

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2025

6:00 P.M.

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

Present:

Murphy Pontiff
Greg Paul
Donna Lanceslin
Joel Authement
Joseph Tabb
Joe Duck
Wilson Terry

Absent:

Joe Phillips
David Hanagriff

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. Nicholas Molaison of Miller Engineers, Mr. David Naquin, Executive Director and Ms. Rebecca Pellerin, Office Manager of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to dispense with the reading of the December 3, 2024 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duck. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lanceslin asked if there was any public comment – there was none.

Mr. Naquin reported that the sugar warehouses are full and everything is locked up and waiting for transfer to the refinery, most likely in March or April.

Mr. Naquin reported on the dredging of the slip at the Port's Louisa facility – an application for a dredging permit has been made and is in the process and he has been looking for a location to deposit the spoil. He further indicated that the only option available would be to deposit it on port cane field property. He has been communicating with the person who farms this property. He also reported that the east and west end drainage pumps are not working and that Lane Blanchard has transported the pumps to his shop to determine if they can be repaired. He requested that Mr. Terry and Mr. Duck go with him to look at the pumps to determine if they can be repaired or if they need to be replaced. Discussion followed.

Mr. Tabb reported that the Ad Hoc Committee was formed in 2023 and consisted of Mr. Sam Jones, who is no longer on the Commission, Ms. Lanceslin who is now the President of the Commission. Ms.

Lanceslin asked for volunteers to replace them on the Committee – Mr. Duck and Mr. Authement volunteered to serve on the Committee along with Mr. Tabb. The purpose of the Committee is to discuss a salary increase for the Port employees and to consider hiring an Assistant Port Director. A committee meeting will be scheduled.

Mr. Naquin reported that there is a possibility that another sugar warehouse may be needed and that the installation of dolphins at the Baldwin bulkhead for loading sugar may be in the near future. He stated that he has not been approached yet. Discussion was held on the possible location of another warehouse at the Baldwin facility.

He also reported that the Corps of Engineers has been back at the Industrial Park to pick up large vessels that were not able to be picked up because a bigger crane was needed. When the work is completed, the Corps will clean the property.

Mr. Duplantis reminded everyone to do their online training for Ethics and Preventing Sexual Harassment before the end of the year.

Mr. Naquin reported that a meeting has been scheduled with engineers, the contractor and the manufacturer of the fire alarm at the Sugar Warehouses to discuss issues with the alarm for January 14th.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Tabb to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:20p.m.

Signed _____

Joel Authement, Secretary