

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2025

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. Naquin gave the Invocation. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Greg Paul
Donna Lanceslin
Joel Authement
Joe Duck
Wilson Terry
David Hanagriff

Absent:

Joseph Phillips
Joseph Tabb

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

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to dispense with the reading of the February 4, 2025 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lanceslin asked if there was any public comment – there was none.

Mr. Naquin reported that 56 (240 watt) overhead lights have been replaced at the Marine Turbine facility in Louisa. He also reported that new water meters have been ordered and should be in within the next two weeks and that installation should occur toward the end of the month. Additionally, he reported that the sugar group should begin moving sugar out of the warehouses within the next week or two. He met with members of the sugar group and was informed that a barge dock was needed before the construction of an additional warehouse. Mr. Naquin has met with Miller Engineers to discuss preliminary plans for the construction of the barge dock. He also met with Cleco and the Public Service Commission regarding electricity and water at the Industrial Park. With reference to the SLCC building, he reported that welding classes continue for several St. Mary Parish inmates. In addition to those classes, the school was used to hold classes for the instruction of Boat Captains and after a week of instruction, graduated 12 students.

Mr. Naquin reported that negotiations continue with Coastal Lands for possible spoil placement on their property from the proposed dredging of the channel. Discussion followed.

Mr. Hanagriff asked about the linear footage of the barge dock near the sugar warehouses. Mr. Naquin explained that the dock would go from the Highway 182 bridge midway – approximately 400 feet total. The sugar group plans to try a new loading device to determine if it would be more efficient, and if it does not work, they would use a conveyor belt and slinger to load the sugar onto barges. Discussion followed. He also inquired if there were any updates on the solar facility. Mr. Naquin said that he had not heard back from them.

A motion was made by Mr. Authement to increase the salaries of the two office personnel by 5%. 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. Terry asked if there was any discussion about an Assistant for the Director and Mr. Naquin explained that the item had been temporarily postponed but that he did suggest the Commission consider it in the near future.

A motion was made by Mr. Authement to expand the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none and the motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Duck to adopt a Resolution of Respect in remembrance of Mrs. Alice C. Foster, wife of Governor M. J. Foster, who passed away recently. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hanagriff. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duplantis reminded everyone to do their online training for Ethics and Preventing Sexual Harassment before the end of the year and to also file their financial disclosure reports by May 15th.

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. Terry. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there was any questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Signed _____

Joel Authement, Secretary