

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2018

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Will Terry, Vice President of the Port Commission. Mr. Terry led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Tad Blevins
Calvin Deshotel
Greg Paul
Willie Peters
Joseph Tabb
Will Terry

Absent:

Phil Bell
Ralph Longman

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Donna Louviere, Secretary/Receptionist of the Port Commission.

Mr. Terry asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Wayne Stevens, President of the Port Commission who passed away on December 12, 2017.

Mr. Terry presented a plaque to Mr. Peters thanking him for his dedicated service as President of the Port Commission from January 2016 - December 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to dispense with the reading of the December 5, 2017 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters and carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry asked for any Public Comment - there was none.

Mr. Allain gave the following report:

The EDA Grant application is moving forward, all requirements have been presented to the Federal Government and a decision should be made within 60-90 days.

Mr. Allain asked Mr. Miller to comment on the LA DOTD - State Project's progress.

Mr. Miller gave the following report - Miller Engineers is working on the Air Compressor project at this time and is waiting for the specifications from the manufacturer. As soon as the specifications have been received he will submit them to DOTD for their review. The following packages will have the same format; Mr. Allain asked if the Bulkhead would be in the same package along with the compressor. Mr. Miller explained that the Compressor will be a package by itself because of its uniqueness and that

the Civil portion such as the bulkhead would be a separate package along with the fencing, and limestone which will go out for bid.

Election of Officers:

Mr. Terry asked for the Election of Officers due to the recent death of Mr. Wayne Stevens who was elected President of the Commission at the December 5, 2017 meeting. Mr. Terry called on Mr. Duplantis, Port Attorney to conduct the Election of Officers.

Mr. Duplantis asked for any nominations.

A motion was made by Mr. Calvin Deshotel to nominate Mr. Will Terry for the office of President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Willie Peters. There were no more nominations. Mr. Duplantis moved that the nomination be closed. Mr. Terry was elected President.

A motion was made by Mr. Willie Peters to nominate Mr. Joseph Tabb for the office of Vice President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tad Blevins. There were no more nominations. Mr. Duplantis moved that the nomination be closed. Mr. Tabb was elected Vice President.

Mr. Duplantis recommended that that the board allow Mr. Tabb to maintain his position as Secretary /Treasurer until a full board has been appointed. If at that point and if they so choose, the board can have an open nomination.

A motion was made by Mr. Calvin Deshotel to nominate Mr. Greg Paul for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Willie Peters. There were no more nominations. Mr. Greg Paul was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Blevins moved that the nominations be closed with all nominations being unanimous.

Mr. Terry asked for a Resolution of Respect for Mr. Wayne Stevens and dedicated the January 2, 2018 meeting to his memory as President of the Port of West St. Mary.

A motion was made by Mr. Tad Blevins for a Resolution of Respect for Mr. Wayne Stevens. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain stated that Mr. Stevens was appointed Commissioner in 2008 and re-appointed in November of 2011, not only did we lose a Commissioner but a good friend. Mr. Peters asked that one of the Parish Council members also offer a Resolution of Respect for Mr. Stevens.

Mr. Duplantis reminded the Commission about doing their Ethics training for 2018.

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. Peters and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Signed _____
Greg Paul, Secretary

