

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

Regular Meeting

May 15, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Barry Laiche called to order the regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission 5:32 p.m. on May 15, 2023, at Port Commission Headquarters 170 Honeybee Lane, Simmesport, Louisiana, 71369.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

By Chairman Laiche

III. PRAYER:

By Mr. Stacy Auzenne

IV. ROLL CALL:

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

Chairman Barry Laiche

Commissioner Patrick Deshotels

Commissioner Andre Webb

Stacy Auzenne (Port Counsel)

Mr. Jerry Klier

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

The public had no comments to make.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Webb had nothing new to report at the time.

VII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the April 17, 2023, meeting was reviewed by all present commissioners. Commissioner Webb motioned to approve and adopt the minutes, Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion. The motion to accept the minutes for the April 2023 meeting passed unanimously.

VIII. DELEGATES FIVE MINUTE RULE:

The public had no comments to make.

IX. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Laiche commented on the purchase of the pressure washer and the work that had been done.

X. VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Passed (Commissioner Williams was not present).

XI. DIRECTORS REPORT:

Director Ducote discussed the water line repair bill. Members of the board agreed to pay Trek, Inc. the amount of \$5,392.00 for repairs to the water line. Members of the board are still investigating who is responsible for the bill. Mr. Jerry Klier is also investigating documents to assist in clarifying the matter. New lights were added to the boat launch. Also, the air conditioner for the office was replaced.

XII. CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER MATTERS:

A) UPDATE ON HENDERSON CLEANUP MONEY.

Henderson has not paid as of this meeting. Henderson was wanted a release which was sent by Mr. Auzenne on May 1, 2023, for their signature.

B) DISCUSS THE 2023-2024 BUDGET.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Deshotels made the motion to set the annual 2023-2024 Budget Hearing to be held June 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C) DISCUSS PORT INSURANCE.

The Commissioners discussed the increase in the cost of property and liability insurance. The annual premium has greatly increased. Commissioners discussed and agreed to further investigate different avenues regarding this increase. The Chairman entertained a motion by Commissioner Webb in the Chair's discretion to either accept the quoted premium of \$63,939.81 with the quoted coverage and/or perhaps exclude coverage for the office building. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deshotels and passed unanimously.

XIII. ADJOURN MEETING:

Commissioner Webb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Deshotels seconded the motion. The 2023-2024 Budget Hearing will take place June 20, 2023, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission will take place on June 20, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Port Headquarters. The meeting adjourned.