

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2016

6:00 P.M.

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

Present:

Ralph Longman
Joseph Tabb
Willie Peters
Phil Bell
Wayne Stevens

Absent:

Tad Blevins
Greg Paul
Calvin Deshotel
Will Terry

Also present at the meeting were Mrs. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Craig Matthews, St. Mary Parish Councilman-Elect, Mr. Anthony Emmons representing Marine Turbine Technologies, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Mrs. Donna Louviere, Secretary/Receptionist of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Tabb to dispense with the reading of the April 5, 2016 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Emmons thanked the Commission for the consideration of Marine Turbine's Lease Adjustment that is being proposed tonight.

Mr. Allain reported that Mr. Miller of Miller Engineers was not able to attend the meeting tonight but informed him that the construction contract for the Industrial Park Bulkhead has been executed and has been sent to the clerk's office for recordation. Mr. Miller stated in his email that the estimated construction will begin within 60 days - that should be around early July.

Mr. Allain also reported on the drainage of water at the Industrial Park. He stated that with all the rain we have been experiencing the water is backing up over the road and cannot drain. Mr. Allain stated he has been in touch with the previous farmer who has a pump on location - after negotiation of the pump and repair estimates we will have a better understanding of what the pump will cost. Mr. Allain reported that he has been in touch with the Pipeline Companies and that they are looking at helping with this problem. Also Cleco will help provide electricity for the pump. Mr. Allain also stated due to all the rain and the water drainage problems at the Industrial Park we have not been able to get the grass cut and summer is upon us.

Mr. Allain reported that two months ago he was approached by Mr. Ted McIntyre of Marine Turbine Technologies requesting a reduction in lease payments due to the current economic conditions.

Mr. Allain stated that MTT is one of the Ports very first tenants and has been there for over 18 years. Mr. Allain explained that MTT has put a lot of work into the two buildings that they lease. Improvements to their buildings were preformed and paid for by MTT . Mr. Allain reported that after taking these things into consideration the Executive Committee met a month ago and agreed to recommend to the Board that the Port Commission offer a twenty percent decrease in lease payments from April 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2016. This decrease would amount to \$24,179.00 total over a six month period. Mr. Tabb asked Mr. Allain how the \$24,179.00 decrease would affect the Port's Budget. Mr. Allain told the Commission that the necessary Budget adjustments would be proposed mid-year. A motion was made by Mr. Longman to grant the lease reduction of twenty percent to Marine Turbine Technologies from April 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously.

Mr. Duplantis stated the legal position that makes this action legal for the Port of West St. Mary. Mr. Duplantis went on to describe the benefits that MTT brings to Economic Development and St. Mary Parish. Discussion followed. Mr. Duplantis stated that he concurs with the Port's decision to approve the proposed reduction agreement for the six month period.

Mr. Duplantis also updated the Commission on the ongoing lawsuit pertaining to the Pipelines that run through the Industrial Park. The Suit should be fixed for trial sometime next year and that he will keep the Commission informed on the proceedings.

Mr. Duplantis reminded the Commissioners that their Financial Disclosure Reports are due by May 15th.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Tabb to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Signed Wilson Terry
Wilson Terry, Secretary