

Grand Isle Port Commission

John Bel Edwards - Governor Commissioners: Bob Sevin-President, Terrill Pizani-Vice President, Ambrose Besson-Secretary/Treasurer, Perry Chighizola, and Juanita B. Cheramie

Wayne Keller-Executive Director

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Meeting opened at noon by President Bob Sevin at the Grand Isle Multiplex Building located on Louisiana Highway 1. Commissioners present were Bob Sevin, Ambrose Besson, Perry Chighizola, Terrill Pizani and Juanita B. Cheramie. No commissioners were absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chighizola, seconded by Commissioner Besson and unanimously agreed to approve the meeting of February 10, 2016 as read.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Cheramie and unanimously agreed to accept the financial report and pay port operating invoices.

Mr. Mo Saleh from PEEC was recognized and stated that the Contractor for the Commercial Dock Project is waiting on the clean line certificate. Once the certificate is received the project will be 100% complete. The project has some money left and the contractor will be submitting prices to add limestone with the additional money. The commissioners stated that the bolts on the pilings were installed incorrectly and sticking out and mentioned to the contractor at the October 2015 meeting. Mr. Saleh stated he will bring this to their attention and have the bolts installed correctly. FEMA has approved the repair of the outside dock and we are waiting to see if the state can be the FEMA match. The bulkhead work for the back property was submitted under Capital Outlay.

Mr. Bill Watkins was recognized and stated that he is working reviewing the port options when someone does work within the port's jurisdiction whether a permit is required or some type of notification. He stated he should have an answer at the next meeting.

Mr. Wayne Keller was recognized and stated that a citizen would like to see if Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries can have a mobile office in their new building on Grand Isle. The commissioners agreed to let Mr. Keller contact Wildlife and Fisheries to see if they could come to Grand Isle at least once a month. Commissioners Pizani and Cheramie will work on a list of the licenses they would like to be able to renew on the island instead of traveling to Baton Rouge.

President Sevin stated that the ribbon cutting for the Commercial Dock is Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Commercial Dock located on Oak Lane. Everyone is invited.

The renewal election for the port millage is April 9, 2016 and early voting is Monday, March 28, 2016 at the Grand Isle Multiplex Building. This millage is a renewal only. The port would like for everyone to consider supporting the renewal and vote yes.

Commissioner Chighizola questioned the status of the pilings still on the port property. Commissioner Pizani stated that some of the pilings could be used because one of the boats is tying to the light pole. Commissioner Chighizola stated to give the boat the pilings.

Commissioner Cheramie requested an update on the camera system. Mr. Keller stated that he spoke to a company at the PAL Convention and should be here next week to meet with us.

Commissioner Pizani mentioned that a boat owner at the Commercial Dock would like to have a 3 phase line. The board stated that he can have the line run at his expense and that the port would not provide a 3 phase line.

Commissioner Besson stated that we need to use the town backhoe and operator at the Commercial Dock for one day of work. Commissioner Sevin stated that he would go see Mayor Camardelle and see what can be done.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Chighizola and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Bob Sevin, President

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Ambrose Besson, Secretary/Treasurer

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