

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

Regular Meeting

June 20, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Barry Laiche called to order the regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission 5:45 p.m. on June 20, 2022, at Port Commission Headquarters 170 Honeybee Lane, Simmesport, Louisiana, 71369.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

By Commissioner Scott Williams

III. PRAYER:

By Chairman Barry Laiche

IV. ROLL CALL:

Port Director Sam Ducote conducted the roll call. The following individuals were present giving the meeting a quorum of three of commissioners present:

Board Chairman Mr. Barry Laiche

Commissioner Mr. Scott Williams

Commissioner Penn Lemone (via telephone)

Mr. Stacy Auzeine (Port Counsel)

Ms. Kasey Meche (Ducote & Company)

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no members of the public present.

VI. TREASURES REPORT:

Commissioner Lemoine did not have anything to report.

VII. ADOPTION OF PRIOR MEETINGS MINUTES:

Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the minutes for the February 2022 meeting. Commissioner Lemoine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the minutes for the March 2022 meeting. Commissioner Lemoine seconded the motion. The motion passed to approve the March 2022 minutes unanimously. Commissioner Williams moved to adopt the May 2022 minutes and Commissioner Lemoine seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the May 2022 meeting passed unanimously.

VIII. DELEGATES RULE FIVE MINUTE RULE:

There were no members of the public present.

IX. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Latche reported to the commissioners that he is working on a letter to the Red River Waterway Commission because the Commission now knows the amount of money from the State of Louisiana for the Helena bank project. The State is committed to an amount of \$1,000,000 for the project. The commissioners reviewed the progress of the Helena contract renewal.

X. VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Commissioner Williams did not have anything to report.

XI. PORT DIRECTORS REPORT:

Director Ducote reported that the cleanup and removal of the trailer houses is still ongoing.

XII. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER MATTERS:

A) Ratify the Port's insurance purchase for 2022-2023.

There were no major changes in insurance coverage and the policy for 2022-2023 was paid in full.

B) Discuss and decision on location of new maintenance building.

Chairman Latche offered the idea of placing the new maintenance building by existing hedges where there is an existing concrete slab. The commissioners discussed cleanup of the area around the port office and the concrete slab.

C) Consideration of acceptance of minimum state contract price for tractor and bush hog.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to amend the minimum state contract price of \$51,001.50 for the purchase of the John Deere 5075 tractor and bush hog. The minimum contract bid offered expired before purchase of tractor had taken place. Commissioner Lemoine seconded the motion made by Commissioner Williams. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

D) Declare as surplus and advertise the old John Deere 790 tractor for sale.

Discussion between the commissioners took place in reference to the tractor. Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept the resolution to declare the 790 John Deere tractor as surplus and have Henderson Auction sale the tractor. Commissioner Lemoine seconded the motion. The motion to accept the resolution and have it auctioned off by Henderson Auction passed unanimously.

XII ADJOURN MEETING:

Commissioner Williams made motion to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion. The next regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission will take place on July 18, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Port Headquarters. The meeting adjourned.

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