

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2016

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Willie Peters, President of the Port Commission. Mr. Longman led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Phil Bell
Calvin Deshotel
Ralph Longman
Greg Paul
Willie Peters
Joseph Tabb
Will Terry
Wayne Stevens

Absent:

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Colin Murphey of the Franklin Banner, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Donna Louviere, Secretary/Receptionist of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to dispense with the reading of the December 1, 2015 meeting minutes and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry.

Mr. Peters presented Mr. Longman with a token of appreciation for the past two years of service as President of the Port of West St. Mary.

Mr. Peters welcomed Mr. Murphy of the Franklin Banner to the Board Meeting. He asked if there were any Public Comments - No Public Comments were made.

Mr. Stevens made a motion to expand the Agenda to discuss the hiring of a new Water Plant Operator. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported that the Port Water Plant Operator has changed. Due to this change he suggested that the Port employ Mr. Robert Woolwine. Mr. Woolwine holds a current Class IV water distribution certification he also has 30 years of experience and comes very highly recommended. Mr. Allain explained that the contract will be executed the following day which is Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Stevens to accept the recommendations of Mr. Allain to enter into a Professional Contract with Mr. Woolwine for the operation of the Ports Water Plant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blevins and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported on the Spoil Area located at the Port Site. Mr. Miller stated that the inspector did go out and walk on the levee. He noticed that it is holding water inside the levee but other than that it is like walking on solid ground. Mr. Allain stated that the plan is to make an opening in the free board of the levee so the water can drain. Additional plans are to level the property in the spring.

Attorney's report - Nothing to report

Mr. Miller reported on the Industrial Park Bulkhead Project he stated that the plans were completed before Christmas and sent to the Parish. Mr. Miller stated that the plans should be at Facility Planning at this point and asked Mr. Allain to check on the progress to see where they are in the process in order that bid advertising can begin.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Longman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Signed Wilson Terry
Wilson Terry, Secretary