WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 6, 2011

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tad Blevins, President of the Port Commission. Mr. Will Terry led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present: Absent:

Tad Blevins

Calvin Deshotel

Ralph Longman

Greg Paul

Willie Peters

Phil Bell

Wayne Stevens

Will Terry

John Lockett

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Lanie Borel of CLECO, Mr. Cameron Webster of Twin Brothers Marine, Mr. Roger Stouff of the Franklin Banner, Mr. Paul Naquin, St. Mary Parish President, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. David Allain, and Ms. Rebecca Pellerin, Office Manager of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to dispense with the reading of the November 1, 2011 meeting minutes and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously.

Under Public Comment, Mr. Paul Naquin St. Mary Parish President said that he was looking forward to another four years of working with the Port and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to adopt the 2012 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Deshotel to authorize Mr. Blevins, on behalf of the Port Commission, to execute a contract for the employment of Mr. David Allain as Executive Director of the Port of West St. Mary effective January 1, 2012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bell and carried unanimously. Mr. Duplantis reported that Mr. Allain had satisfied the two year waiting period required of a former commissioner to be employed by the Port. The contract would be for a two year period.

Mr. Allain reported on a Joint Permit Application from the Department of Natural Resources for a Coastal Use Permit by Mr. John Tesivich for a recreational marina inside of the Port canal. Discussion followed. It was the general consensus of the Port Commission to oppose the permit application. Mr. Duplantis said that the major concern would be safety. The people that work in the port area now understand the significance of having work boats in the area and introducing a private marina to share space with would be difficult and safety issues would be the main concern. A motion was made by Mr. Peters that a Resolution be adopted by the Port Commission opposing the application for a private marina in the port canal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously. Mr. Cameron Webster spoke to the Commission and also spoke of safety issues regarding the proposed location of a private marina in the port canal. Mr. Webster said that he was glad to see that the Commission had voted to oppose the application.

Mr. Allain reported on the progress of the D & L Salvage lease. D & L’s attorney recently suffered a heart attack and has not been available. Mr. Duplantis has been speaking with the attorney’s office and they do expect him back in a few weeks and will have to wait for his return to finalize D & L’s lease.

The lease for additional dock space with Marine Turbine has been signed and recorded. They have fenced in the outside for their testing facility. They have also notified Mr. Allain in advance that they would like to sign their lease for another five year option which will become due in June of 2012.

Mr. Allain continues to communicate with Atmos Energy regarding the location of a gas line at the Port Site. He said at this time the tenants at the Port are not using the amount of gas the gas company requires for the location of gas lines for their investment. Mr. Allain assured the Commission that he would continue to pursue this issue.

A motion was made by Mr. Bell to nominate the following Commission members as: President – Mr. Calvin Deshotel, Vice President – Mr. Ralph Longman, Secretary/Treasurer – Mr. Willie Peters and Immediate Past President – Mr. Tad Blevins. A motion was Mr. Terry to second the nominations. A motion was made by Mr. Stevens to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bell and carried unanimously. The nominees were elected by affirmation.

On behalf of the Port Commission, Mr. Allain presented Mr. Blevins with a token of appreciation for serving two years as President of the Port Commission. Mr. Blevins said that he enjoyed serving as President for the past two years and congratulated the incoming slate of officers.

Mr. Duplantis commended Mr. Blevins for not only serving as President of the Commission but for also serving as Executive Director of the Commission with the assistance of Mr. Allain for the past year. Mr. Duplantis said it was a pleasure working with the Blevins.

Mr. Phil Bell suggested that the Port Commission send out a congratulations card to Mr. Andrew Allain who will be graduating from the University of Lafayette at Louisiana in Engineering in the spirit of support for engineers and people in science and agriculture.

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. Peters and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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 Ralph Longman, Secretary