

**AVOYELLES PARISH PORT COMMISSION (APPC)  
170 HONEY BEE ROAD/POST OFFICE BOX 126  
SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA 71369  
REGULAR MEETING/MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017**

The Avoyelles Parish Port Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 27, 2017 at the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission in Simmesport, Louisiana with the following members present: Scott Williams, Barry Laiche, Stephanie Carmouche, Marshall Sampson, Melanie Barr, Bruce Coulon. Member(s) absent: Tony Pierite, Craig Foster, Michael Moras

Called to order: President Barry Laiche

Pledge: Garrett Gautreaux

Prayer: Maria Trichell

Motion to amend agenda to add new business: Marshall Sampson; second, Melanie Barr; all in favor.

Motion to approve February 21, 2017 minutes and Secretary to wave a reading of the whole: Marshall Sampson; second, Melanie Barr; all in favor.

Motion to allow two members of Executive Committee to approve expenditures up to \$2,000: Melanie Barr; second, Bruce Coulon; all in favor.

Motion to allow two members of Executive Committee to hire part time/seasonal workers: Marshall Sampson; second, Stephanie Carmouche; all in favor.

Motion: President Barry Laiche, Vice President Scott Williams to hire legal counsel & discontinue use of DA Office as legal counsel: Marshall Sampson; second, Bruce Coulon; all in favor.

President Barry Laiche will send a letter to DA Office and bring names of legal counsels to APPC next meeting.

Motion to keep Insurance on Board with First Insurance: Bruce Coulon; second, Scott Williams; all in favor.

Vice President Scott Williams update on equipment/maintenance repair

Treasurer's Report: Melanie Barr; bank balances reviewed, confirmed and accepted. Bills reviewed.

Melanie Barr gave updates on cooling/heating system

Motion: Ball Park/provide own insurance, up to million dollars: Marshall Sampson; second, Bruce Coulon; all in favor.

Bruce Coulon update on grounds and maintenance

Jerry Klier/GEC update/Plaque update

David Vollman/Trek, Inc update

Byron Lavallais/Kinetix website presentation

Mike Wilson/Sophia Design Group presentation

Rick Ranson/Cleco & Garrett Gautreaux student from Avoyelles High attended APPC meeting.

Vice President Scott Williams update on lighting for water tower and Red River Waterway Commission. On motion by Melanie Barr, seconded by Barry Laiche to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with RRWC. All in favor.

Motion: Youth Group /cleaning up around the port/plant trees on Saturday, April 8, 2017/time 8:00am to 12:00noon. Melanie Barr; second, Bruce Coulon; all in favor.

Next APPC meeting will be held on Monday, April 17, 2017 beginning at 5:30pm at the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission.

Motion: Marshall Sampson, adjourn; second, Stephanie Carmouche; all in favor.