

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

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Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2016

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

The meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by the roll call:

Members Present: Tommy Maddie, Chairman, Robert Thevis, Wayne Coco, Emeric Dupuy and Col. Charles Jones. It was established that a quorum was present.

Members Absent: Van Kojis, and Walter Moreau

Guest Present: Alderman Jacob Coco, Town of Simmesport; James Guillory, Architect; Henry Moreau, Avoyelles Parish Police Jury Member.

Minutes of the April 18, Regular Meeting were emailed to all members but Mr. Coco elected to read the minutes. A motion was made by Emeric Dupuy and seconded by Robert Thevis to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that Col. Charles Jones was in attendance as the newly appointed member to the Port Commission by the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury. Col. Jones reported that he had consulted with the Avoyelles Parish District Attorney, Charles Riddle, and was assured that his appointment to the Port Commission and his attendance at this meeting was legitimate. Contact information for new member Col. Charles B. Jones is as follows:

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Mr. Maddie gave a financial report covering current bills, income and account balances including itemized reports on all outstanding loans and construction accounts. A motion to pay the bills was made by Wayne Coco and seconded by Robert Thevis. Current Bills to be paid amount to \$12,002.39. Income since last meeting amounted to \$1,270.00 leaving a balance of \$ 230,979.66. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. Maddie reported that the construction contract with TREK Inc. to build the new 400,000 gallon elevated water tower has been approved by all federal agencies and is in the hands of the contractor for their signature. A motion was made by Col. Charles Jones and seconded by Robert Thevis to allow the commission chairman, Tommy Maddie, to sign the construction contract on behalf of the Port Commission for the new water tower. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Maddie reported that the proposed ramp realignment and extension at the Helena loading dock will be postponed until the governance of the Port Commission proposed by Rep. Johnson in House Bill 853 is settled one way or another. As soon as that has been determined, the job will be put out for bids in the official journal of the Port Commission.

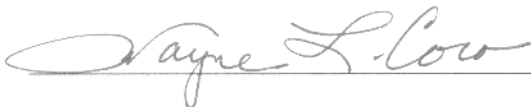
New Business:

Mr. Maddie, Mr. Thevis and Mr. Coco reported that they had met with the State Legislative Auditors on Monday, May 2 at the Port office. It was reported that the auditors were meeting with the Port Commission at the Port Commission's request. It was also reported that the auditors indicated that they were only seeking information regarding some information they had received regarding the hay cutting on port property and on the levee and the purchase of some watermelons. Mr. Coco reported that he had all of the minutes and documents voted on by the commission since 2008 available at the meeting for the auditors to review, which they did. The auditors indicated that they will be reporting back to the commission on their findings with some recommendations.

A report on House Bill 853 was made. The bill was sent from the House Transportation Committee earlier to the Senate Municipal Affairs Committee and was presented on Thursday, May 12. The bill as currently written was passed by the committee and forwarded to the senate floor on the recommendation of Senator LaFleur. Senator LaFleur indicated that he would meet with all parties to try to amend the bill in an attempt to come to a compromise with the local governing bodies and commissioners involved. As of this meeting, no one on the Port Commission has been contacted to offer any input as to a proposed amendment. Mr. Maddie reported that if the current bill makes it through the senate and the house and the governor does not sign it by August 15, 2016, the bill will become law.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Emeric Dupuy and seconded by Robert Thevis. The motion was passed unanimously.

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



Date: 5.18.16