

Avoyelles Parish Port Commission
170 Honeybee Lane
P.O. Box 126
Simmesport, Louisiana 71369

Regular Meeting

January 17, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Barry Laiche called to order the regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission 5:30 p.m. on January 17, 2023, at Port Commission Headquarters 170 Honeybee Lane, Simmesport, Louisiana, 71369.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

By Commissioner Andre Webb

III. PRAYER:

By Commissioner Scott Williams

IV. ROLL CALL:

Port Director Sam Ducote conducted the roll call. The following individuals were present giving the meeting a quorum of four commissioners present:

Chairman Barry Laiche

Commissioner Scott Williams

Commissioner Andre Webb

Commissioner Patrick Deshotels

Stacy Auzenne (Port Counsel)

Aloysia Ducote

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

The public had no comments to make.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was passed as this position has not been filled.

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the December 19, 2022, meeting was reviewed by all commissioners present. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve and adopt the minutes, Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion to accept the minutes for the December 2022, meeting passed unanimously.

VIII. DELEGATES FIVE MINUTE RULE:

There was no one present.

IX. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

E. Ducote & Company Audit Review.

Ms. Ducote presented the audit reports to the commissioners and went over the Statements of Net Position, Statement of Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. The report found that the Port of Avoyelles is in compliance with State regulations and there were no material discrepancies found. Chairman Laiche asked one of the commissioners to consider a motion to approve professional audit and accounting fees for Ducote & Company in the amount of \$12,000.00. Commissioner Webb motioned for the approval of professional audit and accounting fees for Ducote & Company. Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Election of Avoyelles Port Commission Officers.

Newly elected Avoyelles Port Commission Officers are as follows:

Commissioner Barry Laiche - Commission Chairman/President

Commissioner Scott Williams - Commission Vice President

Commissioner Patrick Deshotels – Commission Secretary

Commissioner Andre Webb - Commission Treasurer

B. PAL Dues of \$2,200.00 annually are due.

Port of Louisiana annual dues of \$2,200.00 are due for 2023. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve payment of the \$2,200.00 to the Port of Louisiana. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Brad Augustine (BRUDD Construction).

Mr. Augustine did not appear at the meeting.

D. Jeff Courtney (Canadaville Group).

Mr. Courtney did not appear at the meeting.

X. VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Commissioner Williams did not have anything new to report.

XI. DIRECTORS REPORT:

Director Ducote did not have anything new to report.

XII. CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER MATTERS:

Commissioner Williams discussed advertisement of building. Discussion of the bid packet was had. Counsel Auzenne discussed the where the Port is at in terms of beginning the construction of the new metal building. Bid date duration was extended from thirty days to sixty days, packets will be made available to the public for bidding.

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING:

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The next regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission will take place on February 21, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Port Headquarters. The meeting adjourned.