

AVOYELLES PARISH PORT COMMISSION

(APPC)

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The Avoyelles Parish Port Commission, located at 170 Honey Bee Lane in Simmesport, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., by Commission Chairman Barry Laiche, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by APPC's Attorney Stacey Auzenne, followed by the prayer delivered by Commissioner Marshall Sampson.

Commissioners present were Melanie Barr, Craig Foster, Barry Laiche, Marshall Sampson, and Scott Williams.

Commissioners absent were Stephanie Carmouche, Michael Moras, and Tony Pierite.

Public comments regarding agenda items were welcomed by Commission Chairman Barry Laiche.

On motion of Mr. Craig Foster, seconded by Mr. Marshall Sampson, the Commission approved the minutes of November 18, 2019.

On motion of Mr. Scott Williams, seconded by Mr. Craig Foster, the Commission approved the treasurer's report and waive a reading of the whole and authorized Treasurer Melanie Barr to pay bills.

Bids were received from two (2) contractors, Mr. Perry Laborde and Mr. Dennis Owens, for building and grounds repairs/maintenance at the Port. On motion of Mr. Scott Williams, seconded by Mr. Marshall Sampson, the Commission approved to award contract in the amount of \$18,075.00 to Mr. Dennis Owens.

It was noted by Attorney Stacey Auzenne that the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the APPC and the town of Simmesport has been finalized.

The Vice Chairman's report was presented by Mr. Scott Williams. Report included a discussion of a guided tour of the Port that was conducted by Commissioners Laiche and Williams to introduce newly-elected State Representative Daryl Deshotel to the daily operations/functions of the APPC.

On motion of Mr. Marshall Sampson, seconded by Mr. Scott Williams, the Commission approved the Financial Statements FY June 30, 2019, as presented by Ducote & Company Certified Public Accountants.

On motion by Mr. Marshall Sampson, seconded by Mr. Scott Williams, the Commission authorized President Barry Laiche to engage into a monthly contractual agreement with a bookkeeping firm.

It was announced that the next APPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 instead of Monday, January 20, 2020, in observance of MLK holiday.

With no further business to come before the Commission, on motion by Mr. Craig Foster, and seconded by Mr. Scott Williams, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Barry Laiche, Commission Chairman
Mr. Craig Foster, Commission Secretary