

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2025

6:00 P.M.

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

Present:

Greg Paul  
David Hanagriff  
Wilson Terry  
Joel Authement  
Joe Duck  
Joseph Phillips

Absent:

Donna Lanceslin  
Joseph Tabb

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. David Naquin, Executive Director and Ms. Brandy Pennison, Administrative Assistant of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to dispense with the reading of the January 7, 2025 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck. Mr. Paul asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Paul asked if there was any public comment – there was none.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign and the Board to approve an Engagement Letter and complete the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire with Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC for the Audit Year 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hanagriff. Mr. Paul asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Naquin reported that Mr. Murphy Pontiff has resigned from the Port Commission Board. The Parish will start the process of finding a replacement as soon as possible. He reported that a pump on the West side of the Port's land is being evaluated to make sure it is repairable. He will be getting quotes and will inform the Board when necessary. Discussion followed. He also reported that lighting repairs at Marine Turbine Technologies will be starting next week. Mr. Naquin stated that there may be interest in another warehouse for storing sugar and a barge dock, but there was no official word or agreement as of today. He would inform the Board after his next meeting with them and let the Board know at the Port's next monthly meeting. Discussion followed. Mr. Authement asked if Mr. Naquin met with the manufacturer of the fire alarms. Mr. Naquin responded that he did

meet with them, but nothing can be done until the sugar is gone and the warehouses are empty. Discussion followed.

Mr. Paul asked Mr. Naquin to try to get the Ad Hoc Committee to meet before the next meeting.

Mr. Duplantis reminded everyone to do their online training for Ethics and Preventing Sexual Harassment before the end of the year. He also reminded everyone that the Financial Disclosure reports had to be in by May 15, 2025.

Mr. Miller reported that they were monitoring the settlement for the warehouses and not at any one point have they seen more than one tenth of a foot, which is good. They will continue to monitor and will let the Board know of any changes.

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. Hanagriff. Mr. Paul asked if there was any questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Joel Authement, Secretary