

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2015

6:00 P.M.

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

Present:

Phil Bell
Tad Blevins
Calvin Deshotel
Ralph Longman
Greg Paul
Willie Peters
Wayne Stevens
Joseph Tabb
Will Terry

Absent:

Also Present at the meeting were Mr. Lewis Pittman, Candidate for 16th Judicial District Judge, Ms. Marguerite Robinson - Teche Talk, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney. Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Donna Louviere, Secretary/Receptionist of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to dispense with the reading of the August 4, 2015 meeting minutes and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry and carried unanimously.

Mr. Lewis Pittman introduced himself to the Commission and gave them a brief history of his background and his qualifications as a candidate for the 16th Judicial District Judge position, vacated recently by the retirement and subsequent death of Judge James McClelland. Mr. Pittman asked the Commission to consider him as their candidate and thanked them for their time.

Mr. Allain report that the BP money has been received from the settlement in the amount of \$37,500.00 and has been deposited into the Port Account. Mr. Duplantis stated that the original settlement was \$50,000.00 and that 25 percent went towards legal fees so the check that the Port received was the net amount after these fees. Mr. Duplantis went on to congratulate the Commission for getting in line to reap these benefits. Mr. Allain thanked Mr. Duplantis for his help with the BP settlement.

Mr. Allain reported that the two roads at the Industrial Park need to be named. It was suggested that one of the roads be named Blevins Lane, in honor of Mr. Tad Blevins who is the only remaining Charter Member on the Port Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Terry to name the first road after Mr. Blevins our Charter Member, "Blevins Lane". The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously. Mr. Longman asked for the naming of the second road for the Industrial Park. A motion was made by Mr. Paul to name the second road "Charenton Canal Lane". The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters and carried unanimously.

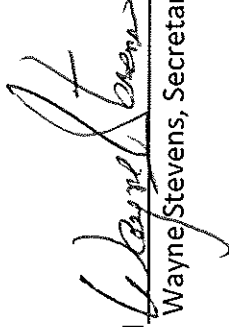
Mr. Allain reported that Miller Engineers is in contact with a firm on the Bulkhead for the Industrial Park. Mr. Miller is working on about 250 feet of Bulkhead for this project and he will report about this at the next meeting as he was not able to attend the meeting tonight. Discussion followed. Mr. Allain reported that the Industrial Park sign is ready to be installed and there are limits as to where it can located, due to the pipelines.

Mr. Allain also reported that people are entering the Industrial Park property to fish in the Ponds and that something needs to be done to keep people off the property. Mr. Allain stated that he talked to a local contractor about putting up a gate at the main entrance of the Industrial Park and was advised it would be costly. Mr. Allain suggested that the Port post warning signs on the property for now and monitor the effectiveness of the signs. Discussion followed.

Mr. Duplantis reported that the lawsuit pertaining to the Pipelines that run through the Industrial Park continues. Mr. Duplantis continues to represent the Port Commission in this matter. He stated that there is a provision in the agreement that if the plaintiff ever wanted to develop the property on the Charenton Canal, UCAR Pipeline would have to relocate the pipelines. Mr. Duplantis will update the Commission as the lawsuit continues.

There being no further business to be reported, a motion was made by Mr. Paul to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Signed



Wayne Stevens, Secretary/Treasurer