

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

April 7, 2026

6:00 P.M.

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

Present:

Joel Authement
Wilson Terry
Benny Druilhet
Della Derouen
David Hanagriff
Greg Paul

Absent:

Morris Beverly
Joseph Tabb
Joe Duck

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

A motion was made by Mr. Terry for a Resolution of Respect honoring the late Mr. Joe Phillips, former Board of Commissioner. Mr. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Board members expressed sorrow and extended condolences to his family and friends.

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

Mr. Hanagriff asked if there was any public comment – local business owners Daniel Edgar and Douglas Olander reported persistent road problems in front of their businesses. Discussion followed and the Board discussed funding options for road repairs.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to adopt the 2026 millage rate set at 3.72 mills and not roll forward. The motion was seconded by Ms. Derouen. Mr. Hanagriff asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Naquin reported that there was a small grass fire on Port property that was extinguished by the fire department. He stated that it was contained with no damage other than the grass. Also, the water plant's control panel was damaged by a lightning strike, prompting a one-day boil advisory. Work was completed to restore operations, and installation of a lightning rod suppression

system was suggested to mitigate future damage. He also stated that a water well motor failed around the same time, but the Port is working with the insurance company regarding emergency repair costs. He also advised that the last new water meter was going to be installed this week and the LA Department of Health Sanitation Survey was scheduled for April 24, 2026

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to approve Miller's Engineers – Dredging Project -Request for payment #5 in the amount of \$8,787.36. Ms. Derouen seconded the motion. Mr. Miller informed the Board that the Dredging permit application has been submitted to the state and the Corps of Engineers. Mr. Hanagriff 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 had nothing else to add to his report.

Mr. Terry asked about the mitigation for spoilage from dredging. Mr. Miller responded that he didn't have a quote for the final cost for mitigation. Mr. Naquin reported that first the Port needs the property appraised, and he hasn't heard from the first appraiser, so he was going to look into a different appraiser. Discussion followed.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Paul to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Derouen. Mr. Hanagriff asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Signed _____
Della Derouen, Secretary/Treasurer