

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 7, 2020

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. The Invocation was given by Mr. Willie Peters. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Absent:

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

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Casey Collier of the Franklin Banner, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Ms. Benita Prevost, Port Commission Secretary, 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 December 3, 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.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Allain reported that at last month's meeting, damage on the Marine Turbine Technologies transit shed was discussed. A request was made by the Commission that Mr. Allain secure additional bids for the work to be performed and he reported that he was successful with obtaining three bids as follows: ARL, LLC - \$31,900, Napier Sheet Metal - \$34,5400 and Cajun Building Specialties - \$34,569. A motion was made by Mr. Paul to accept the lowest bid from ARL, LLC in the amount of \$31,900 for the work to be performed on the transit shed at the Port site. 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 gave an update on the Port's request for funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for damages caused by Hurricane Barry. He reported that all site visits have been completed and all damages have been reported and accepted. Mr. Allain estimated approximately \$130,000 in damages between all three port sites. He also reported that he is anticipating

approximately \$18,000 for damage caused by Hurricane Barry to the transit shed leased to MTT previously discussed.

Mr. Miller reported that he spoke with the Architect regarding the SLCC Training Facility and was informed that he has the final layout of the building completed and that all mechanical, electrical and plumbing sub-consultants are working on their portions. He anticipates that a coordination meeting will be held in the first week of February to make sure that everyone is on schedule for the project. He expects to take action at the next Port Commission meeting to authorize approval for advertisement for bids contingent upon by the Economic Development Administration.

Mr. Miller reported that the Commission requested at last month's meeting that he run ball-park figures on new office space. Upon his investigation, it was determined a 2,500 - 3,000 square foot building would cost approximately \$750,000 to \$800,000 (a cost of \$200 per square foot). He said this information was based on other projects in the area. Discussion followed. No action was taken on this matter.

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. Longman. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition - there was none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Signed _____
Joseph Tabb, Secretary