GREATER KROTZ SPRINGS PORT COMMISSION

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Greater Krotz Springs Port Commission was held

Monday, September 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the office of the Greater Krotz Springs Port

Commission. The following Commissioners were present which constituted a quorum:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Batiste, Carter, Cornelius, DiCapo, Haynes, Reed,

Soileau, Thibodeaux, Thompson and Vidrine.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Sanders, Cindy Stelly & Jacque Pucheu, Jr.

Commissioner Senic Batiste called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. He

also led the Prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 08, 2022:

MOTION: CARTER

SECOND:

**VIDRINE** 

A motion was made by Cheryl Carter and seconded by Ken Vidrine to approve and

accept the AUGUST 08, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. All Commissioners

agreed unanimously.

INDUSTRIAL INDUCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

MOTION: REED

SECOND: CARTER

A motion was made by Monita Reed and seconded by Cheryl Carter to approve and

accept the AUGUST 15, 2022 Industrial Inducement Committee Meeting minutes as written.

All Commissioners agreed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:** 

MOTION: CARTER

**SECOND: CORNELIUS** 

A motion was made by Cheryl Carter and seconded by Clovis Cornelius to approve and accept the AUGUST 22, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written. All

Commissioners agreed unanimously.

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**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** 

PRESIDENT;

MOTION: BATISTE

SECOND: VIDRINE

A motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Ken Vidrine nominating Monita Reed for the office of President. With no further nominations, by acclimation, Ms. Reed was

elected as President.

VICE PRESIDENT:

MOTION: VIDRINE

SECOND: THIBODEAUX

A motion was made by Ken Vidrine and seconded by Mike Thibodeaux nominating Cheryl Carter for the office of Vice President. With no further nominations, by acclimation,

Ms. Carter was elected as Vice President.

SECRETARY:

MOTION: VIDRINE

SECOND: CORNELIUS

A motion was made by Ken Vidrine and seconded by Clovis Cornelius nominating Mike Thibodeaux for the office of Secretary. With no further nominations, by acclimation, Mr. Thibodeaux was elected as Secretary.

TREASURER:

MOTION: THIBODEAUX SECOND: HAYNES

A motion was made by Mike Thibodeaux and seconded by Vernon Haynes nominating Ken Vidrine for the office of Treasurer. With no further nominations, by acclimation, Mr. Vidrine was reelected as Treasurer.

PORT OF KROTZ SPRINGS OFFICERS = 2022-2023

Monita Reed - President

Cheryl Carter - Vice President

Mike Thibodeaux - Secretary

Ken Vidrine - Treasurer

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## OTHER BUSINESS:

## PORT APPOINTMENT:

The St. Landry Parish Council held their Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Item #10 on their agenda was to approve forwarding all received applications for the port appointment to the full council for a vote at their meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Denise Cannatella did submit an application and did a little presentation to the committee about herself. The new board member should be at the Port at the next Regular Monthly Meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **BOARD PHOTO:**

Susan Angelle Photography from Opelousas is scheduled to take a Board Photo and headshots of those who have never had one done on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Cindy asked all Commissioners to be at the Port office by at least 4:30 p.m.

## SGS NORTH AMERICA:

Cindy had a conference call with Thomas Phan and Gamma Suarez with SGS along with Mark Murphy, Director of the Commercial Team with Delek.

SGS is retained by Delek as a non-biased company to test their chemicals. They currently come to the K.S. refinery from New Orleans, pick up chemicals, and transport them back to New Orleans for testing. Thomas has expressed an interest in opening a location in Krotz Springs to be closer to Delek but possibly being able to service other customers as well. Thomas also said that he would be interested in employing some locals along with SGS employees to run the lab facility.

He is interested in the American Legion Building. This building needs to undergo a major renovation before it can be used. He then inquired about the lot on the side of the Port office. He said maybe they could put a portable building there to begin operations and then move to the American Legion Building once it has been renovated.

Thomas said they would be open to attending a Board meeting to introduce themselves in person and report more in depth their mission and reason for wanting to put a location at the Port. All Commissioners would like to invite Thomas to the next Regular Monthly Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING:

There was a brief discussion about the renovation of the American Legion Building.

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The Commissioners would like to meet with Thomas Phan & SGS before proceeding with this

project.

FENCE DISPUTE:

Each Commissioner was given a copy of the letters sent to the Jarreau's about the

fence dispute on the Vannoy Property. Also included was email correspondence once Cindy

and Jacque had conversations with Kim Jarreau, Jasper Artall, George Fletcher, and former

Executive Director Gary Soileau. As a reminder, all previous tenants had been questioned as

well. Port Attorney Jacque Pucheu suggested maybe having a meeting with Kim Jarreau and

Engineer Kenny Boagni. Jerome Ledoux, with the St. Landry Parish Assessor's office, may

be included as well.

PPP AGREEMENT:

Port Attorney Jacque Pucheu had a conference call with the lawyers at Alon on August

25th. They were interested in knowing that, once Keystone Engineering has completed the

plans and specs on the project, what kind of turn around time would DOTD need to approve

the project bid ready. Molly Bourgoyne said it would take about 2 weeks for them to review

the plans and specs and approve them to begin the bidding process.

Blair Briggs, with Simoneaux & Wallace, said that it appears that a Payment and

Performance Bond cannot be issued for this type of project. This is more a financial issue.

Jacque said he will do more research and suggested a Letter of Credit may be a better

option.

The next meeting date is scheduled for October 03, 2022. There being no further

business, Commissioner Vernon Haynes motioned for the meeting to adjourn, seconded by

Commissioner Monita Reed.

RACHEL SANDERS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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