

West Calcasieu Port Board Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting Called

October 29, 2012

I. Call to order

President Dick Kennison called to order the special meeting of the West Calcasieu Port at approximately 7:30 a.m. on October 29, 2012, at the offices of Meyer & Associates, 600 N. Cities Service Hwy., Sulphur, Louisiana.

II. Invocation

Police Jury Member Francis Andrepont led the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge led by Wilmer Dugas and recited by all board members and guests.

IV. Roll call

Secretary Tim Dougherty conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

- ✓ Tim Dougherty
 - ✓ Wilmer Dugas
 - ✓ Dick Kennison
- Absent: Dave Aguiard

(Others also present at the meeting were: Lynn Hohensee, Chuck Stutes, Glen James, Darla Perry and Francis Andrepont)

V. Amendments, additions and deletions to the proposed agenda

There were no amendments, additions nor deletions to the proposed agenda.

VI. Board to discuss and take action on new roadway resolution to request parish funding

Lynn Hohensee stated he drafted a copy of a letter to the Police Jury for the Board's review showing an official work request for the funding support for the roadway. Chuck Stutes detailed a meeting between Mike Devall, Chuck, Lynn and others after the last board meeting to determine the best location for the ramp. Chuck stated the current position of the ramp inhibits the operations of Devall Towing for loading/unloading. Mike Devall suggested moving the ramp roughly 300 feet from the face of the building. Chuck stated this gives 700 feet of asphalt roadway at a preliminary construction cost of \$250,000. Chuck reiterated that cost is for the roadway only and does not include the ramp. Chuck said it is his understanding the Devalls have volunteered to pay for the ramp and the structure to support the ramp, and hopefully the Port will receive money from the Parish to build the roadway. Chuck said he feels he can work with the Devalls to get electrical to the new ramp site. Chuck recommended adding 20% to the construction cost to pay for miscellaneous expenses such as advertising, recording, plans and specs, geotechnical surveying, engineering, etc. This will bring the total to roughly \$300,000. Chuck said this is all well-stated in the letter Lynn wrote to the Police Jury. Chuck said it was requested in the meeting that there be a Board resolution to officially request funding.

Wilmer Dugas makes a motion to make a resolution requesting funding from the Parish for \$248,700 to help cover costs of a new road to the new ramp, 2nd by Tim Dougherty. No opposition. Motion carries.

VII. Board to discuss and take action on possible progression with bonding effort

Lynn Hohensee explained this is a follow-up on action the Board took earlier with Jay Delafield. Lynn said based on additional information received since the last meeting, the Board needs to move ahead with the bonding because the bonding is going to provide a match for any Capital Outlay funding. Chuck Stutes stated the Capital Outlay request is due this week, even though you do not find out if you get funding until next fall. Chuck said he recommends getting advice from Jay Delafield on how the timing works out for the funding and what information he will need to get bonding passed through legislation. The Board agreed to continue working with Jay Delafield on the bonding issue. Lynn said he would speak with Jay to see if he can come to the next West Cal Board Meeting.

Lynn stated he received an email from Bryan Beam yesterday stating the Parish records shows the Port never picked up the check for \$50,000 to help with maintenance dredging from 2009. Lynn said he remembers it was an interest-free loan, if needed, but it wasn't needed. Darla said she will research it to see how it was worded.

VIII. Public Comments


There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment

President Dick Kennison entertains a motion to adjourn. Wilmer Dugas makes a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Tim Dougherty. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 a.m.



President



Secretary