

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2024

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Donna Lanceslin, President of the Port Commission. Ms. Lanceslin led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Tabb gave the Invocation. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Greg Paul
Joseph Phillips
Wilson Terry
Joel Authement
Donna Lanceslin
Joseph Tabb
Joe Duck

Absent:

Murphy Pontiff

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. David Hanagriff, Mr. Nicholas Molaison of Miller Engineers, Mr. David Naquin, Executive Director and Ms. Rebecca Pellerin, Office Manager of the Port Commission.

Mr. Naquin introduced Mr. Hanagriff who was recently appointed but not officially appointed to the Port Commission. Mr. Hanagriff explained that there was some confusion at the St. Mary Parish Council meeting regarding procedural votes for Board appointments. For Board appointments, a majority vote of members present at the meeting is necessary and Mr. Hanagriff did receive the majority vote of the members present. The minutes will be ratified at the next Parish Council meeting and his appointment is expected to be confirmed. He said that he was eager to join the Board and offered his service to the Board and to the people of the parish.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to dispense with the reading of the February 6, 2024 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Naquin reported that the Port's tariff schedule has not been revised since 2014 and recommended that the Board consider updating the schedule.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to authorize Mr. Naquin to get an appraisal on the Port Commission office at 15301 Highway 182. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Naquin told the Commission that an Open House would be planned in the near future for the Port's new office at 301 Northwest Boulevard.

Mr. Naquin reported that IBV (solar panels) has made another request for a right of way crossing through the Port's Industrial Park. Mr. Naquin presented copies of the map depicting the proposed route. No action was taken.

Mr. Naquin reported that Morton Salt contacted him and is interested in bringing in salt and shipping it out of the Port by rail. Additionally, he reported that the Port has a tenant at the Industrial Park, a contractor for the Highway 90 roadwork rehabilitation project. The tenant will be there for approximately two months and is stockpiling limestone being used for the project.

With reference to the Sugar Warehouse/LA DOTD – Project H.014893 (322) – Mr. Molaison gave an update on the project – the contractor reported that the project is ahead of schedule. A motion was made by Mr. Terry to pay the Contractor's Application for Partial Payment #8 to ARL Construction, Inc. for \$824,033.61 and to Miller Engineers for Pay Request #15 in the amount of \$32,341.10 Mr. Paul seconded the motion. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duplantis reminded everyone to do their Annual Financial Disclosure Reports by May 15th and the online training for Ethics and Preventing Sexual Harassment before the end of the year.

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. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there was any questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Signed _____
Joel Authement, Secretary