WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL MINUTES

OCTOBER 2, 2012

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Calvin Deshotel, President of the Port Commission. Mr. John Lockett led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present: Absent:

Calvin Deshotel

Phil Bell

Tad Blevins

John Lockett

Greg Paul

Ralph Longman

Wayne Stevens

Will Terry

Willie Peters

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Roger Stouff of the Franklin Banner, Mr. Paul Naquin, President of the St. Mary Parish Council, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Rebecca Pellerin, Office Manager of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Longman to dispense with the reading of the September 4, 2012 meeting minutes and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blevins and carried unanimously.

Mr. Deshotel asked for Public Comment. Mr. Paul Naquin gave an update on his recent trip to China. A group of Chinese individuals are interesting in building a deep water port and Mr. Naquin explained that the area being considered is between Big Rabbit Island and Block 18. He said there are still a lot of hurdles to cross but much progress is being made. He will report back to the Commission with an update at a later date.

Mr. Allain reported that the Delta Regional Authority Grant that the Port Commission applied for over six months ago has not been awarded yet. The grant is expected to be awarded in approximately two weeks.

Mr. Allain reported on the Industrial Park and presented permitting plans to the Commission. Mr. Miller reported that the same plan is being used as was used before with the addition of bulk heading. The whole project is being permitted which includes dredging of a slip, building up on the North West side and also permitting all of the roadways that were initially in the plan so that everything will be in place.

Mr. Naquin asked if a public dock would be included in the plans for the Industrial Park. Mr. Allain said that there would be approximately 400 feet of public dock but not all of it would be bullheaded. Mr. Naquin also told the Commission that the Parish would cut the grass at the Industrial Park.

Mr. Allain reported that the wallpaper in the receptionist’s office is peeling off of the walls. Mr. Allain obtained an estimate in the amount of $3700.00 to remove the wall paper to apply a texture to walls and to paint them. A motion was made by Mr. Peters to authorized Mr. Allain to have the repairs completed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously. Mr. Allain said there may be mold under the wall paper and this would also be taken care of.

A motion was made by Mr. Longman to adjust the budget to add $5,000 to the office improvements section to make necessary repairs to the Port Commission office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bell and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain read a letter from the City of Franklin announcing the reappointments of Mr. Greg Paul and Mr. Phil Bell to the Port of West St. Mary Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners congratulated Mr. Paul and Mr. Bell.

Mr. Allain, on behalf of the Port Commissioners and staff thanked Mr. John Lockett for his dedication and service to the Port of West St. Mary while serving as a Commissioner.

Mr. Miller reported that all mapping portions of the Master Plan have been completed. Mr. Allain reported that an assessment team from Volkert, the company updating the Port’s Master Plan, will be meeting with him next week at the Port office.

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. Stevens and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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 Willie Peters, Secretary