

WEST ST. MARY PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2022
6:00 P.M.

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

Present:

Greg Paul
Murphy Pontiff
Wilson Terry
Sam Jones
Joseph Phillips
Joseph Tabb
Joel Authement
Willie Peters

Absent:

Donna Lanceslin

Also Present at the meeting were: Mr. Nick Molaison of Miller Engineers and Associates, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Brandy Pennison, Administrative Assistant of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Peters to dispense with the reading of the April 5, 2022 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb. Mr. Paul asked if there were any questions or comments. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Paul asked if there was any public comment – there was none.

Mr. Tabb made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to complete and the Board to approve a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire with Kolder, Slaven & Company for the Audit year 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry. Mr. Paul asked if there were any questions or comments. There was none – The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported that the Agricultural Lease was in order and ready to be signed. Mr. Terry made a motion to authorize Mr. Paul or Mr. Allain to execute and sign the Agricultural Lease. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips. Mr. Jones asked how much the Port was receiving. Mr. Allain reported the Port was receiving one sixth of the net that the farmer grows, which could vary between \$80,000 - \$100,000 dollars. The motion carried unanimously.

State Project No. H.014893 (321) Baldwin Campus Rehab & Site Improvements – Site Demolition: Mr. Allain reported that the Baldwin Campus Demolition bid for the Sugar warehouses would have to be rejected because the contractor could not extend the 45 days because of inflation and other delays. The Port has to notify the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development about the rejection of the Baldwin Campus Demolition bid. Mr. Jones made a motion for Mr. Paul or Mr. Allain to execute and sign a resolution to reject all bids for State Project No. H.014893. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters. The motion carried unanimously.

Sugar Warehouse/LA DOTD – Project J.014893: Mr. Allain reported that the Sugar Growers and Refinery have a resolution to sign the lease contingent on Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality stipulations. Discussion followed. Mr. Allain reported that he has scheduled a meeting with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality later in the week with hopes to resolve any issues with the environmental assessment. Mr. Tabb asked what would happen with the Demolition if the Sugar Warehouse lease is signed. Mr. Allain explained that the bid process would have to be restarted once the Sugar Warehouse lease is signed.

Mr. Allain presented the Budget and asked the Commission to review it. Mr. Allain reported on the reimbursements received from EDA and Facility Planning. Discussion followed.

Mr. Allain presented a Contact List for prospective clients to the Board of Commissioners. Discussion followed.

Mr. Jones reported that green hydrogen battery for boats is something the Port needs to be watching. Mr. Allain agreed.

EDA/Facility Planning Training Facility: A motion was made by Mr. Terry to approve and pay the Contractor's Application for Payment #14 to ARL Construction in the amount of \$10,634.77. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb and carried unanimously.

Mr. Duplantis reminded the Commission that Financial Disclosure reports are due May 15th.

Mr. Molaison reported on the Training Facility that they were having trouble getting a few things because of industry wide delays. Mr. Allain reported that the Grand Opening was scheduled for July 1, 2022, but because of delays getting materials, he's not sure if it will be ready at that time.

Mr. Phillips asked if the Port was responsible for getting the abandoned barges out of the Charenton Canal. Mr. Allain reported that the Port does not have the jurisdiction to do anything about them. Discussion followed.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Terry to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tabb and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

Signed



Murphy Pontiff, Secretary