

Avoyelles Parish Port Commission
170 Honeybee Lane
P.O. Box 126
Simmesport, Louisiana 71369

Regular Meeting

October 18, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Barry Laiche called to order the regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission at 5:38 p.m. on October 18, 2021, at Port Commission Headquarters 170 Honeybee Lane, Simmesport, Louisiana, 71369.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

By Commissioner Tony Pierite

III. PRAYER:

By Commissioner Pat Deshotels

IV. ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Sam Ducote conducted the roll call. The following individuals were present:

Board Chairman, Mr. Barry Laiche

Commissioner, Mr. Scott Williams

Commissioner, Tony Pierite

Commissioner, Patrick Dehotels

Mr. Stacy Auzenne (Port Counsel)

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no public comments.

VI. TREASURES REPORT:

Commissioner Lemoine was absent from meeting.

VII. ADOPTION OF PRIOR MINUTES:

Minutes from the July 19, 2021, and September 20, 2021, were given to all attendees. Chairman Laiche noted that the August 2021 meeting was not held due to lack of quorum. Commissioner Williams moved to adopt both sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. DELEGATES FIVE MINUTE RULE:

No members of the public were present.

IX. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Laiche requested a motion for the meeting to move into executive session. Motion was made by Commissioner Pierite to allow the meeting to move into executive session. Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion. Motion to move into executive session passed unanimously and the meeting moved into executive session. After resumption of executive session Chairman Laiche entertained a motion to allow Mr. Stacy Auzenne the authority to go forward with legal proceedings both in terms of collection of back due rents and eviction of two delinquent tenants. Commissioner Pierite made the motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Deshotels. The above motion passed unanimously.

X. VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Commissioner Williams did not have anything to report.

XI. PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Ducote deferred the Port Director's report because his report concerned Agenda Item 12-D (Discuss offloading barge paint quote).

XII. CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER MATTERS:

1. PUBLIC FISHING ON PORT LAND

Discussion between the commissioners regarding allowing the public to fish the ponds on port property. All commissioners present agreed that the Port of Avoyelles is public property but is not open to the public and is not considered recreational property for public use.

2. REPORT ON LED MEETING

Chairman Laiche and Director Ducote attended a meeting with representatives of Louisiana Economic Development and the Department of Transportation. The meeting was very productive, and Chairman Laiche believes the LED will assist the Port in vetting potential business and industrial tenants.

3. PROPOSED ACTION FOR VETTING PROSPECTIVE TENANTS THROUGH LED MEETING

As stated above the LED will assist in the vetting process of future business and industrial tenants at the port. LED also suggested that the port incorporate the usage of a website in the future.

4. DISCUSSION OF PAINT QUOTE FOR OFFLOADING BARGE

The commissioners discussed a second quote received by Mr. Dennis Owens to do painting on the barge. Commissioner Pierite made the motion to authorize Mr. Dennis Owens to paint the barge for the sum of \$4,000.00 labor and up to \$500.00 for cost of materials. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and the passed unanimously.

**AVOUELLES PARISH PORT COMMISSION
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SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2021 @ 5:30PM
AVOUELLES PARISH PORT OFFICE**

**A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE PORT OFFICE
WITH THE "CURRIN" GROUP ABOUT BUSINESS WITH, AND
DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT.**

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Special Meeting

October 20, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commission, Scott Williams called to order the special meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission at 5:40 p.m. on October 20, 2021, at Port Commission Headquarters 170 Honeybee Lane, Simmesport, Louisiana, 71369.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

By Commissioner Pat Deshotels

III. PRAYER:

By Mr. Stacy Auzenne

IV. ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Sam Ducote conducted the roll call. The following individuals were present:

Board Chairman, Mr. Barry Laiche (by telephone)

Commissioner, Mr. Scott Williams

Commissioner, Patrick Dehotels

Mr. Stacy Auzenne (Port Counsel)

Mr. R. Thomas Currin (Southwest Tech)

Mr. Edward Sieja (Southwest Tech)

Mr. Brent Poret (Ballard CLC, Inc.)

Mr. Bryan Butler (Ballard CLC, Inc.)

4. Definitive agreement for six industrial tenants, funding for infrastructure improvements. Completed 90 days after step 2 and 3.
5. Power purchase agreement to support the port development. Completed 180 days after step 1 is completed.

VII. ADJOURN MEETING:

After a brief discussion by the commissioner there was not a motion made on behalf of the MOU proposal and Commissioner Deshotels made a motion to adjourn meeting. Chairman Laiche seconded the motion. The next regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission will take place on November 15, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Port Headquarters. The meeting adjourned.