

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 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
Morris Beverly
David Hanagriff

Absent:

Joseph Tabb
Wilson Terry
Joel Authement

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

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to dispense with the reading of the June 2, 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.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Naquin reported that Kolder, Slaven and Company completed the 2025 Audit Report for the Port – copies of the report were available for their review. Mr. Naquin further reported that the Audit stated that it was a clean report, the Port is in very good financial condition and that if there were any questions, a representative would be available to answer them. It was also recommended that the Port's depreciation schedule be changed from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Discussion followed. Mr. Naquin also reported that the preparation of next year's budget would be a little different and would be more user friendly and would be more accurate. Discussion was held regarding the possible drilling of an additional water well at Louisa for the water plant.

Mr. Naquin reported with reference to the Industrial Park property, Tennessee Gas Pipeline has offered approximately \$16,000 to \$23,000 for lease of the road and a lease for the project to remove gas lines running through the property. The project is not scheduled until the second quarter of 2027.

Mr. Naquin reported that Marine Turbine Technologies is asking the Port for some assistance with a new project that requires the use of natural gas. It was determined that the cost to run natural gas to their facility was very expensive and that the use of butane would be much more cost efficient. A butane

tank will be installed on the dock and they are in need of an oxygenator to mix with the butane to make natural gas to be used for their project. The Port's assistance to Marine Turbine would be the cost of the oxygenator at approximately \$50,000. Mr. Naquin will continue to communicate with MTT regarding the project.

Mr. Naquin reported that the Louisiana Department of Health performed a Sanitary Survey at the Port's water plant recently and that the outcome was favorable with a few adjustments and improvements to be made. Mr. Naquin has contacted DLS to perform the needed repairs. LDH has requested that a general inspection be performed on the water tank – Mr. Naquin has requested that DLS perform this inspection.

Mr. Naquin met with Sugar Growers recently and was informed that removal of sugar from Warehouse #3 by truck has begun. Sugar Growers has requested that modifications be made to prevent sugar from going behind the concrete wall in the warehouses when the sugar is being deposited into the warehouses. Miller Engineers is researching a solution to this issue. Sugar Growers will clean the warehouses once the sugar has been transported.

The mooring project at the Baldwin facility has been completed - Sugar Growers does not anticipate using the dock to load barges this year but will possibly use it next year.

Regarding the Industrial Park appraisal, Mr. Naquin said that a second appraisal should be completed shortly and that he will notify the Commissioners when he receives it.

A motion was made by Mr. Hanagriff to discuss Mr. Naquin's Employment Contract. The motion was seconded by Ms. Derouen. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hanagriff reported that he has done some research of surrounding Port Director's compensation. Mr. Hanagriff commended Mr. Naquin for doing an outstanding job as Executive Director of the Port Commission. Mr. Hanagriff also added that Mr. Naquin is not receiving health insurance and life insurance as part of his compensation which saves the Port a considerable amount of money. After researching other comparable Port Director compensation, Mr. Hanagriff recommended that as of August 1, 2026, the Port Commission offer Mr. Naquin a three-year contract at \$100,000 per year with a 2% increase each year and to increase his auto allowance to \$1,000 per month. Mr. Duck congratulated and thanked Mr. Naquin for a doing a great job as Executive Director. Discussion followed. Mr. Paul made a motion to enter into the Employment Contract as presented with Mr. Naquin. The motion was seconded by Mr. Druilhet. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller reported that he is continuing to monitor the permit for the dredging project with the Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Paul thanked Mr. Hanagriff for his research and work done on Mr. Naquin's contract.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Ms. Derouen to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beverly. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Signed _____
Della Derouen, Secretary