

Avoyelles Parish Port Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2020

The APPC held its monthly business meeting, at its office located on Honey Bee Road, Simmesport, Louisiana on Monday, February 17, 2020 @ 5:30 PM.

Those present were: Barry Laiche, Scott Williams, Tony Pièrite, Melanie Barr, Penn Lemoine, Patrick Deshotel, James Sampson, and Sullivan "Butch" Batiste, Jr. Also present were: Representative Daryl Deshotel and Police Juror Jacob Coco.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by opening prayer led by Rep. Deshotel.

After a period of self-introduction from each of the new commissioners (Penn Lemoine, Patrick Deshotel, James Sampson, Sullivan Batiste Jr), the port attorney, Stacey Auzenne, swore in the new board of commissioners.

A motion was made by Penn Lemoine, seconded by James Sampson, to accept the Treasurer's Report, as presented by Melanie Barr. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Scott Williams, seconded by Sullivan Batiste, to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

President Barry Laiche and Vice-President Scott Williams extended a welcome to the new incoming commissioners and briefly updated them on current projects, tenants, and our continuing working relationships with local and state agencies to bring commerce and jobs to Avoyelles Parish. Special appreciation was expressed to the Red River Waterway Commission for their help in funding for the port's recent acquisition of 70 acres of waterfront property currently adjoining port property. The new property will be part of the port's future expansion and development of its facilities.

There being no further business, a motion by Scott Williams, seconded by Sullivan Baptiste, the meeting was adjourned.