

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Willie Peters, President of the Port Commission. Mr. Peters gave an invocation. Mr. Tad Blevins led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

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

Absent:

Will Terry

Also present at the meeting were Louisiana State Representative Sam Jones, Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Donna Louviere, Secretary/Receptionist.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Tabb to dispense with the reading of the August 1, 2017 meeting minutes and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Deshotel and carried unanimously.

Mr. Peters asked if there was any public comment - there was none.

Mr. Allain reported on South Central Louisiana Technical College and stated that after talking with the Port's local Legislative delegation, Senator Bret Allain and Representative Sam Jones, it was suggested that the Port request that the Capital Outlay funds proposed for the Bulkhead at the Industrial Park be re-purposed for the construction of a Welding School at the Industrial Park. Mr. Allain informed the Commission that he and Mr. Baham from South Central Louisiana Technical College will be meeting in Baton Rouge with Ms. Vickie Hendershot, of the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. The purpose of that meeting is to discuss submitting an application for EDA funds for the construction of the welding school. Discussion followed. Mr. Allain presented the Commission with a map of the Industrial Park and explained the proposed ideas of what he and Mr. Miller envision for the school. Mr. Allain explained that several options would be available for a potential tenant in need of additional roll off ramp or travel lift. Mr. Stevens asked if a certain area had been proposed for the construction of the school, Mr. Allain explained that the most likely location would be in the front near the frontage road.

Mr. Allain explained that there is approximately \$437,000.00 in capital outlay funds from an application submitted by the St. Mary Parish Government for the continued development of the Industrial Park. Mr. Allain and Mr. Miller reported that the cost to construct the welding school would be approximately

\$200.00 per square foot. Mr. Allain further explained that the various agencies will continue to work together to obtain funding for the school. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to support the reallocation of existing funds originally designated for additional bulkhead at the Charenton Industrial Park through the Capital outlay funding program for the construction of a Welding School on Port property contingent upon the Port and South Central Louisiana Technical College negotiating a long term lease. The motion was seconded by Mr. Deshotel and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported that the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program application for funding for improvements to the DLS facility is being reviewed and he has been informed that the outcome looks positive. He is expecting the final decision on or around October 10th.

Mr. Allain reported on an Industrial prospect, Nippon Power LTD . In a response from Nippon, Mr. Allain learned that the Port was still being considered as a possible site to locate their facility.

Mr. Allain reported that the PVC pipe for the Day Markers in the Jaws will be installed soon at a cost of approximately \$9,800.00. Mr. Stevens made a motion to authorize the purchase of PVC Pipe for Day Markers in the Jaws. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb and carried unanimously.

At this time Representative Sam Jones joined the meeting.

Due to a scheduling conflict, a motion was made by Mr. Longman to reschedule the Ports monthly meeting to the second Tuesday, October 10, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb and carried unanimously.

Representative Sam Jones discussed various issues about the South Central Louisiana Technical College. Representative Jones stated that he is in support of constructing the campus for the School.

Mr. Duplantis reminded the Commission about completing the Ethics Online training and will continue to remind them until 100% have been completed.

Engineer's Report - No report

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Paul to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Deshotel and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Signed _____
Wilson Terry, Secretary

