

Avoyelles Parish Port Commission
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Regular Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2016

Meeting Location: Avoyelles Parish Port Commission Offices
170 Honey Bee Lane
Simmesport, LA

The regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission was held at 5:30 p.m. at the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission Offices to discuss items on the attached agenda and other items as approved by the commission.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tommy Maddie at 5:35. Roll call was as follows:

Members Present: Tommy Maddie, Chairman, Van Kojis, Vice Chairman, Wayne Coco, Emeric Dupuy, Robert Thevis and Col. Charles Jones.

Members Absent: None.

Guest Present: Jacob Coco, Town of Simmesport, James Guillory, AIA, Charles Riddle, District Attorney, Maria Trichell, Ass't. to Rep. Johnson, Dustin Mathews, with CLEDA (Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, and Johnathan Dean with Cleco.

It was established that a quorum was present so the commission could conduct business.

Mr. Maddie reported that the minutes of the previous meeting of June 8 had been mailed to each commission member and asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, a motion was made by Robert Thevis and seconded by Van Kojis to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A moment of silence was held in memory of former port commissioner Walter Moreau who passed away on July 11, 2016. Mr. Moreau was remembered as an important member of the commission, offering his life-long professional knowledge of the Atchafalaya River as a hydraulics specialist employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Moreau will be sorely missed by the body.

Mr. Maddie gave a financial report for the month of June, 2016. It was reported that expenses for the past month totaled \$195,096.81 which included the payoff of the Helena Loan and a pay down of the Brudd Maintenance facility loan. The pay down for the Brudd Maintenance facility is currently \$397,508.40. Deposits for last month totaled \$9,300.00. The balance in the operating account of the commission at the end of June

was \$45,182.85. He also gave a current financial report for the month of July, 2016 showing expenditures totaling \$6,924.62 so far with deposits of \$5,250.00. The balance in the commissions operating account is \$43,508.23 as of July 18, 2016. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the current bills was made by Emeric Dupuy and seconded by Col. Charles Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. Maddie announced that the first project meeting for the construction of the 400,000 gallon elevated water tower originally scheduled the day of Walter Moreau's funeral has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 21 at 2:00 p.m. at the port offices. Interested parties are invited to attend.

Mr. Maddie asked that the following Item be placed on the agenda regarding the Avoyelles Parish Port Certification Survey required for Port Certification: A motion was made by Van Kojis and seconded by Emeric Dupuy to have the item placed on the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Maddie introduced Dustin Mathews, with CLEDA (Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance), and Johnathan Dean with Cleco. These two gentlemen have been working to assist the commission on obtaining "Port Certification" by the state of Louisiana. If designated, the Avoyelles Parish Port will be one of three central Louisiana port sites recognized by the State of Louisiana as a "Certified" port site meeting all the criteria necessary to receive major funding and assistance. One of the last remaining documents to be submitted is a survey of the 200 acres that are being certified. CLEDA and Cleco are asking that the port commission approve the payment of 25% of the cost to have the survey done. CLEDA and Cleco will pay the remaining 75% of the cost. A motion was made by Van Kojis and seconded by Emeric Dupuy to approve the expenditure of up to 25% of the cost to have the survey done. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Brad Augustine of Brudd Construction Co. LLC submitted a letter to the port commission requesting permission to enter into an operating agreement between Brudd Construction, Co. LLC and Florida Marine Transport (FMT) to unload aggregate at the port. The agreement will be for one year with a three year option at renewal and a fee of \$0.15 per ton to be assessed on all aggregate unloaded. The fee will be paid to the Port of Avoyelles (Avoyelles Parish Port Commission). A motion was made by Van Kojis to allow Brudd Construction Co., LLC to enter into an operating agreement with Florida Marine as specified in the attached letter. The motion was seconded by Robert Thevis. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Maddie reported that Brudd Construction Co., LLC requested the lease of 11 trailer homes from the commission for their workers. After discussion, it was recommended that in order to meet the requirements of the state Legislative Auditor, the commission

needed to obtain in writing a suggested average rental cost from a local real estate agent before any agreement is signed. The commission will seek such information and will report back at its next meeting.

Commissioner Robert Thevis reported that the conference table and chairs being used by the commission was on loan from him and asked that the commission either purchase the table and chairs or allow him to remove them. He indicated that he had purchased the items at an auction for about \$1,000. The commission recommended that he present some kind of receipt for the purchase for the record. The item was tabled until such time that Mr. Thevis can provide a purchase receipt.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Van Kojis and seconded by Wayne Coco. The motion was passed unanimously.

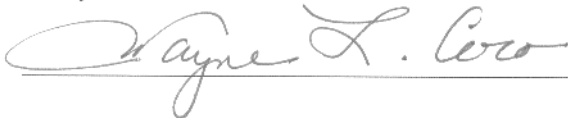
The meeting was called back to order at 6:15 p.m. to discuss one remaining item that had come up during the Legislative Auditors visit. One of the recommendations of theirs was to have the minutes published in the parish's official journal, the Weekly News.

Establishing a quorum was made with the following members present: Tommy Maddie, Wayne Coco, Emeric Dupuy, and Robert Thevis. Having established a quorum, a motion was made by Wayne Coco to have placed on the agenda the issue of having the minutes printed in the parish's official journal. The motion was seconded by Emeric Dupuy and passed unanimously.

A motion was then made by Wayne Coco and seconded by Emeric Dupuy to place in the commission records that future minutes will be submitted to the parish's official journal, the Weekly News, for publication. The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business. A motion was made by Robert Thevis and seconded by Emeric Dupuy to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Wayne Lawrence Coco, Secretary/Treasurer
Avoyelles Parish Port Commission



Date: 7.19.16