

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 6, 2017

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. Stevens led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Absent:

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

Tad Blevins

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, 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 May 2, 2017 meeting minutes as presented and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul and carried unanimously.

Mr. Peters asked if there were any public comments - there was none.

Mr. Allain gave the following report:

Industrial Park - the old sign has been removed and the new sign is ready to be installed. The new sign will be installed when the weather clears up and the ground dries out.

Marine Turbine Technologies' Lease - negotiations have been on-going over the last two weeks. Mr. Allain met with the Port's Executive Committee last week to discuss MTT's request to stay at their current lease rate for two five year terms. Mr. Allain explained that MTT has invested over \$600,000 in improvements to the facility and in consulting with the Port's legal counsel, Mr. Duplantis, was assured that the request was acceptable. The Port's Executive Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that the Port Commission approve the request of MTT. Mr. Allain reported that when MTT first located at the Port in 1998, their lease rate was \$50,000 per year - the current lease rate is \$241,790 per year; the reduced rate is \$193,043 for a difference of \$48,747.00. A motion was made by Mr. Paul to approve Marine Turbine Technologies lease at the reduced rate for two five year terms. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain asked that Mr. Duplantis make the necessary amendments to the Lease.

Mr. Allain reported that LA DOTD Port Construction Application has been submitted and noted that copies of the application are available for review. Mr. Michael Knobloch prepared and delivered the application on the Port's behalf. Mr. Allain reported that the total project is \$1,249,000 with the Port's portion being \$186,000 - a 10% match. The Port should know in approximately 60 days if the request has been approved. The project application is for improvements and additions to the facility leased by DLS, LLC at the Port's Louisa facility.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to approve payment to Mr. Michael Knobloch for the preparation of the LA DOTD Port Construction Application in the amount of \$13,204.69. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Longman to change the date of the July meeting from July 4 to July 11. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain thanked Ms. Pellerin and Ms. Louviere for the work they did to assist Mr. Knobloch in the preparation and fact finding of information for the LA DOTD Port Construction Application.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Paul to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Wilson Terry, Secretary