

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2016

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Willie Peters, President of the Port Commission. Mr. Peters gave an Invocation. Mr. Calvin Deshotel led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Phil Bell
Calvin Deshotel
Willie Peters
Ralph Longman
Wayne Stevens
Joseph Tabb
Will Terry

Absent:

Tad Blevins
Greg Paul

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Marguerite Robinson, Mr. Roger Stouff of the Franklin Banner, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Rebecca Pellerin, Office Manager of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to dispense with the reading of the January 5, 2016 meeting minutes and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry and carried unanimously.

Mr. Peters asked if there was any public comment - there was none.

Mr. Allain reported that maintenance is being performed on the area that was used to deposit spoil from the dredging of the Port Canal. He explained that two channels in the levee were opened approximately two weeks ago and the area was allowed to drain for about three days. He said that for all practical purposes most of the water is out of the area and it should dry with decent weather.

Mr. Allain reported that he was contacted by a representative of Twin Brothers Marine regarding maintenance needed on the rail spur at the Port Site. Twin Brothers has been very busy and they are expecting several rail cars of iron in a couple of weeks and wanted to make sure that the rail was in good operating condition. Mr. Allain contacted the company that has repaired the Port's rail in the past (Trac-Work, Inc.) and had them check the rail. Mr. Allain received a proposal to perform needed repairs to Switch #1 and Switch #2, cleaning, adjusting and greasing of the first two switches, removal of dirt and debris from track, removal of tree limbs and trees that are blocking the track in the amount of \$8,832.00. A motion was made by Mr. Terry to ratify the work which was performed over the past weekend. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously. Mr. Peters said that he and Mr. Allain had discussed the needed repairs to the rail.

Mr. Allain reported that the Annual Ports Association of Louisiana Conference is being held at Cypress Bayou Casino on March 2-4, 2016. This year's Conference is being hosted by the Ports of West St. Mary,

Iberia, Morgan City, Abbeville and Krotz Springs. Mr. Allain invited the Commissioners to contact the Port Commission office with any questions or to respond if they have plans to attend the Conference.

Mr. Allain suggested that the March 1st meeting of the Port Commission be rescheduled for Tuesday, March 8th. The Port Commission agreed to reschedule the March meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to pass a resolution, as presented, authorizing the newly elected members of the Port Commission's Executive Committee comprised of Mr. Willie Peters, President, Mr. Wayne Stevens, Vice-President, Mr. Will Terry, Secretary/Treasurer and Mr. Ralph Longman, Immediate Past President and Mr. David Allain, Executive Director to sign all financial documents on behalf of the Port of West St. Mary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry and carried unanimously.

Mr. Duplantis, Attorney for the Port Commission presented a Resolution that he drafted requesting that the St. Mary Parish Government enact an Ordinance to create a No Wake Zone in the West St. Mary Port, Harbor and Terminal District Navigational Channel. A motion was made by Mr. Longman to pass the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb and carried unanimously.

Mr. Reid Miller reported that he contacted Mr. Bo LaGrange with the St. Mary Parish Government regarding the bulkhead project at the Industrial Park. Mr. LaGrange said that he would contact the Office of Facility Planning in Baton Rouge regarding the status of that project. He said that he should receive some sort of feedback from them at anytime.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Deshotel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Signed Wilson Terry
Wilson Terry, Secretary/Treasurer