

Avoyelles Parish Port Commission
170 Honey Bee Lane or P.O. Box 127
Simmesport, Louisiana 71369

Regular Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2016

Meeting Location: Avoyelles Parish Port Commission Offices
170 Honey Bee Lane
Simmesport, LA

The regular meeting of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission was held at 5:30 p.m. at the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission Offices to discuss items on the attached agenda and other items as approved by the commission.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tommy Maddie at 5:30. Roll call was as follows:

Members Present: Tommy Maddie, Chairman, Van Kojis, Vice Chairman, Wayne Coco, Emeric Dupuy, and Robert Thevis.

Members Absent: None. (Col. Charles Jones has resigned and Walter Moreau is deceased)

Guest Present: Jacob Coco and Gwenn Barr, Town of Simmesport

It was established that a quorum was present so the commission could conduct business.

Mr. Maddie reported that the minutes of the previous meeting of July 18, 2016 had been mailed to each commission member and asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, a motion was made by Van Kojis and seconded by Robert Thevis to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Maddie gave a financial report for the month of July, 2016. It was reported that expenses for the past month totaled \$8,983.54. Deposits for last month totaled \$5,550.00. The balance in the operating account of the commission at the end of July was \$40,074.69. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the current bills was made by Robert Thevis and seconded by Van Kojis. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. Maddie announced that the second project meeting for the construction of the 400,000 gallon elevated water tower was held on Thursday, August 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the port offices. Mr. Maddie and Mr. Coco attended along with the engineers and the contractor and Jacob Coco and Frankie Bordelon representing the Town of Simmesport.

New Business:

Mr. Maddie reported that there was a need to install an additional culvert crossing the drainage ditch for the road accessing the new elevated water tank. The additional cost will be handled through the current construction contract with TREK, Inc. as a change order. Mr. Coco reported that the submittal for the test drilled shafts had been submitted by the contractor and reviewed and approved by the engineers. The test shafts will be done as soon as the weather moderates.

The following items were added to the agenda:

1. Request from the Town of Simmesport for rental of 2 trailers.
2. Approval of the resignation of Col. Charles Jones.
3. Letter to Representative Johnson requesting his office's attendance at commission meetings to provide information and guidance regarding the status of the existing commission and the new commission.

Motion to add the 3 items to the agenda was made by Wayne Coco and seconded by Van Kojis. Motion unanimously carried.

Appearing before the commission Alderman Jacob Coco and Town Clerk, Gwenn Barr requested that the Port Commission allow the Town of Simmesport to rent two trailers to house two police officers from the flooded areas of south Louisiana who were displaced. The police officers were continuing to perform work in Avoyelles and traveling back and forth to their homes and needed a temporary place to live until they could move back.

The commission indicated that due to the findings of the Legislative Auditor regarding the rental of the trailers, it was not clear what they could actually legally do. A motion by Emeric Dupuy and seconded by Van Kojis was made to approve the rental of two trailers for the purposes stated pending a legal ruling from the District Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Wayne Coco and seconded by Emeric Dupuy was made to accept the resignation of Col. Charles Jones as a member of the Port Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

It was the feeling of the present commission that there was uncertainty as to the status of the existing commission and what they could be expected to do until the new commission is appointed. It was agreed that a letter should be addressed to Representative Johnson's office requesting that someone from his office attend all meetings to provide some guidance regarding the status of the existing commission and the new commission.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Van Kojis and seconded by Wayne Coco. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Wayne Lawrence Coco, Secretary/Treasurer
Avoyelles Parish Port Commission

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Date: 8.18.16