

**Avoyelles Parish Port Commission**  
**170 Honey Bee Lane or P.O. Box 127**  
**Simmesport, Louisiana 71369**

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Special Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2016

Meeting Location: Avoyelles Parish Port Commission Offices  
170 Honey Bee Lane  
Simmesport, LA

A Special meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. at the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission Offices to discuss items on the attached agenda.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tommy Maddie at 1:41. Roll call was as follows:

Members Present: Tommy Maddie, Chairman, Van Kojis, Vice Chairman, Wayne Coco.

Members Absent: Robert Thevis, Walter Moreau, Emeric Dupuy, and Col. Charles Jones.

It was established that a quorum was not present so the meeting was moved into recess until sufficient members could be present to conduct business.

It was decided that the ground breaking ceremony for the 400,000 gallon water tower would proceed as scheduled at 2:00 p.m. and the Pre Construction Conference for the project would proceed immediately following the ground breaking.

After the Pre Construction Conference, the Special Meeting of the Commission was reconvened at 3:26 p.m. Mr. Maddie opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:  
Tommy Maddie, Chairman, Van Kojis, Vice Chairman, Wayne Coco, Sec. Treas., and Emeric Dupy.

The following members were absent: Walter Moreau, Robert Thevis and Col. Charles Jones.

It was established that a quorum was present and the commission could now conduct business.

Guest Present: Randell Fletcher, RRWC; Ryan Ingles, RRWC; Eric Gilmore, RRWC; Larry Sayes, RRWC, Marie Trichell, Ass't. to Rep. Johnson; Steve Andrus, GAL; David Vollman, TREK; Janice Brevelle, Heather Urena, CeDC Ex. Dir. Kisatchie Delta

Regional Planning Commission, Jessie Lachney, Garland Forman, Avoyelles Journal,  
and Jerry Klier, GEC Engineers

Minutes of the May 16, 2016 Regular Meeting were emailed to all members. A motion was made by Van Kojis to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as submitted. The motion was seconded by Emeric Dupuy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Maddie gave a financial report covering current operating bills, income and account balances including itemized reports on all outstanding loans and construction accounts. A motion to pay the bills was made by Emeric Dupuy and seconded by Van Kojis. Current Bills to be paid amount to \$4,877.35. Income since last meeting amounted to \$9,300.00 leaving a balance of \$ 235,402.31. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Old Business:

Mr. Maddie reported that the contract with TREK, Inc. to build the new 400,000 gallon elevated water tower had been executed as of today and a notice to proceed has been issued by the engineering firm to begin the work as of this date of June 9, 2016. Representatives of Kisatchie Delta Regional Planning and Development District and EDA were in attendance and indicated that all of the necessary paper work from those federal agencies providing funding for the project has been completed and the project was able to proceed immediately.

#### New Business:

It was reported that the commission had received questions of concern from the two local banks, The Cottonport Bank and the Simmesport State Bank, regarding the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission loans that they are holding and are outstanding. The concerns were expressed due to the uncertainty of the new legislation proposed and approved by the Louisiana legislature and the fate of the current commission with whom agreements had been reached and executed. The commission felt that it would be prudent to show these lending institutions that the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission intends to honor all of its commitments regarding debts due to them through loans.

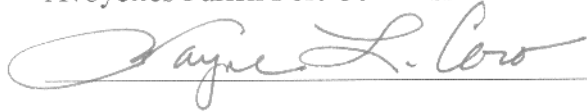
Looking at the expenses for the operation of the port over the past year it was felt that we had enough money in the operating current account to operate the port and pay off some of the loans that we currently have. It was also noted that the port will be receiving additional guaranteed income this year from Helena, approximately \$30,000 and additional income in January from the farm lease, approximately \$101,260.00. With the security of this future guaranteed income and other income to be received from trailer rentals it was felt that we could easily pay off the Helena storage tank loan of \$120,000 and apply an additional \$70,000 to the BRUDD maintenance facility loan reducing the total debt of the port substantially. It was agreed that paying off all and portions of these debts would be of great benefit to the new commission as they plan for the ports future with less of a debt burden.

A motion was made by Wayne Coco to pay off the Helena storage tank loan of \$120,000 and apply an additional \$70,000 toward the BRUDD maintenance facility loan. Motion was seconded by Emeric Dupuy. Motion carried unanimously.

In other business, a motion was made by Van Kojis to authorize the current Chairman, Tommy Maddie to pay any bills that are received on behalf of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission until there is official notification of the removal of the current commission members. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Emeric Dupuy and seconded by Van Kojis. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By  
Wayne Lawrence Coco, Secretary/Treasurer  
Avoyelles Parish Port Commission



Date: 6.10.16