

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT

January 14, 2015

Special Meeting

1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ralph Longman, President of the Port Commission. Mr. Will Terry led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Willie Peters
Wayne Stevens
Joseph Tabb
Ralph Longman
Will Terry

Absent:

Tad Blevins
Calvin Deshotel
Phil Bell
Greg Paul

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Cameron Webster of Twin Brothers Marine, Ms. Marsha McNulty of Duplantis & McNulty Law firm, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. Reid Miller, of Miller Engineers, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Donna Louviere, Secretary/Receptionist of the Port Commission.

Mr. Allain explained the reason for this meeting is that the Construction Company did not get the necessary documents to Miller Engineers within the 10 day period. Mr. Allain then asked that Mr. Duplantis explain where we are and the options that we have on this matter.

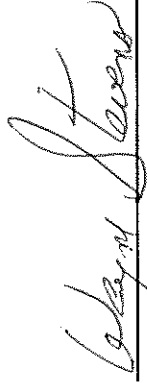
Mr. Duplantis stated that on December 22, 2014, the Port Commission accepted the lowest responsive bidder subject to them meeting the proper qualifications. Mr. Duplantis stated as it turns out they did not submit the Attestation affidavit and the E verification form within the 10 day period which is required by the Public Bid Law. Mr. Duplantis explained that the Public Bid Law is very clear that they shall submit these two documents within the 10 days. Without meeting this requirement they shall be declared non-responsive and it also states that you cannot waver. Mr. Duplantis said that the Statue also states that if this happens you can go to the next lowest bidder and see if they are interested. If they are, they will also have 10 days and the Board can take them as the low and responsive bidder. Mr. Duplantis recommended that the Port Commission declare the lowest bidder non-responsive and go with the next low bid. He stated that it is his understanding that this is the Commission intentions and suggested that they do so. A motion was made by Mr. Terry to move forward and accept the next lowest bid provided that all requirements and specifications have been met. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously.

Mr. Longman asked if anyone had been in contact with the next low bidder and Mr. Miller stated that he had corresponded with him and should be in receipt of the paperwork today.

Mr. Duplantis complimented Mr. Miller on doing a good job revealing the non-responsive act as stated in the Public Bid Law. He also stated that this saved the Port Commission a lot of problems by doing so.

Discussion followed.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Terry to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Signed 
Wayne Stevens, Secretary