

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
APRIL 2, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wilson Terry, President of the Port Commission. Mr. Terry led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Lanceslin gave the Invocation. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Calvin Deshotel
Donna Lanceslin
Ralph Longman
Greg Paul
Joseph Phillips
Joseph Tabb
Murphy Pontiff
Wilson Terry

Absent:

Willie Peters

Also present at the meeting were: Mrs. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Casey Collier of the Franklin Banner, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mrs. Benita Prevost, Temporary Secretary/Receptionist, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Rebecca Pellerin, Office Manager.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to dispense with the reading of the March 12, 2019 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported that Mr. Gary LaGrange, former Director of the Port of West St. Mary underwent liver transplant surgery recently. The surgery was successful and he is doing well. There will be a blood drive on his behalf on May 8th in Franklin.

A motion was made to pass a Resolution by Mr. Paul to adopt the millage rate for year 2019 at the rate of 3.72 mils. - this is the same rate as last year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Deshotel. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported on the LAD building located in Baldwin. He said repairs have been completed to the west building, it has not been fully inspected but the building looks good. He said that Mr. Dragna is making all necessary repairs to bring the building up to code and is actually making additional repairs that were not on the original list. The east building is currently being repaired and he estimates that work should be completed within a month or two. Mr. Dragna plans to exit the facility after all necessary inspections are completed. Mr. Allain suggested that the Port Commission consider securing the facility and reported that he has been researching several options with security experts. The estimated cost to secure the facility is \$16,000.00. Mr. Allain reminded the Commission that Mr. Dragna has spent a large sum of money to repair the damage that was done. Mr. Allain said he would inform the Commission and provide a demonstration of the type of security and would prefer not to discuss all of the details regarding the security at this time. A motion was made by Mr. Pontiff to authorize Mr.

Allain to pursue security for the Baldwin facility using his discretion and not to exceed \$16,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Longman for a Resolution of Respect for Mr. A.J. Hidalgo, former Port of West St. Mary Commissioner who passed away recently. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to pass a resolution Certifying Compliance with the Public Bid Law for the Louisiana DOTD Port Priority State Project H.013325 - (Phase IV - Bulkhead Rehab). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lanceslin. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to approve payment of Contractor's Application for Payment No. 4 (Final) (Phase II - Building) Louisiana DOTD Port Priority State Project H.013325 to Southern Constructors, LLC in the amount of \$13,250.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Deshotel. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was by Mr. Deshotel to approve payment of Contractor's Application for Payment No. 3 (Phase III - Crane and Fencing) Louisiana DOTD Port Priority State Project H.013325 to Louisiana Crane and Electrical in the amount of \$65,010.76. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lanceslin. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Allain reported that a meeting held earlier in the day to discuss the needs of area industry went well. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed training facility to be constructed at the Port's Industrial Park.

Mr. Reid Miller reported that on the Phase III portion of the Louisiana DOTD project, crane and fencing, with the fencing portion being completed, that after speaking with the contractor, he learned that the crane components are approximately two weeks out for delivery. With reference to the Phase IV portion of the project, Bulkhead Rehab, plans are to set up a pre-construction meeting with the contractor within the next two weeks. Mr. Terry requested that the Commissioners be informed of that meeting. Mr. Allain said that the Phase IV portion of the project is under budget and discussion will be held regarding additional work on the bulkhead. Mr. Miller reported that he spoke with a representative of Louisiana DOTD and was informed that as long as the additional work would be within the original scope of the project, a Change Order could be requested.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Paul. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman. Mr. Terry asked there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Signed



Lennel G. Paul, Secretary