

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2024

6:00 P.M.

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

Present:

Greg Paul
Joseph Phillips
Wilson Terry
Joel Authement
Donna Lanceslin
Joseph Tabb
Joe Duck

Absent:

Murphy Pontiff

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Sam Jones, St. Mary Parish President, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. Roger Beaudean, Mr. Clarence Vappie, Mayor of Baldwin, Mr. David Naquin, Executive Director and Ms. Brandy Pennison, Administrative Assistant of the Port Commission.

Ms. Lanceslin introduced Mr. Joe Duck as the new Commissioner to the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to dispense with the reading of the January 2, 2024 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones stated that there was expansion in the Franklin area coming available soon, but couldn't give out any more details at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to Consider and Take Action on a Resolution to Award the Project for Marine Turbine Technologies(MTT) Roof Repairs to Frisco Industrial Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$114,125.00. Mr. Miller explained that Frisco was the lowest bidder out of the four bids received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Naquin gave an update on the Northwest Boulevard repairs. He reported that the renovations are complete. He also stated that the Port office, located at 15301 Highway 182 West, may have potential buyers interested. Mr. Duplantis explained the procedure that would have to be taken if the Port was to sell the building.

With reference to the Sugar Warehouse/LA DOTD – Project H.014893 (322) – A motion was made by Mr. Paul to pay the Contractor’s Application for Partial Payment #7 to ARL Construction, Inc. for \$1,315,406.73. Mr. Terry seconded the motion. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were questions or comments. Mr. Tabb asked if there would be any signs placed on the buildings. Mr. Naquin stated that he would look into it and get back with the board. The motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Mr. Tabb to pay Miller Engineers Request for Payment #14 in the amount of \$43,121.48. Mr. Paul seconded the motion. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Mr. Tabb to pay Miller Engineers Request for Payment for Plans, Specs & Inspection in connection with MTT Roof Repairs in the amount of \$2,335.00. Mr. Terry seconded the motion. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Mr. Paul to pay Miller Engineers Request for Payment # 2 for Services in connection with Dredging of Port Channel in the amount of \$7,102.50. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Reid Miller reported on the Sugar Warehouse project- the percent complete of the money for the project is at 80%. He reported that Building #1 is 2/3 completed. Building #2 – concrete walls are being installed. Building #3- concrete walls are completed and ventilation fans will be installed this week. The project is progressing on schedule. He also reported that they do have the permits for the dredging project.

Mr. Duplantis reminded everyone to do the online training for Ethics and Preventing Sexual Harassment before the end of the year.

Mr. Vappie mentioned he was associated with Delta Regional Authority and he wanted the board to know that they deal with grants for railway spurs and he will get the board more information to look into.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Tabb to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there was any questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Signed _____
Joel Authement, Secretary