



# Grand Isle Port Commission

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Jeff Landry - Governor

Commissioners: Perry Chighizola-Vice-President,

John Cheramie - Sec/Treasurer

Terrill Pizani - Commissioner, Ernie Ballard- Commissioner

Kerry Besson, Commissioner

Weldon Danos - Executive Director

Thursday, January 11, 2024

Meeting opened at noon by Secretary/Treasurer Cheramie at the Grand Isle Multiplex Building located at 3101 Louisiana Highway 1. Commissioners present were Terrill Pizani, Ernie Ballard, John Cheramie and Kerry Besson. Commissioner Perry Chighizola was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ballard, seconded by Commissioner Pizani, and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 19, 2023, as read.

Director Danos discussed invoices and checks made for the month with the board. A motion was made by Commissioner Ballard, seconded by Commissioner Pizani, and unanimously agreed to approve the financial report and pay all invoices associated with operating the port commission.

Mr. Saleh addressed the board and gave the following report: 1. The Pier and Bulkhead Project is scheduled to be completed by the end of May 2024. 2. The Port Facility Road Project is complete, and the extra money approved by FEMA has been moved to the Kayak Launch Project. 3. The Kayak Launch Project has been awarded to River/Gulf Marine. 4. The ADA Fishing Pier will be readvertised. 5. The office building is 50% complete.

Director Danos stated that the 1. The trash at the Commercial Dock was cleaned up with the help of Commissioner Besson. 2. All lease agreements are up to date with the help of Commercial Pizani. 3. He attended the PAL meeting. 4. Received a check from IDA in the amount of \$10,600.00. 5. Working with the port auditor. 6. Coordinating IDA FEMA projects. 7. Going to Washington D.C. for the PAL conference and will meeting with the Louisiana Delegation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pizani, seconded by Commissioner Besson, and unanimously agreed to approve PEEC invoice in the amount of 50,000.00 for design of bulkhead and pier project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pizani, seconded by Commissioner Ballard and unanimously agreed to approve the letter of no objection to build a 24ft boat shed for Daniel Derosia.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pizani, seconded by Commissioner Besson and unanimously approved to pay the PAL annual membership dues. A discussion then took place about the annual PAL Conference.

Executive Director Danos discussed a presentation on the GIPC 2023 State of the Port. The discussion centered around all the Port activities and accomplishments over the past 2-3 years including the 2024 plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pizani, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

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Perry Chighizola, Vice President  
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John Cheramie, Secretary/Treasurer  
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