

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

***Regular Meeting***

December 16, 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 December 16, 2024, at Port Commission Headquarters 170 Honeybee Lane, Simmesport, Louisiana, 71369.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

By Chairman Jason Bordelon

**III. PRAYER:**

By Commissioner Chris Lacour

**IV. ROLL CALL:**

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

Commissioner Jason Bordelon

Commissioner Scott Williams

Commissioner Chris Lacour

Commissioner Patrick Deshotels

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

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

Mr. Spencer Gauthier, Delta Engineering Group

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were no comments regarding the agenda items from the public.

**VI. DELEGATES – FIVE MINUTE RULE:**

There were no comments from the public.

**VII. KAJAMY/VANGUARD ZOOM MEETING:**

Krista Mann CEO of Kajamy Energy, LLC and Jon Yoachim, President of Vanguard Real Estate Solutions joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss the possibility of constructing a solar energy farm and green nitrogen plant on the port property.

**VIII. ADOPT AUGUST REGULAR PORT MEETING MINUTES:**

After reviewing the November 18, 2024, meeting minutes, Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion. The motion to accept the November 18, 2024, meeting minutes as presented carried unanimously.

**IX. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – JASON BORDELON:**

Chairman Bordelon expressed the desire to close the gates on certain areas of port property and replace the locks to lessen the likelihood of trespassing and damage to the grounds. The Port Director was charged with this task.

## **X. VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – SCOTT WILLIAMS:**

### **a) Expense Report –**

Vice Chairman Williams read the monthly expense report. The expense report is attached to the monthly minutes. Commissioner Lacour made the motion to accept the reading of the expense report. Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion to accept. The motion passed unanimously.

## **XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

### **a) General Port Status –**

The cleanup of the old mobile home sites continues and is progressing. The six-month CD terms out on December 20, 2024. Commissioner Williams made a motion to get the best rates for renewal of the CD and should the need arise to fund the final \$150,000.00 for the liquid fertilizer tank that those funds should be taken from the general fund. Commissioner Lacour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Construction of the tank is almost complete. The contractor is completing the paint phase and testing should begin shortly after. The Port Director will meet with the Red River Waterway Commission on Wednesday to request from their commission a final amount of \$150,000.00 to complete the liquid fertilizer tank since the capital outlay funds are no longer available.

### **c) Security Camera System -**

The commissioners decided to table this discussion until the completion of the storage area.

### **d) Brudd Construction Shop Door –**

An electrician diagnosed the problem with the shop doors to be circuit boards on the motors. Nine of the fourteen lights that were out were changed. The remainder of the lights will be changed out in the coming weeks. The circuit boards have been purchased and when they come in the electrician will complete all work at Brudd.

e) **Insurance Quote Update –**

Equipment insurance quote for 2024/2025 is \$1,104.00 with terrorism coverage or \$1,074.00 without terrorism coverage.

**XII. 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 January 20, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Port Headquarters. The meeting was adjourned.