

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2023

6:00 P.M.

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

Present:

Greg Paul
Joseph Phillips
Wilson Terry
Joel Authement
Murphy Pontiff
Sam Jones
Donna Lanceslin

Absent:

Joe Foulcard, Jr.
Joseph Tabb

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Clarence Vappie, Mayor of Baldwin, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, and Ms. Brandy Pennison, Administrative Assistant of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to dispense with the reading of the September 5, 2023 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones. Mr. Paul asked if there was any discussion or opposition – there was none. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to Consider and Take Action on a Resolution on Purchasing the building @ 301 NW Blvd. in Franklin from Hospital Service District #1 for \$200,000.00 and to Authorize Board President, Lennel G. Paul and/or Executive Director, David A. Naquin, to Execute the Purchase Agreement. Mr. Paul informed the Board that they had inspections done on the roof and it's in very good shape, also there was a new air conditioning unit installed. Discussion followed. Ms. Lanceslin seconded the motion. Mr. Paul asked if there was discussion or opposition – there was none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Paul gave the Executive Director's report, in which he stated that the gate at the Industrial Park is up and completed.

With reference to the Sugar Warehouse/LA DOTD – Project H.014893 (322) – A motion was made by Mr. Terry to pay the Contractor's Application for Partial Payment #3 to ARL Construction, Inc. for \$1,734,284.49. Ms. Lanceslin seconded the motion. Mr. Jones asked what was the percentage of work

done. Mr. Miller stated that they were about 20 Percent complete. Mr. Paul asked if there was discussion or opposition – there was none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to pay Miller's Engineers Request for Payment #10 for Professional Services in the amount of \$57,495.29. Ms. Lanceslin seconded the motion. Mr. Paul asked if there was discussion or opposition – there was none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eric Duplantis reminded the Commission to complete the required Ethics and Preventing Sexual Harassment training before the end of the year.

Mr. Reid Miller reported on the Sugar Warehouse project that everything is on schedule and he presented a slideshow to update the Commission on the progress of the construction. He stated that building three on the south side is what is mainly being worked on. He explained the next steps for pouring the concrete, which was to begin at midnight. He said they expect to finish at 1,000 yards for the first pour. The second pour is scheduled for next week. He also stated that the metal for this building is on site, which is part of this month's pay application request.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Jones to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pontiff. Mr. Paul asked if there was any discussion or opposition – there was none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Signed _____
Murphy Pontiff, Secretary