

Avoyelles Parish Port Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2020

The Avoyelles Parish Port Commission held it's monthly meeting, at it's office on Honey Bee road, Simmesport, Louisiana on Monday September 21, 2020 @ 5:30PM.

Those present were ; Barry Laiche, Scott Williams, Penn Lemoine, Sullivan Battiste, James Sampson, and Toney Pierite. Absent was Patrick Deshotels.

The meeting opened up with the pledge of allegiance by Scott Williams, followed by opening prayer by Port Chairman Barry Laiche,

A motion was made by Port President Barry Laiche to approve the June 2020 port minutes, second by James Sampson; all in favor.

Discussion of a new liquid fertilizer tank was addressed to get feasibility of tank cost and payback concerns.

Cost estimates are currently being obtained by the Engineering Firm GEC, previously used for projects in the past. Also discussed were the different options of getting funding for this project.

The current farmland lease was acknowledged to be in progress of receiving bids, on 5 (1) year lease contract, which will be awarded at the October 2020 Port meeting.

Discussed next was the renewal of the Helena Chemical Tank lease continued, with the possible addition of a newly planned tank to the contract.

A motion was made to sign a 5 year renewal contract with all conditions unchanged, by Penn Lemoine, second by Toney Pierite; all in favor.

Next was a motion made to allow the Avoyelles Parish School Board to install Wifi equipment at the port office site by Penn Lemoine, second by Scott Williams; all in favor.

Lone Star equipment and Port services representative Zack Calhoun gave a presentation of business services and to the port commission.

A motion to pay off loans from The Cottonport and Simmesport State banks using home sales revenue was made by Scott Williams, second by James Sampson; all in favor.

Next, a motion was made to pay 2020 membership dues to the PORTS OF LOUISIANA Association by Penn Lemoine, second by James Sampson; all in favor.

Last, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by James Sampson, second Scott Williams; all in favor.