

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wilson Terry, President of the Port Commission. Mr. Terry led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Donna Lanceslin gave the Invocation. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Absent:

Calvin Deshotel  
Donna Lanceslin  
Ralph Longman  
Greg Paul  
Willie Peters  
Joe Phillips  
Murphy Pontiff  
Joseph Tabb  
Wilson Terry

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Philip Prejean, Mayor of the Town of Baldwin, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director, Ms. Benita Prevost, Secretary and Ms. Rebecca Pellerin, Office Manager of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Longman to accept the meeting minutes of August 4, 2020 as presented and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none and the motion carried unanimously.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Allain reported that he has been notified by the Economic Development Administration that the Port Commission may now proceed with the Training Facility. A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to authorize Miller Engineers to advertise for bids for the construction of the Training Facility. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported that he has been negotiating with a brokerage firm, Louisiana Sugar Growers, Inc., who has shown an interest in locating at the Baldwin facility. The firm sent Mr. Allain a Letter of Intent to lease the three buildings at the Baldwin facility. A motion was made

by Mr. Pontiff to authorize Mr. Allain to sign the Letter of Intent with the firm and to continue to negotiate with them. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lanceslin. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported that he and Mr. Miller have been discussing several options to waterproof the roofs of the buildings at the Baldwin facility in the most economical manner. Mr. Miller spoke with the Engineer associated with the Louisiana Sugar Growers regarding his recommendations and what they have found to be the most successful solution to repair the roof. Mr. Miller said that he is waiting to hear from the Engineer. Mr. Allain requested that Mr. Miller prepare specifications for the repair and solicit quotes. Mr. Allain also requested that Mr. Miller gather information for the repair of the existing doors of the facility.

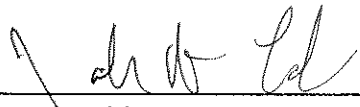
Regarding Hurricane Laura, Mr. Allain reported that there was significant water at the Port's Louisa facility but there was no water in any of the buildings or the water plant. The water plant lost electricity but was powered by the stand-by generator and never lost pressure. Preliminary results of water testing at the water plant have been good. He reported that the Industrial Park had a significant amount of water and will run the drainage pump when the tide goes down.

Mr. Allain reported that Mr. Deshotel has submitted his letter of resignation from the Port Commission. Mr. Allain and the Commission thanked him for his years of service as he was appointed by the City of Franklin in 1997. Mr. Deshotel was presented a plaque in appreciation for his service.

Mr. Duplantis reminded the Commissioners that online Ethics Training and Preventing Sexual Harassment must be completed by the end of the year.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Deshotel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pontiff. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:14p.m.

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Joseph Tabb, Secretary