

The Regular meeting of the Abbeville Harbor & Terminal District Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at the Abbeville Harbor & Terminal District office.

President Tim Creswell called the meeting to order with roll call:

Commissioners present:	Carlton Campbell, Tim Creswell, Wayne LeBleu, Jimmie Steen, Bud Zaunbrecher
Commissioners absent:	Gerald Libersat
Executive Director present:	Jay Campbell
Secretary present:	Cheryl Broussard
Engineer present:	Richard Primeaux and Kim Touchet
Legal Advisor present:	Roger Boynton

Upon motion of Commissioner Bud Zaunbrecher and duly seconded by Commissioner Jimmie Steen and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2014 meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer Carlton Campbell stated the Ad Valorem millage rate for 2014 is up for adoption. Last year we had a millage of 3.15. The Commissioners discussed this.

Upon motion of Commissioner Carlton Campbell and duly seconded by Commissioner Wayne LeBleu and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution to keep the millage at 3.15.

Upon motion of Commissioner Carlton Campbell and duly seconded by Commissioner Wayne LeBleu and unanimously carried to authorize Secretary-Treasurer Carlton Campbell to sign the Resolution and Affidavit for the adoption of the millage.

Executive Director Jay Campbell updated the Commissioners on the Wet Tech Energy, Inc. lease for Lots 15 and 16. We will be signing the lease with them on Thursday.

Director Jay Campbell presented correspondence from Paul Moresi, III, Office of District Attorney concerning the Vermilion Parish Economic Development District. "The Vermilion Parish Police Jury would like to transfer this project to the Vermilion Parish Economic Development District which has been formed and it will be governed by a Board of Commissioners whose members will represent the existing stakeholders who are participating in this effort. Except for the change in governance, all of the provisions will remain in effect. If this is acceptable to the District, please have the District approve this agreement to amend the original Intergovernmental Agreement between Abbeville Harbor & Terminal District and the Vermilion Parish Police Jury. If approved, please provide notice of that agreement so that we can move this important project forward." That is an attempt as I understand it to get it out from underneath the Police Jury so it can be a stand-alone district as we are.

Commissioner Carlton Campbell said they want to revive the old Economic Development District and amend it to include a place for a minority Commissioner and get out from underneath the Police Jury as a stand-alone group. When they originally adopted this Economic Development District they did not include a seat for minority and that is what they want to do.

Director Jay Campbell said he sent the agreement to Attorney Roger Boynton for him to look it over and he also looked up the original charter and he has some more information.

Attorney Roger Boynton said the statute itself calls for the development of the Vermilion Parish Economic Development District and this was done in 2001. First of all the district will have 13 board members, nine members are appointed by the Police Jury, four of the nine have to be taken from Abbeville, Delcambre, Erath, Gueydan, Kaplan and Maurice. Delcambre is pulling out of this. They are not putting any money in but will still be able to have input even though. The same thing will go for the Farm Bureau, Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission, Chamber of Commerce, and Abbeville Harbor & Terminal District. These organizations will be able to appoint their own Commissioners, but that is only one out of 13 and six is a

quorum on the district. Attorney Roger Boynton stated his personal opinion is that 13 is way too many to get anything done. The term of office is four years. Everybody gets a report quarterly after they have an election. Until they do these fees and ad valorem and borrowing that they are authorized to do, nobody is entitled to a report. The report goes to the cities and no one else. Even though we appoint someone, we are not entitled to a report. I think it should be changed significantly. One of the things they are authorized to do is to levy a tax not to exceed .6 of one mil, but that has to be voted on by the Parish. They may levy and collect a parcel fee which should not exceed \$10.00 per parcel per year. This also has to be voted on. Basically, they can do pretty much anything they want to do such as give property away for industrial inducement if the right incentives are there. It needs a lot more changes before you agree to fund this Economic Development District.

Commissioner Wayne LeBleu said what Attorney Roger Boynton has informed the Board the original agreement with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury about versus this letter from Paul Moresi, III are 180 degrees apart. The letter states nothing is going to change and the commissioners, I assume who will be appointed, will represent the existing stakeholders, yet what you read includes the Tourist Commission, etc.

