

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

Regular Meeting

July 19, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chairman, Mr. Barry Laiche called to order the regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission at 5:31 p.m. on July 19, 2021, at the Port Commission Headquarters 170 Honeybee Lane, Simmesport, Louisiana, 71369.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

By Mr. Scott Williams

III. PRAYER:

By Mr. Jerry Klier

IV. ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Sam Ducote conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Board Chairman, Mr. Barry Laiche

Commissioner, Mr. Scott Williams

Commissioner, Penn Lemoine

Commissioner, Patrick Dehotels

Mr. Stacy Auzenne (Port Counsel)

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

No members of the public present.

VI. TREASURES REPORT:

Commissioner Penn did not have anything new to report.

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 2021:

Motion to approve minutes as presented by Commissioner Williams.

Commissioner Lemoine seconded the motion. Motion approves unanimously.

VIII. DELEGATS (FIVE MINUTE RULE):

No members of the public present.

IX. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman deferred and moved to agenda item ten.

X. VICE CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Commissioner Williams discussed the approval of moving two hundred and fifty thousand dollars out of general fund into two separate certificates of deposits.

XI. PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director, Sam Ducote asked for another bid for painting on the barge due to first bid received which was deemed high at this time. Chairman Laiche expressed concern of proper preparation of barge surface to be painted in the painting bid. Director Ducote discussed the procedure of using chemical barrier, primer and painting included in the bid. Commissioner Williams brought up the fact that Billy uses his personal equipment for Port work. Commissioners discussed the process in which the Port could remunerate Billy for use of his personal vehicle and equipment. Mr. Auzenne offered that the Port consider a twelve hundred dollar stipend, (one hundred dollars per month). Commissioner Lemoine makes a motion for a stipend to go to Billy in the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars a month for use of four-wheeler and fuel. Second by Commissioner Deshotels. Motion carries unanimously. Director Ducote updates the commissioner on the Life Safety Jacket box. The box is ready for paint and then to be installed. Discussion had regarding six by twelve covering over electrical panel boxes. Agreement by commissioners to table the covering for future meeting.

XII. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER MATTERS:

1. CANADAVILLE GROUP

Mr. Auzenne received a draft of project development agreement relating to solar power generation from Mr. Mansour. Mr. Auzenne gave highlights of the agreement which included the asking of hundred and fifty acres, they would pay ten thousand dollars a year for options for potentially five option years. Mr. Auzenne notes that existing agreement expires in August 2021. Discussion by commissioners was held regarding Canadaville Group's plan. Mr. Laiche requested a copy of plan to all commissioners for review and consideration.

2. CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING

Mr. Jerry Klier updated the Commission on the capital outlay project for the adding of a one-million-gallon storage tank for Helena Chemical to the port. Process was started October 28, 2020. Support for the project was received from the Governor. The project passed the process and received priority two funding. At this time the Port is awaiting official notification from the Commissioner Jay Darden of inclusion in capital outlay bill. Motion to authorize Chairman Barry Laiche by resolution to sign and make request any relative to the liquid fertilizer tank terminal expansion project by Commissioner Williams. Second by Mr. Deshotels. Motion passes unanimously.

3. LOCAL INTEREST IN HOME PURCHASE

Chairman Laiche received a telephone call from Robby Bernard regarding purchasing some of the existing trailer homes from Port Commission. Discussion was held about history of selling per historical value. Mr. Auzenne's advice was to display homes for sell, advertise and use previous protocols of sale of home.

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING:

Commissioner Lemoine made motion to adjourn meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deshotels. The next regular meeting of

the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission will be held on August 16, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Port Headquarters. Meeting was adjourned.