

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 7, 2015

6:00 P.M.

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

Present:

Tad Blevins  
Greg Paul  
Willie Peters  
Ralph Longman  
Wayne Stevens  
Will Terry

Absent:

Phil Bell  
Calvin Deshotel  
Joseph Tabb

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Holden Hoggatt of Marine Turbine Technologies, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. Roger Stouff of the Franklin Banner, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Rebecca Pellerin, Office Manager of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Stevens to dispense with the reading of the March 3, 2015 meeting minutes and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul and carried unanimously.

Mr. Longman asked for any Public Comments - there was none.

Advalorem Tax Renewal - Mr. Allain reported that the Port Commission is due to renew its millage. The current millage rate is 3.72 mills and Mr. Allain suggested that the Commission consider adopting the same millage rate of 3.72 and stay revenue neutral. Mr. Blevins made a motion that Be It Resolved, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2015 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by West St. Mary Parish Port, Harbor and Terminal District: Millage for Maintenance at a rate of 3.72 mills. Be It Further Resolved that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2015, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law. The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes: Yeas 6, Nays 0, Abstained 0, Absent 3. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens. Mr. Longman called for any Public Comment. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported that the Maintenance Dredging at the Port site is scheduled to begin this week. He has been in contact with the Port tenants and everyone seems to be in pretty good shape as far as the schedule goes.

Mr. Allain reported that the water main project at the Industrial Park has been completed and fire hydrant is in place. Mr. Allain is in possession of a Certificate of Substantial Completion and check list of items that need to be completed. A motion was made by Mr. Terry to approve and sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported that a 4 foot by 8 foot section of the floor in the kitchen of the Port Commission office was repaired due to rotten plywood. The rest of the building seems to be okay. The cost of the repairs performed by DDA Construction was \$950.00.

Mr. Peters asked Mr. Allain if there were any sewer lines at the Industrial Park - Mr. Allain reported that there were none and that it was not available across Highway 90 at the moment. Companies locating at the Industrial Park would use individual sewer plants.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to approve the requests for payment in reference to the Industrial Park/Water Main from Miller Engineers and Associates for Partial Request #5 in the amount of \$2,842.24 and Southern Contractor's Application #2 in the amount of \$79,264.40. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters and carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Terry to accept the Change Order for the same project with a decrease in the amount of \$714.00 for some clamps that were not needed as originally planned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters and carried unanimously. Mr. Allain explained that the construction of the water main at the Industrial Park was mainly funded by a Delta Regional Authority grant and that the Port was being reimbursed up to \$135,000 of the \$150,000 grant and would have to fund the remaining cost (10%) which was approximately \$19,000. The total cost of the project was approximately \$154,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Peters to issue a letter of no objection on behalf of the City of Franklin for Bayou Yokley Basin Drainage Improvements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously.

Mr. Duplantis congratulated Mr. Allain for his presentation to the Franklin Rotary Club today as guest speaker. Mr. Duplantis said that Mr. Allain did a fine job in updating the local Rotary Club on the Port of West St. Mary's progress. The Commission applauded Mr. Allain.

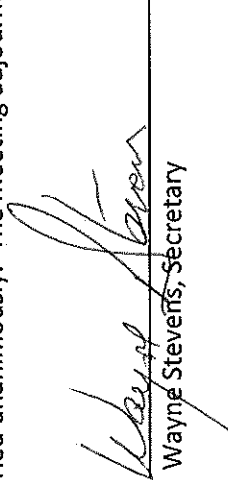
Mr. Stevens relayed a story of hearing about Marine Turbine Technology building a high powered motorcycle for Jay Leno on a late night television show.

Mr. Allain reminded the Commissioners that financial disclosure reports are due by May 15th.

Mr. Peters recommended that the Port Commission join in the Council of Governments meetings held every 3 months.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Peters to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Signed



Wayne Stevens, Secretary