

**AVOUELLES PARISH PORT COMMISSION  
170 HONEYBEE LANE  
P. O. BOX 126  
SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA 71369  
MONTHLY MEETING @ 5:30  
JULY 18, 2022  
@5:30PM**

**I. REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**SWEARING IN NEW PORT COMMISSIONER ANDRE WEBB**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PLEDGE**

**3. PRAYER**

**4. ROLL CALL – DIRECTOR SAMUEL DUCOTE**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**7. ADOPT MINUTES – ADOPT THE JUNE 2022 MINUTES**

**8. DELEGATES – 5 MINUTE RULE**

**9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – BARRY LAICHE**

**10. VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – SCOTT WILLIAMS**

**11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SAMUEL DUCOTE**

**A. CLEANUP PROGRESS ON HOMESITES**

**12. CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER MATTERS**

**A. MOTION TO MOVE JUNE MONTHLY MEETING FROM MONDAY TO THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FEDERAL JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY.**

**B. PRESENTATION BY STEVE MANSOUR ON THE PROPOSED MOU WITH THE PORT OF AVOUELLES AND THE CANADAVILLE INVESTORS.**

**C. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL ON POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF NEW TRACTOR ATTACHEMENTS.**

**13. ADJOURN MEETING – THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD @ THE AVOUELLES PORT OFFICE @ 5:30PM ON AUGUST 15, 2022.**

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**Simmesport, Louisiana 71369**

**Regular Meeting**

July 18, 2022

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman, Barry Laiche called to order the regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission 5:30 p.m. on July 18, 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. FORMAL SWEARING OF COMMISSIONER ANDRE WEBB:**

Port Counsel, Stacy Auzenne swore in Mr. Andre Webb as a commissioner for the Port of Avoyelles. Mr. Webb's appointment is the Town of Simmesport appointment made by Mayor Leslie Draper. Commissioner Penn Lemoine's term expired and State Representative Daryl Deshotel has contacted the Avoyelles Police Jury to get a nomination to replace Commissioner Lemoine.

**V. 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:

Chairman Barry Laiche

Commissioner Scott Williams

Commissioner Andre Webb

Former Commissioner Tony Pierite

Stacy Auzenne (Port Counsel)

Mr. Jeff Courtney (Canadaville)

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were no comments by the attending public.

**VII. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Commissioner Penn was not present.

**VIII. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Minutes were not ready for adoption.

**IX. DELEGATES FIVE MINUTE RULE:**

There were no comments by members of the public.

**X. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Chairman Laiche did not have anything to report. Commissioner Andre Webb will be added as a signature to the Port Commission bank account.

**XI. VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Commissioner Williams did not have anything to report.

**XII. PORT DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Director Ducote reported that there are eight lots left to be cleaned up. Chairman Laiche requested that Director Ducote inform Henderson Auction that they will have until July 31, 2022, to clean lots to the satisfaction of Port Representative (Director Ducote) or the Port Commission will demand full refund of deposits for Lot 291, Lot 126, Lot 138, Lot 148, Lot 169, Lot 179, Lot 189, and Lot 188.

**XIII. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER MATTERS:**

**A) Motion to move the regular June meeting to the following Tuesday in observance of the federal Juneteenth holiday.**

After brief discussion Commissioner Williams made the motion to move the June regular meeting from the third Monday of June to third Tuesday of June in observance of the federal Juneteenth holiday. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B) Presentation by Mr. Jeff Courtney on a proposed memorandum of understanding between Canadaville Group and the Port of Avoyelles.**

Prior to Mr. Courtney's presentation, Chairman Laiche and Mr. Stacy Auzenne explained the history between the Canadaville Group and the Avoyelles Port Commission. Chairman Laiche outlined a couple of items that he felt were important when engaging with potential investors. 1.) The Port Commission needs to know exactly who they are dealing with in relation to the potential investors. 2.) The Port Commission would need a firm commitment by way of not only exactly what the plans for development are, but secondarily how will that be funded. 3.) Any final terms agreed upon will always be subject to the final approval of the Avoyelles Port Commission. And lastly, the Port has spent money over the years on groups enquiring and wanting to do business with the port and believes that the Port Commission should incorporate a good faith cash deposit to offset these initial costs. Mr. Steve Mansour with Canadaville prepared a MOU for the Port Commission to accept. Mr. Jeff Courtney presented the MOU and the plan by Canadaville to bring renewable energy to the Port of Avoyelles to the commissioners, this included solar, wind, and green hydrogen and various renewable energy sources. The Commission made it apparent that any harkening back to the prior agreement will not be accepted. This is because the Commission does not want to tie up its limited land in an agreement that may not come to fruition. Mr. Laiche requested a commitment from Mr. Courtney that this will be a brand-new agreement and will not refer to older agreements in any form or fashion. Mr. Courtney instructed Mr. Auzenne to remove any language in the MOU presented that the Port Commission did not agree with. The Commissioners also made it clear to Mr. Courtney the importance of pre-agreed upon timelines and milestones in the MOU. The commissioners decided that they would approve moving forward once they had time to review the revised MOU and agreed with all language and provisions herein. Commissioner Williams motioned for a resolution to authorize Mr. Stacy Auzenne as legal counsel to consult with the Canadaville Group to prepare a draft letter that would be subject to Chairman Laiche's review and final signature that expresses interest in Lafayette Utility Authority and City of Lafayette, but the authority is limited in expressing a letter of interest and in no way authorizes Chairman Laiche to make further commitment. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion for the proposed resolution. The resolution passed unanimously.

**C) Discussion of new tractor attachments.**

Commissioner Williams received quotes for a grapple attachment, pallet forks and pre-coupler. The total cost of which is \$6,125.00. Commissioner Williams made motion the motion to purchase the equipment. Commissioner Webb seconded the

motion. By way of discussion Chairman Laiche confirmed with Mr. Auzenne that all items are on the State's pre-approved bid list. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**XIV ADJOURN MEETING:**

Commissioner Williams made motion to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. The next regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission will take place on August 15, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Port Headquarters. The meeting adjourned.