



Grand Isle Port Commission

John Bel Edwards - Governor

**Commissioners: Bob Sevin-President, Terrill Pizani-Vice President,
Juanita B. Cheramie-Secretary/Treasurer, Ambrose Besson, and
Perry Chighizola**

Wayne Keller- Executive Director

Wednesday, November 19, 2020

Meeting opened at noon by Commissioner Bob Sevin at the Grand Isle Multiplex Building located at 3101 Louisiana Highway 1. Commissioners present were Bob Sevin, Terrill Pizani, Perry Chighizola, Ambrose Besson and Juanita B. Cheramie. No commissioners were absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chighizola, seconded by Commissioner Cheramie and unanimously agreed to amend the agenda adding. Under new business rental property on 149 Sunset Lane.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cheramie, seconded by Commissioner Chighizola and unanimously agreed to close the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Pizani and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 14, 2020 as read.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chighizola, seconded by Commissioner Cheramie and unanimously agreed to approve the financial report and pay all invoices associated with operating the port commission.

Mr. Mo Saleh addressed the commission and stated that he is working on an appeal with FEMA to cover the difference with the bidding compared to what was approved. The port needs to set up a meeting with FEMA. 2. He applied for Capital Outlay and have three projects, Commercial Dock repair, Bulkheading and new office. The request included the 5-year plan for the port.

Mr. William Watkins stated we have no litigations at this time.

Commissioner Cheramie stated that there is a sunken boat at the Commercial Dock. Commissioner Pizani stated the owner is out trawling and will address when he gets back. The boat owner also has a broken-down vehicle at the dock. It was decided that a letter will be sent to the boat owner giving him 30 days to pump the boat and remove the vehicle.

Commissioner Pizani stated a couple of boat owners at the port cannot get to their boats with the dirt piled up. We need to move some dirt and build walkways to their boats. Maybe pallets could be placed as a walkway to get to their boats. A discussion was held on the outside wharf that needs repairs. Motion was made by Commission Pizani, seconded by Commission Sevin and unanimously agreed to contact companies to place pilings on the end of the dock and fix the wharf on the end of Oak Lane.

President Sevin discussed having a campground for the oyster fishermen at the Commercial Dock. The Geaux Fish group would pay for the campground. This idea was tabled by the commissioners.

Commissioner Chighizola stated that we are renting a lot owned on Pete's Wharf Lane that the port commission received from road home and now another neighbor wants to lease the other lot the port owns on 149 Sunset Lane. Pilings are on the property and the leasee will clean up lot,

remove the pilings and use the lot for parking. Motion was made by Commissioner Chighizola, seconded by Commission Sevin and unanimously agreed to approve the port lawyer to draw up a lease between John Gravois and the port commission which will include that the camp owner can do improvements such as removing the pilings and elevating the lot. The lease will be the same as the other lot owned by the port.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chighizola, seconded by Commissioner Pizani and unanimously agreed to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 12:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Pizani and unanimously agreed to reconvene the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sevin, seconded by Commissioner Cheramie and unanimously agreed to pay Port Executive Director \$60,000.00 for 90-day probation period. Then pay rate would go to \$65,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sevin, seconded by Commissioner Besson and unanimously agreed to give hospitalization insurance after the 90-day probation period to the Director.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pizani, seconded by Commissioner Chighizola and unanimously agreed to purchase two lab tops with docking stations for the port office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Chighizola and unanimously agreed to pay \$1,000.00 per year towards a cell phone for the new Director.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chighizola, seconded by Commissioner Besson to pay up to \$300 a year for life insurance for port employees.

The following people addressed the Commissioners for the Executive Directors job for the Grand Isle Port Commission: 1. Kyle Crosby 2. Weldon Danos and 3. Matsy DeGarmo.

A joint motion by the commissioners of the Port Commission to hire Mr. Weldon Danos as the new Executive Director of the Grand Isle Port Commission and make let him know what the board decided for pay rate and benefits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sevin, seconded by Commissioner Besson and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Bob Sevin, Commissioner
Grand Isle Port Commission

Juanita B. Cheramie, Secretary/Treasurer
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