



Grand Isle Port Commission

Bobby Jindal - Governor

**Commissioners: Andy Galliano-President, Bob Sevin-VicePresident,
Ambrose Besson-Secretary/Treasurer, Perry Chighizola and Terrill Pizani**

Wayne Keller-Executive Director

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Meeting opened at noon by President Andy Galliano at the Port Commission Center located on Louisiana Highway 1. Commissioners present were Andy Galliano, Bob Sevin, Ambrose Besson, and Perry Chighizola. Commissioner Terrill Pizani was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chighizola, seconded by Commissioner Sevin and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes from June 11, 2014 changing the wording I in the 4th paragraph to read fill not file.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chighizola, seconded by Commissioner Sevin and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes from June 30, 2014 as read.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Sevin and unanimously agreed to accept the financial report as read.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chighizola, seconded by Commissioner Sevin and unanimously agreed to appoint the New Orleans Advocate as the official journal and to have each commissioner receive the new journal.

The election of officers was tabled until confirmation of their appointments is received by each commissioner.

A joint motion was made by the commissioner to allow the President to appoint Commissioner Sevin and Commissioner Besson on a steering committee for the port improvements project. The committee will inform all the commissioners when the time is needed to make decisions concerning using the money to repair, fix or improvements to the port.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Chighizola and unanimously agreed to appoint the President to sign the paperwork on any trespassing vessels on port property. The port lawyer drew up papers that will need to be executed in case of any vessels not wanting to move out of rented boat slips. This action will only be used at the last resort if the boat will not move voluntary or if a vessel is abandoned on the port property.

Director Keller stated that the new light pole was installed on Oak Street we are just waiting on trench to be dug for conduit. He also stated that the paperwork is filed with the Coast Guard, DNR and Coastal Management for the pilings in Caminada Pass.

Commissioner Sevin was appointed by the President to look into the feasibility of trading property with the state. The property is located on the western end of the island and belongs to the State Park.

A motion was made by Commissioner Galliano to give the port employees a 1.55 pay increase. This motion dies for lack of second. The commissioners stated that they respect the employees but need more time to see if the money is in the budget and what the cost will be to the port.

Mr. Charles McDonald was recognized and thanked the board for their service and for opening up the office to help the people of Grand Isle.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, Seconded by Commissioner Chighizola and unanimously agreed to accept the insurance proposal from Daul Insurance for wind and hail coverage and to change the nature of business and description of building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Chighizola and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting 1:20 pm.

Andy Galliano, President
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Ambrose Besson, Secretary/Treasurer
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