

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 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
David Hanagriff
Wilson Terry
Joel Authement
Donna Lanceslin
Murphy Pontiff
Joe Duck
Joseph Phillips

Absent:

Joseph Tabb

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. Steven Link and Mr. Robin Saiz of IBV Energy Group, Mr. Don Caffery, Mr. David Naquin, Executive Director and Ms. Brandy Pennison, Administrative Assistant of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to dispense with the reading of the May 7, 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. Link of IBV gave a presentation on the proposed plans for another option for their solar panel facility. He gave an update on some follow up questions from the last meeting of the Port Commission. He presented an economic impact summary to the Board for review along with a crossing proposal. The Commission requested Mr. Reid Miller study the proposal and give the Port his recommendations of what the impact on the Port would be. Discussion followed.

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

Executive Director's Report – A motion was made by Mr. Pontiff to Consider and Take Action on a Resolution Declaring the Property at 15301 Highway 182 West as Surplus. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hanagriff. Ms. Pennison read the Resolution and Mr. Duplantis explained the process of the surplus & bidding. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Duck to Consider and Take Action on paying off a Grant Application Loan from Gulf Coast Bank. Mr. Naquin stated that the Port made this loan request in the amount of \$2 million dollars. He explained that since the Port has the money now to repay the loan, it would be in the Port's best interest to repay now since the project is almost to the end and the Pay Applications are significantly smaller. Mr. Hanagriff seconded the motion. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Naquin thanked Mr. Phillips for helping with work on the pumps at the Port's Industrial Park. He stated that the pump will need a cover to protect it from the elements and he will work on getting some prices and let the Board know at a later meeting. He also mentioned that the Marine Turbine Technologies roof was damaged because of bad weather and will need to be repaired. He will give an update at a later meeting.

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 #11 to ARL Construction, Inc. for \$38,951.90. 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. Phillips to pay Miller Engineers for Pay Request #18 in the amount of \$7,186.91. Mr. Pontiff 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 online training for Ethics and Preventing Sexual Harassment before the end of the year.

Mr. Miller reported that with the Sugar Warehouse project is 94% complete with another change order expected and 323 days completed out of 400. The Final Inspection is two weeks away. They are currently working on conduit wiring for all warehouses. The HVAC was finished, which he stated was basically fans for ventilation. He stated building #3 was up and running and the small building #4 is being finished, which is an office space and a small restroom. Fire Marshall inspections are being scheduled. He also reported that original contract amount was \$10.7 million with a reduction that brought it down to \$10.55 million. Currently to date, completed should be around \$9.9 million with a change order to finalize dirt work, which will be brought to the next meeting. He stated that when it is completed, it will be under the original contract amount. He reported that after talking to the sugar growers, there should be sugar in the warehouses this grinding season. Discussion followed.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Pontiff 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 6:46 p.m.

Signed


Joel Authement, Secretary