

AVOYELLES PARISH PORT COMMISSION

(APPC)

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The Avoyelles Parish Port Commission, located at 170 Honey Bee Lane in Simmesport, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, August 19, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., by Commission Chairman Barry Laiche, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Craig Foster, followed by the prayer delivered by Commissioner Melanie Barr.

Commissioners present were Melanie Barr, Stephanie Carmouche, Craig Foster, Barry Laiche, and Michael Moras. Commissioners absent were Tony Pierite, Marshall Sampson, and Scott Williams.

On motion of Melanie Barr, seconded by Stephanie Carmouche, a resolution was adopted by the commission to authorize the addition of an agenda item relating to a tank expansion project by Helena, Inc.

Public comments regarding agenda items were welcomed by Commission Chairman Barry Laiche.

Commissioner Melanie Barr presented the treasurer's report.

On motion of Michael Moras, seconded by Melanie Barr, the Commission approved the minutes of June 17, 2019.

The Chairman's report was presented by Barry Laiche. Report included a presentation of the status of Venture Global (Delta Pipeline).

On motion of Stephanie Carmouche, seconded by Michael Moras, a resolution was adopted by the commission to authorize Chairman Barry Laiche to negotiate the land price agreement with the Joffrion heirs. The agreement will include 70 acres of land at the price of \$7,000 per acre (which is the asking price). The agreement will be contingent on the following two (2) factors: securing appropriate funding to purchase property and the appraisal to the support the purchase price. The port's legal counsel opined that the port is able to negotiate and pay above the appraised value due the location and need of the port for planned development.

On motion of Craig Foster, seconded by Michael Moras, the commission authorized Chairman Barry Laiche to negotiate a new lease agreement with Helena, Inc.

On motion of Craig Foster, seconded by Michael Moras, the commission authorized Chairman Barry Laiche to engage GEC in the tank expansion project with Helena, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Port Commission Director, Mr. Sammy Ducote, presented a proposal for a website from Lafayette Louisiana Websites. On motion of Stephanie Carmouche, seconded by Craig Foster, the Commission approved the proposal.

On motion of Melanie Barr, seconded by Michael Moras, the Commission authorized the treasurer to pay bills and waive a reading of the whole.

With no further business to come before the Commission, on motion by Stephanie Carmouche, and seconded by Craig Foster, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Mr. Barry Laiche, Commission Chairman

Mr. Craig Foster, Commission Secretary