

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES

February 03, 2026

6:00 P.M.

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

Present:

Joel Authement  
Wilson Terry  
Joe Duck  
Della Derouen  
David Hanagriff  
Greg Paul  
Morris Beverly

Absent:

Benny Druilhet  
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. Paul to dispense with the reading of the January 6, 2026 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Derouen. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to table the agenda item to declare Industrial Park Properties as Surplus until it is appraised and further research is made available. Ms. Derouen seconded the motion. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Naquin reported that work is underway on a new area to put the spoil from the dredging project. Mr. Miller stated that an environmental firm is conducting a wetland delineation of the property that is needed to classify the wetlands and submit the permit application. He also stated that drawings for the project are about 90% complete. Mr. Naquin reported that mold and mildew issues were identified in unused offices at the DLS Building. The Port intends to fix the issue for the tenants, but price quotes are still being gathered, and no firm cost has been established. Mr. Naquin stated that Marine Turbine Technologies (MTT) has a backflow preventer that was cracked during the freeze and the entire unit may need to be replaced. Options are being explored. As for the Mooring Pile Project, the installation of all mooring piles was completed on Monday. Mr. Miller explained that minor finishing work like welding caps and painting remains and should be finished by Thursday. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to approve Southern Constructors-Mooring Project-Request for payment #1 in the amount of \$191,139.05. Mr. Beverly seconded the motion. Mr. Duck 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 Financial Disclosure Reports are due by May 15, 2026.

Mr. Miller reported that Siemens (the fire alarm company) will need to be coordinated with to get back into the sugar warehouses once they are empty. A request will be made to the fire marshal to continue using a fire watch person because work is needed to determine the status of the building's alarm system. Also, a concrete barricade was hit and pushed when sugar was being scooped up from the driveway. Mr. Miller noted it as not being a major issue.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Terry to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Derouen. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Della Derouen, Secretary/Treasurer