Attorney Roger Boynton said another thing that concerned him was we don't know how long it has been since the Police Jury created here, was in existence. We need to check and see; they might have passed a resolution dissolving it and if so all of this is out the window. I just think these are some things that need to be addressed before everyone jumps into this thing.

Commissioner Carlton Campbell said according to Mr. Moresi the old board is still in existence. Mr. Moresi also told him they were going to revise the old district and the stakeholders would be able to appoint commissioners.

Attorney Roger Boynton was authorized to send a letter to Mr. Moresi stating point by point the changes he feels is necessary to the intergovernmental agreement between Abbeville Harbor & Terminal District and the Vermilion Parish Police Jury.

Upon motion of Commissioner Wayne LeBleu and duly seconded by Commissioner Carlton Campbell and unanimously carried that in view of the discrepancies that have been brought forth today it would not be in the best interest of the Board to participate in the Vermilion Parish Economic Development District until some of these things are cleared up.

Engineer Richard Primeaux updated the Commissioners on the Master Plan. Engineer Primeaux stated he would like to talk to the Board to make sure he is going in the direction the Board thought he should be going. By the next meeting he would like to have a preliminary plan. Engineer Richard Primeaux said he thinks he has a clear idea of the objectives and goals the Board wants. We have an Economic forecast and marketing plan that needs to try to fit with where we plan to go. We are going to have to have tragedies, priorities and an action plan to meet the Boards mission and vision. I have to figure out a strategic plan including what do you do, who you do it for and what you excel in. The strategic plan narrows down what you are good at and will also help you decide where to spend your time and where to spend your money. The plan identifies what is important to you, what you are trying to achieve and define who is accountable. I have put together seven parts and I have also included as one of the assets, the Vermilion River. It is not listed in the Master Plan as an asset but I think it should be because based on the last 10 years and more so in the last couple of months, the Vermilion River is an asset and it needs to be part of your overall plan. You have always had a vision that has always been on track and that is admirable. Engineer Richard Primeaux read the modified vision and mission statement and asked for any feedback from the Commissioners.

Director Jay Campbell asked Engineer Richard Primeaux to add employment opportunities to the Mission Statement.

Engineer Richard Primeaux discussed with the Commissioners the Goals and Objectives, the Economic Marketing Development Strategies, Strategic Property, Strategic Capital Improvements, Strategic Capital Improvements Funding and Capital Improvements priority listing of the Abbeville Harbor & Terminal District as outlined for the Master Plan.

Commissioner Carlton Campbell asked how this would affect the new Economic Development Board that is being developed right now. Are we on a collision course with them or are we going to do cooperative work with them?

Director Jay Campbell said he thinks we can cooperate with them where it serves the public and both bodies. Director Jay Campbell said recently there was a large announcement in Lafayette that at the airport they were going to secure a manufacturing facility for Bell Helicopters. The Airport is a facility like the Port is a facility and they have LEDA that encompasses the whole parish. You would think that the success they would have putting that facility at the airport that there was a lot of cooperation between the two of them because it worked. Low and behold this session in the Legislature the airport is creating their own Economic Development Powers, they are changing their charter and I think it is because they will not have to mess with LEDA. Ports and airports are unique. We do economic development work but the Economic Development District does not do Port or Airport work.

Commissioner Tim Creswell said LEDA can be overbearing and my fear of the same thing happening here with the Vermilion Parish Economic Development District.

Director Jay Campbell said a Parish wide Economic Development authority cannot be a Port authority and they cannot be an airport authority. We can be a Port authority and an effective one given the circumstances, but we cannot be a parish wide authority.

Commissioner Carlton Campbell said for Engineer Richard Primeaux to add into the Master Plan cooperation with other Economic Development authorities. Engineer Primeaux said he can add that to the objectives in the Master Plan.

Commissioner Tim Creswell said in the objectives for the Master Plan it could state the Abbeville Harbor & Terminal District can seek intergovernmental agreements with public entities within the Parish for economic development where mutually beneficial or applicable. Commissioner Tim Creswell said one of the objectives in this is for the District and also gives our representative on the Vermilion Parish Economic Development District support to show we are cooperating where we can.

Commissioner Carlton Campbell said he will not say anything until he brings it to the Abbeville Harbor & Terminal Board and see how the board wants him to proceed.

Engineer Richard Primeaux says we can add more goals and objectives over the next month or so.

