

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 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. Ms. Lanceslin gave the Invocation. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Greg Paul  
Wilson Terry  
Joel Authement  
Donna Lanceslin  
David Hanagriff  
Joe Duck

Absent:

Murphy Pontiff  
Joseph Tabb  
Joe Phillips

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. David Naquin, Executive Director and Ms. Brandy Pennison, Administrative Assistant of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to dispense with the reading of the March 5, 2024 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hanagriff. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lanceslin asked if there was any public comment – there was none.

Mr. Naquin gave the following report – He has purchased the signs for the sugar warehouses and will have them up on the building as soon as possible. He mentioned that the sign that is on Highway 90 advertising for the Port is very faded and is looking at prices to update or replace it, which he will hopefully have at the next meeting.

Mr. Naquin reported there is interest in the rail spur at Louisa. He is waiting on a tenant and other companies that would like to lease the spur for additional rail cars.

He also commented on the Industrial Park – There is someone using it now for storing limestone, but the property is low and the Port would like to add some dirt to fill in the holes for now and discuss about the potential for lease later. Mr. Terry asked Mr. Miller about the dredging on the south side of the property. Mr. Miller responded that they did look at how many cubic yards they could do, but didn't have that with him, but new maps were being made. Discussion followed. Mr. Hanagriff suggested in the future to get some Capital Outlay to do projects that unexpectedly come up. Mr. Naquin agreed. Discussion followed.

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 #9 to ARL Construction, Inc. for \$482,636.27. 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. Paul to pay Miller Engineers for Pay Request #16 in the amount of \$17,967.28. Mr. Terry seconded the motion. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duplantis reminded everyone to do their Annual Financial Disclosure Reports by May 15<sup>th</sup> and the online training for Ethics and Preventing Sexual Harassment before the end of the year.

Mr. Miller reported that the sugar warehouse original cost was 10.7 million and to date 9.5 has been paid, with it being 88% complete. He stated currently they are installing overhead doors and louvres for the exhaust fans. They are cleaning up around the site. Electrical is still out, but they are into the final details to finish the project by hopefully June 2024.

Mr. Miller also stated that material to work on Maine Turbine Technologies roof should be coming in soon so that repairs could get started.

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. Terry. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there was any questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Joel Authement, Secretary