

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

Regular Meeting

December 18, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman, Scott Williams called to order the regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission 5:43 p.m. on December 18, 2023, at Port Commission Headquarters 170 Honeybee Lane, Simmesport, Louisiana, 71369.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

By Commissioner Williams

III. PRAYER:

By Port Commissioner Deshotels

IV. ROLL CALL:

Port Director Samuel Ducote conducted the roll call. The following individuals were present giving the meeting a quorum of four commissioners present:

Chairman Barry Laiche (By Cell Phone)

Commissioner Scott Williams

Commissioner Patrick Deshotels

Stacy Auzenne (Port Counsel)

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no members of the public present.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Webb was absent from the meeting.

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the November 20, 2023, meeting was reviewed by all present commissioners. Commissioner Deshotels motioned to approve and adopt the minutes. Chairman Laiche seconded the motion. The motion to accept the minutes for the November 20, 2023, meeting passed unanimously.

VIII. DELEGATES FIVE MINUTE RULE:

There were no members of the public present.

IX. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Laiche passed on his report due to attending via cell phone. He commented on the work around fences and under the catwalk looked good.

X. VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Commissioner Williams did not have anything new to report.

XI. DIRECTORS REPORT:

Director Ducote did not have anything to report.

XII. CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER MATTERS:

A) PROGRESS ON LIQUID FERTILIZER TANK ADVERTISEMENT.

Mr. Auzenne was unable to finalize the advertisement due to other work engagements. Mr. Jerry Klier has been asked to cease all work on the liquid fertilizer tank as of this meeting.

B) DISCUSSION AND PROGRESS ON TRACTOR SHED ADVERTISEMENT.

Commissioner Williams had a design put together and emailed to everyone to give Mr. Auzenne to be able to begin the advertisement and bid process. The building is 65 feet wide, 3 roll-up doors (width of slab), 50 feet deep with fourteen feet side walls totally enclosed, three 12x12 doors with 1 personnel door that can be placed anywhere in the building. Chairman Laiche agreed with the plan and made a motion to allow Mr. Auzenne to begin the bid and advertisement process. Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C) PROGRESS ON CLEAN UP PROJECT ADVERTISEMENT.

Mr. Auzenne has the bid advertisement almost ready for approval by the board.

D) DISCUSSION OF PROCUREMENT OF 5-6 HOSE CRADLES FOR 8 INCH HOSE ON OFFLOADING BARGE.

Commissioner Williams explained that due to the barge holding water and the concern for rust that it would be smart to get the hoses out of the water and to extend the life of the hoses. Director Ducote received a quote of \$275.00 per unit to build and place the cradles from Fab-Tec. Each hose is approximately \$10,000.00 each. Chairman Laiche made the motion to allow the fabrication of the cradles at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING:

Chairman Laiche made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion. The next regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission will take place on January 16, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Port Headquarters. The meeting adjourned.