

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 5, 2021

6:00 P.M.

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

Present:

Donna Lanceslin
Ralph Longman
Greg Paul
Willie Peters
Joe Phillips
Murphy Pontiff
Joseph Tabb
Wilson Terry

Absent:

Sam Jones

Also present at the meeting were State Representative Vincent St. Blanc, Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Ms. Benita Prevost, Secretary, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Rebecca Pellerin, Office Manager of the Port Commission.

Mr. Terry welcomed Mr. Sam Jones who was recently appointed to the Port Commission by the City of Franklin. Mr. Jones was not in attendance but called in via telephone. Mr. Jones said that he looks forward to serving on the Board and to helping the Commission whenever he can. Mr. Terry also congratulated Mr. Peters on his reappointment to the Commission by the St. Mary Parish Government for another 7 year term.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting as presented and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition – there was none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry asked if there was any Public Comment – Representative St. Blanc pledged his support to the Port of West St. Mary, encouraged the Commission to contact him for assistance and applauded the appointment of Mr. Jones to the Commission. He assured the Board that Mr. Jones would bring a wealth of knowledge to the Commission.

Mr. Allain requested to expand the agenda and explained that the request to expand the agenda was due to the need to approve and sign a Construction Contract with Acadiane Renovations for the construction of a technical school. The documents were received after the agenda was prepared and posted as per the required 24 hour notice. A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to expand the agenda for the said purpose. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lanceslin. Mr. Terry asked if there was any public comment. There was none. A roll call vote resulted in the following: Yeas: Mr. Paul, Mr. Pontiff, Mr.

Phillips, Mr. Tabb, Ms. Lanceslin, Mr. Peters, Mr. Longman , Mr. Terry . Nays: 0. the motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to authorize the President of the Port Commission to execute a Construction Contract with Acadiane Renovations for the construction of a technical school. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lanceslin. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

With reference to the Technical School, Mr. Miller reported that his office received approval from the Office of Facility Planning in late December. This money will be transmitted through the St. Mary Parish Government for the project. He further reported that contracts have been executed with the contractor (ARL) and that a pre-construction conference will be scheduled for next week. Once the pre-construction meeting is held, a start date will be scheduled and a Notice to Proceed will be issued accordingly.

Mr. Allain reported that he continues to negotiate with Louisiana Sugar Growers, Inc. and is working on a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with them. He further reported that they are committed to provide their own engineering for the design and construction of the proposed warehouses with assistance from Miller Engineers.

A motion was made by Mr. Longman to approve a payment request from Frisco Industrial Contractors for roof improvements on the facility leased to Marine Turbine Technologies. Payment request # 3 in the amount of \$9,449.50 is the final payment for the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Philips. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Longman to issue a Letter of No Objection as requested by Miller Engineers on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Levee District for a proposed Yokely Levee Extension. Mr. Miller explained the details of the work and reported that it would have no effect on navigation in the canal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Mr. Paul to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lanceslin. Mr. Terry asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Signed _____
Joseph Tabb, Secretary