

***Avoyelles Parish Port Commission
170 Honeybee Lane
P.O. Box 126
Simmesport, Louisiana 71369***

Regular Meeting

October 21, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jason Bordelon called to order the regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission 5:51 p.m. on October 21, 2024, at Port Commission Headquarters 170 Honeybee Lane, Simmesport, Louisiana, 71369.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

By Chairman Jason Bordelon

III. PRAYER:

By Commissioner Andre Webb

IV. ROLL CALL:

Obie Ryland conducted the roll call. The following individuals were present giving the meeting a quorum of four commissioners present:

Chairman Jason Bordelon

Commissioner Scott Williams

Commissioner Patrick Deshotels

Commissioner Andre Webb

Mr. Charles Riddle, Avoyelles Parish District Attorney (Port Counsel)

Ms. Renee Roy, Avoyelles Parish Assistant District Attorney (Port Counsel)

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Charles Riddle introduced Ms. Renee Roy, ADA, who will be representing the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission.

VI. DELEGATES – FIVE MINUTE RULE:

There were no comments.

VII. ADOPT AUGUST REGULAR PORT MEETING MINUTES:

After reviewing the August 19, 2024, Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept the minutes with a date correction of next meeting to be held should read September 16, 2024, and not August 19, 2024. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The September 16, 2024, meeting did not take place due to a lack of quorum.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – JASON BORDELON:

a) Louis Dreyfus Report:

Chairman Bordelon spoke with a representative from Dreyfus who informed him that they are still in the process of doing their due diligence for the port.

b) Quote to close in Carport:

The quote to remodel the carport into a storage shed was received from Spinner Metal Works for \$11,000.00 to include framing and sheeting 20'X45' wood frame carport with purlins and metal sheeting, one 12'X10' rollup door and 20'X20' lean to roof off of the front. Commissioner Deshotels made the motion to accept the quote from Spinner Metal Works and Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion to accept the quote from Spinner Metal Works passed unanimously. Commissioner Williams made a motion to allow Obie Ryland to secure permits and get electrical bids to complete the project. Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

c) **Review Resumes for Port Director's Position-**

The commissioners reviewed the resumes submitted for the position of Port Director for the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission. Commissioner Williams made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the hiring of a Port Director. Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion. The meeting went into executive session. Commissioner Williams made the motion to come out of executive session. Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting continued in regular session. Commissioner Williams made the motion to hire Obie Ryland as Port Director for the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission at a salary of \$70,000.00 annually. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion to hire Obie Ryland effective November 1, 2024, as Port Director for the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission passed unanimously.

IX. VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – SCOTT WILLIAMS:

a) **Expense Report –**

Commissioner Williams read through the statement of operations for the period of September 1, 2024, through October 21, 2024, and is attached as an addendum to the minutes. Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the monthly expense report. Commissioner Deshotels seconded them motion. The motion to accept the above referenced expense report passed unanimously.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

a) **State of Port –**

Clean up of trailer sites is ongoing and looking better.

b) **Update on Fertilizer Tank Project –**

The fertilizer tank project has progressed to the second phase. Cox Tank Construction presented their invoice for the second draw of \$260,225.00 as per the contract agreement.

c) **Kajamy Energy, LLC.**

Obie Ryland met with representatives of Kajamy Energy, LLC via Zoom to discuss the opportunity of constructing a green ammonia plant and solar panel farm on Port property. Kajamy Energy is a renewable energy company that connects industries in need of green ammonia. They “enable the full contracting

chain from green electrons to all the way to the end user of the molecules”.
Kajamy would like time to meet with representatives of the Port to discuss this future endeavor.

XI. ADJOURN MEETING:

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission will take place on November 18, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Port Headquarters. The meeting was adjourned.