

***Avoyelles Parish Port Commission
170 Honeybee Lane
P.O. Box 126
Simmesport, Louisiana 71369***

Regular Meeting

March 17, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jason Bordelon called to order the regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission 5:30 p.m. on March 17, 2025, at Port Commission Headquarters 170 Honeybee Lane, Simmesport, Louisiana, 71369.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

By Chairman Jason Bordelon

III. PRAYER:

By Commissioner Andrea Webb

IV. ROLL CALL:

Obie Ryland conducted the roll call. The following individuals were present giving the meeting a quorum of four commissioners present:

Commissioner Jason Bordelon

Commissioner Scott Williams

Commissioner Andrea Webb

Mr. Charles Riddle, Avoyelles Parish District Attorney (Port Counsel)

Ms. Renee Roy, Avoyelles Parish Assistant District Attorney (Port Counsel)

Mr. Spencer Gauthier, Delta Engineering Group

Mr. Sam Pearce, Avoyelles Parish Police Jury

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no comments regarding the agenda items from the public.

VI. DELEGATES – FIVE MINUTE RULE:

There were no comments from the public.

VII. DUCOTE & COMPANY AUDIT REPORT:

Ms. Aloysia Ducote was unable to attend the meeting.

VIII. ADOPT DECEMBER 16, 2024, REGULAR PORT MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept December 16, 2024, minutes as presented. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. A motion to accept December 16, 2024, meeting minutes as presented carried unanimously. The Avoyelles Parish Port Commission did not conduct a meeting in January 2025 due to inclement winter weather and did not have a meeting in February 2025 due to lack of quorum.

IX. DELTA ENGINEERING PRESENTATION:

Mr. Spencer Gauthier with Delta Engineering met with the Port Commission regarding methods to gain grant funding through the LDOTD Port Construction and Development Priority Program and the USDOT Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). After the presentation, the board instructed Delta to begin to begin the application process to these programs.

X. REVIEW AND DISCUSS PROPOSED CONTRACT (VANGUARD REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS AND KAJAMY ENERGY).

There was a brief discussion by the commissioners present and legal counsel at which time it was decided to table further discussion until all commissioners are present. Mr. Pearce offered to try to schedule a meeting with representatives of UL and Dr. Mark Zappi who is an expert in alternative energy, to further educate the commissioners on the topic.

XI. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – JASON BORDELON:

Chairman Bordelon did not have anything to report.

XII. VICE CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – SCOTT WILLIAMS:

a) Expense Report –

Vice Chairman Williams directed the Port Director to read the statement of operations into the record. The Statement of Operations report is attached to the monthly minutes. Commissioner Webb made the motion to accept the reading of the Statement of Operations report. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to accept. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. PORT DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

a) Update on Fertilizer Tank Project –

The Fertilizer tank project has been completed as of January 2025. The tank is in use by Helena.

b) Canadaville Clean Up –

Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept BRUDD Construction’s request for an additional \$2,500.00 to remove all trailer anchors regarding the clean-up of the trailer sites. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Donate Bleachers-

Commissioner Webb made a motion to donate all surplus and salvage bleachers and playground equipment to the Moreauville Sports Club. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Brudd Construction Shop Door –

Three door motors are no longer usable and need to be replaced. The other three motors need repairs. The quote obtained by Scott’s Overhead Door, LLC, to perform this job and furnish the motors is \$7,450.00. Commissioner Webb made the motion to repair the doors per the quote by Scott’s Overhead Door, LLC. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Pipeline –

Venture Global, LNG, will be placing a pipeline on port property in the future and is requesting permission to begin to survey the property in question. Commissioner Williams made the motion to allow Venture Global to do the survey. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

e) **GridSource (Use of road to store boring equipment and fiber.) –**

GridSource is seeking to use a small part of the port to store its equipment while they are installing fiberoptics on Highway 105 for \$800.00 per month. Commissioner Williams made the motion to allow GridSource to rent Port property for parking at the stated rate. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

f) **Baseball field-**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to allow Havoc Baseball to have first choice of the use of baseball field “1” in exchange for maintenance, upkeep, and improvements. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. ADJOURN MEETING:

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission will take place on April 21, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Port Headquarters. The meeting was adjourned.