

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 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. Druilhet gave the Invocation. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Greg Paul
Benny Druilhet
Della Derouen
Joe Duck
Wilson Terry
Morris Beverly

Absent:

David Hanagriff
Joseph Tabb
Joel Authement

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

A motion was made by Ms. Derouen to dispense with the reading of the February 3, 2026 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beverly. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Naquin reported that he is still waiting on the appraisal of the Industrial Park Property and recommended that the existing billboard on the property be used to advertise that the property will be available for sale. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Terry to declare the property at the Industrial Property as surplus and market it for sale. The motion was seconded by Ms. Derouen. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Derouen to authorize the President of the Port Commission to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Mooring Piles project in the Charenton Canal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beverly. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Naquin presented photos of the needed repairs for the DLS building and the boat bits on the dock. He reported that he has been communicating with DLS regarding the repairs to the building and the dock bits. Regarding Marine Turbine Technologies, Mr. Naquin reported that they are in need of natural gas to test turbine engines that will be on generators for a government contract they have acquired. After researching what the cost would be to provide natural gas, it was determined that it would be in

excess of \$2 million. He further reported that they met with a company that will provide Marine Turbine with a tank of propane that will do the same job that natural gas will do. Mr. Naquin is continuing to negotiate options for the port's participation to provide propane to them. Discussion followed.

Mr. Naquin reported that he has been contacted regarding the possible need for another warehouse to store sugar at the Baldwin facility. Discussion followed.

Mr. Naquin reported that he is negotiating a lease with Guardian Well Service for a small section of property in Louisa on the Port's dock. The company would like to build a 60 foot by 60-foot building on the existing cement slab and would leave the building when the lease is over. The lease should be a multi-year lease.

Mr. Naquin reported on the Ports Association of Louisiana proposed dues increase over the next two years. The cost of dues for this year will be \$3,000 per year for its membership. The dues will increase to \$6,000 per year next year. Discussion followed.

Mr. Naquin reported that the new water meters have been installed. There are two meters left to be installed.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to pay Miller Engineers for Payment #4 for the Dredging project in the amount of \$7,058.50. The motion was seconded by Ms. Derouen. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to pay Miller Engineers for the Mooring Project for Payment #4 in the amount of \$19,380.28. The motion was seconded by Ms. Derouen. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to pay Southern Constructors for the Mooring Project for payment #2 in the amount of \$274,968.95. Mr. Miller reported that everything was in order. 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. Naquin reminded the Commissioners to file their Financial Disclosure reports by May 15th.

Mr. Miller updated the Commission on the Port Channel dredging project.

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. Derouen. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were were none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Signed _____
Della Derouen, Secretary