**AVOYELLES PARISH PORT COMMISSION**

**170 HONEYBEE LANE**

**P. O. BOX 126**

**SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA 71369**

**March 15, 2021 Minutes**

**The Avoyelles Parish Port Commission had its monthly meeting at it’s office on 170 Honeybee Lane**

**Simmesport, Louisiana on Monday, March 15, 2021 @ 5:30PM.**

**Those present were; Barry Laiche, Scott Williams, Penn Lemoine, Toney Pierite, and Patrick Deshotels.**

**absent was James Sampson.**

**The meeting opened up with the pledge of allegiance by Toney Pierite, followed by the opening prayer by Patrick Deshotels.**

**First on the agenda was the adoption of the October 19, 2020 minutes, motion made by Chairman Scott Williams, Second by Patrick Deshotels, all in favor.**

**Next was the chairman’s report, concerning the resubmitting a 2021 application for funding for an additional Liquid fertilizer tank.**

**The next Item to be discussed was the release of public records, which was turned over to legal council.**

**The third item to be discussed was interest of a second party in the development of a solar panel**

**Farm on port lands.**

**The issue of Canadaville Group’s interest in developing a solar farm was also discussed and the commission concluded that they provide us with more specific information and a solid proposal.**

**The chairman’s report concluded with one last issue concerning the possible action of having a professional firm do a feasibility study, to determine the best use of port lands in the current economic climate.**

**The next issue on the agenda was the discussion and approval of maintenance projects, (1) replace lighting and deteriorating poles in the Fertilizer tank lot, for the amount of $8,700.00, motion was made by Penn Lemoine, second by Toney Pierite, all in favor. (2) Replacing a damaged street light in the port housing area for the amount of $675.00, motion made by Toney Pierite, second by Penn Lemoine, all in favor. (3) installing a pvc water line for safety equipment for the amount of $1,300.00, motion made by Penn Lemoine, second by Toney Pierite, all in favor, and last (4) Having rope tie Cleats (Kevels) welded on fertilizer offloading barge materials and labor $2,836.00, + frt., motion made by Penn Lemoine, second by Toney Pierite, all in favor.**

**The next issue was Farm tenant Steven Voiselle granted permission to plant a second crop on port lands within accordance of all port rules. Motion made by Patrick Deshotels, second by Scott Williams, all in favor.**

**A motion was made to purchase NO DUMPING signs for the public boat launch area for the amount of $474.00. motion made by Commissioner Penn Lemoine, second by Toney Pierite, all in favor.**

**A motion again was made to consider the possibility of using a certified court reporter to transcribe monthly port meetings and related business for the purpose of being in compliance with state law,**

**Motion was made by Toney Pierite, Second by Scott Williams, all in favor.**

**Discussion and action of putting remaining housing units up for public bid, and giving remaining tenants notice to relocate no later than December 31, 2021. Motion made by Treasurer Penn Lemoine, Second by Secretary Patrick Deshotels, all in favor.**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Scott Williams, second by Treasurer Penn Lemoine to approve**

**Payment of annual Ports Of Louisiana (PAL) dues for the amount of $2,200.00**

**Last was a motion made by Secretary Patrick Deshotels, to adopt Policies & Procedures as approved by legal council, second by Penn Lemoine, all in favor,**

**The meeting was then adjourned motion by Scott Williams, Second by Toney Pierite, all in favor.**