

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

Regular Meeting

November 18, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jason Bordelon called to order the regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission 5:30 p.m. on November 18, 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 Andre Webb

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

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

Mr. Jacob Guillory, Delta Engineering Group

Mr. Spencer Gauthier, Delta Engineering Group

Mr. Marcus Guillory, Delta Engineering Group

Mr. Jacob Coco, Avoyelles Parish Police Jury

Mr. Sam Pearce, Avoyelles Parish Police Jury

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Jacob Guillory, Spencer Gauthier and Marcus Guillory introduced themselves as Delta Engineering, a local engineering firm located in Mansura.

VI. DELEGATES – FIVE MINUTE RULE:

There were no comments.

VII. ADOPT AUGUST REGULAR PORT MEETING MINUTES:

After reviewing the October 21, 2024 meeting minutes, Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion to accept the October 21, 2024 meeting minutes as presented carried unanimously.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – JASON BORDELON:

a) Kajamy Energy, LLC:

Chairman Bordelon briefed the Commissioners on a meeting he, Commissioner Deshotels and Director Ryland attended with representatives of Kajamy Energy, LLC and Vanguard Real Estate Solutions. These groups have shown interest in leasing port property for the construction of a solar farm and green ammonia plant. The representatives informed the commission delegates that they are actively looking for one thousand acres to construct the solar power farm. The commissioners watched a short video on how green ammonia is produced and its use, e.g. energy and fertilizer. Kajamy/Vanguard related that upon completion of the solar farm and green ammonia plant there would be approximately 35 full-time operational jobs added to the Parish of Avoyelles. The initial hurdle to clear will be usable acres owned by the Port of Avoyelles. Kajamy/Vanguard concluded the meeting by informing the port delegates that they would contact

their insurance company and confirm the “useable acreage” and they would like to have another meeting later in the year.

b) Dreyfus Update:

Chairman Bordelon has been in contact with Dreyfus representatives, and they are still interested in the site, and they would like for a delegation from the Port Commission to visit the Natchez, MS. facility. No time has been scheduled for this tour.

c) Change in Employee Payroll:

Commissioner Williams made the motion to add the payroll matter to the agenda and for the Commissioners to address it now. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion to add the employee payroll matter to the agenda passed unanimously. After discussing the current method of paying employees and employee pay periods Commissioner Williams made the motion to change the current pay period from month to month after each meeting to now be on the 1st and 15th of each month and that payment be made via direct deposit/ACH deposit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Webb. The above motion passed unanimously. The Director was directed to enroll all employees in the new payroll system.

IX. VICE CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – SCOTT WILLIAMS:

a) Expense Report –

Commissioner Williams read through the statement of operations for the period of October 22, 2024, through November 18, 2024, and is attached as an addendum to the minutes. Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept and approve the monthly statement of operations. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion to accept the above referenced statement of operations passed unanimously.

X. DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

a) General Port Status –

Maintenance has been trimming trees, cutting grass and performing daily maintenance. Director provided a schedule of insurance for the commissioners to review.

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

The fertilizer tank is progressing, and photographs of construction were presented to the commissioners. As of this time the tank is ready for painting and the contractor informed the Port Director that the project should be completed during December, weather permitting.

c) **Security Camera System.**

The Port Director is entertaining quotes for a security camera system and expects to have remaining quotes by the next meeting. Commissioner Williams questioned whether the cameras were capable of color at night or if they were black and white. The Director related that they should be, capable of color at night, but will confirm.

d) **Brudd Construction Shop Door.**

The Director has not met with Mr. Augustine as of this time but hopes to do so in the next day or two. There are issues with mechanical door hoists not functioning and lights that are not working.

XI. ADJOURN MEETING:

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission will take place on December 16, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Port Headquarters. The meeting was adjourned.