Director Jay Campbell said this is our Master Plan and this will be a path to the future connecting the people who come behind us. Commissioner Tim Creswell said continuity is one of the main things about this Master Plan, continuity down the road.

Engineer Richard Primeaux told the Commissioners he will make himself available if anything comes up in the next month that they would like to add to the Master Plan.

Engineer Richard Primeaux said he is also looking at financing either your own funds or grant funds or partnering which you have done at the Port of Vermilion and at the Intracoastal City Public Boat Launch. You may have to identify how you will be able to fund projects whether it is bond money or your own money. You have \$23 million of infrastructure at the Port right now.

Commissioner Wayne LeBleu asked how realistic would it be for the Railroad Spur Loading Dock Facility? Sugar Cane has become the dominant crop in the Parish and also people who make their living just transporting sugar cane. Is it a realistic thing to consider railroad spur loading?

Engineer Richard Primeaux said it is something that was mentioned so it made its way into this part of the discussion.

Commissioner Wayne LeBleu said it was an interesting idea.

Director Jay Campbell said it could be any commodity.

Engineer Richard Primeaux said at some meetings he had attended there was some discussion about a central facility for transportation of products from here. There are possibilities.

Commissioner Jimmie Steen said Patout does all the sugar cane transportation. Lacassine wanted to put all that stuff up and Patout said you give me the money and I will make it happen. That plant closed and Patout is trucking stuff from Eunice, up I 49 to Bunkie and he has his own transportation.

Commissioner Carlton Campbell said and the State is stuck paying for the Lacassine refinery.

The Commissioners discussed the Capital Improvements Priority Listing portion of the Master Plan stating we have to save for our future needs and future replacement costs.

Engineer Richard Primeaux updated the Commissioners on the Intracoastal City Dredging project. We have received the signed permit and I have proposals out to four local contractors. We will have discussion of the proposals at your next meeting.

Commissioner Wayne LeBleu said in view of Commissioner Jimmie Steen's comments earlier tonight regarding the amount of siltation out some 200 feet at the Intracoastal City Boat Launch, is the contract that you expect to let going to be sufficient enough to cover this.

Engineer Richard Primeaux said we will be going 300 to 400 feet out from the launch. The Commissioners discussed that there is a big flat in there and it is necessary to go further out to the channel before turning west.

Engineer Richard Primeaux stated the canopy behind the District Office Building was supposed to be installed today but we are not aware of what happened.

Upon motion of Commissioner Bud Zaunbrecher and duly seconded by Commissioner Jimmie Steen and unanimously carried to pay the following invoices:

Primeaux, Touchet & Associates, L.L.C. – Invoice 13-146-2	\$11,875.00
Primeaux, Touchet & Associates, L.L.C. – Invoice 14-039-2	\$ 1,375.00

Engineer Richard Primeaux said he appreciated the comments on the Master Plan and the more comments the better.


Attorney Roger Boynton said we finally got information from Clean Gulf Associates. A couple of weeks ago we sent off the insurance certificate to our insurance agent for him to look at it and he said it basically covered what it should cover. It took him until last week to get the changes he requested on the lease, one of which is hold harmless. Attorney Roger Boynton presented a copy of the changes he wants. The

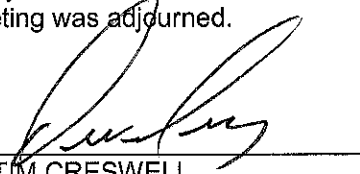
Commissioners discussed these changes. Attorney Roger Boynton asked if he could go to them and say this is what we want and we are not taking anything else. The Commissioners all agreed to this.

Upon motion of Commissioner Bud Zaunbrecher and duly seconded by Commissioner Wayne LeBleu and unanimously carried to pay the following invoices:

Roger Boynton, Attorney – Invoice May 8, 2014	\$ 175.00
Roger Boynton, Attorney – Invoice 14-5	\$ 525.00
Roger Boynton, Attorney – Invoice 14-6	\$1,093.75
Roger Boynton, Attorney – Invoice 14-7	\$1,225.00

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Commissioner Carlton Campbell and duly seconded by Commissioner Bud Zaunbrecher the meeting was adjourned.


CARLTON CAMPBELL
SECRETARY-TREASURER


TIM CRESWELL
PRESIDENT