

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PORT COMMISSION OF THE PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015.

The Port Commission of the Parish of West Feliciana, State of Louisiana, met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Police Jury Governmental Building, 5934 Commerce Street, St. Francisville, Louisiana on Monday, April 20, 2015 at Five-Thirty (5:30) o'clock p.m.

The following members were present: Commissioners Z. David DeLoach, David S. Duvic, Greg Ferris, Robert B. Fisher [arrived at 5:39 p.m.], Alan L. Kirkpatrick, Paul A. Lambert, Jr., David Opperman and Nolan Percy.

There was absent Andrew A. Grezaffi, III.

The Port Commission of the Parish of West Feliciana, State of Louisiana, was duly convened by the President who then stated that the Commission was ready for the transaction of business.

The Commission, upon a motion of Mr. Opperman, seconded by Mr. DeLoach approved the agenda items for consideration and action.

Upon a motion of Mr. Ferris, seconded by Mr. Duvic, the minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Tourism Board Member, Ms. Susie Tully was in attendance on behalf of the Tourism Director and addressed the Commission to report on the increased steamboat traffic. Ms. Tully gave an update on the increased docking traffic with the Viking Cruise Line that is expected to begin in 2017. Prior to that time, another issue will develop. Currently, there are three boats that dock here, the American Queen, American Eagle and the Queen of the Mississippi. The American Queen is expected to add a second boat in 2016. The other issue is that boats are now asking for docking agreements that requests preferred or priority for docking. No agreements are currently in place and two boats can't dock here [St. Francisville] at the same time. They are asking the Commission to assist them in providing a good docking location that will handle more than one boat at a time. She concluded her report by giving statistical data on the tourism industry such as revenue, sources for funding, annual visitors, etc.

President Lambert relinquished as Chair and Vice-President DeLoach continued.

Mr. DeLoach acknowledged the striking similarities in the previous discussion involving tourism and the agenda item that he proposed. Mr. Opperman acknowledged the legislative authority of the Port Commission to expropriate property. The discussion to identify other options continued. Options included purchase, expropriate, donation, lease and a fifth option developed which is the parish's recent purchase of two tracts of land along with river. After a phone conversation with the parish president, Mr. Opperman offered in the form of a motion to appoint Z. David DeLoach, as Vice President of the West Feliciana Parish Port Commission and his designee(s) to meet with Kevin Couhig [Parish President] to discuss with the parish, plans to obtain property along the river, where the parish and port commission have overlapping, similar or dissimilar future plans to acquire riverfront property or other riverfront development. Seconded by Mr. Duvic. Upon a roll call vote, voting in favor of the motion were DeLoach, Duvic, Ferris, Fisher, Kirkpatrick, Opperman and Percy. There were no dissenting votes. Lambert abstained. Motion passed 7-0-1-1.

President Lambert resumes as Chair. Mr. Opperman gave a Governmental Relations Committee Report by stating that Representative Havard introduced a local bill this Legislative Session to significantly reduce the number of meetings of the Commission and he does not anticipate any opposition. In Other Business, the Recording Secretary pointed out that the Commission now has all nine members seated and may require an alternative meeting location in the future.

At 6:33 p.m., upon a motion of Mr. Duvic, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Port Commission stood adjourned until the May 18, 2015 meeting at 5:30 p.m. at its regular meeting place.

/s/ Paul A. Lambert, Jr., President

/s/ Robert B. Fisher, Secretary