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Deshotel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition - there was none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Lennel G. Paul, Secretary