Grand Isle Port Commission



Bobby Jindal - Governor

Commissioners: Andy Galliano-President, Bob Sevin-VicePresident, Ambrose Besson-Secretary/Treasurer, Perry Chighizola and Terrill Pizani

Wayne Keller-Executive Director

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

Meeting opened at noon by President Andy Galliano at the Port Commission Center located on Louisiana Highway 1. Commissioners present were Andy Galliano, Bob Sevin, and Ambrose Besson. Commissioners Perry Chighizola and Terrill Pizani were absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Sevin and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes from July 9, 2014 changing Oak Street to Smith Lane on the 9th paragraph.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sevin, seconded by Commissioner Besson and unanimously agreed to accept the financial report as read.

President Galliano stated that the port attorney is working on a hold harmless lease with John Bowman to perform security work on the Oak Street Property.

Mr. Keller stated that lights were out at the ADA dock but have been repaired. The Wildlife and Fisheries will need to place a geo cloth and limestone to fix the Kayak Launch. Mr. Keller also stated that the brakes are rusted and the front wheel drive is out on the port commission truck.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sevin, seconded by Commissioner Besson and unanimously agreed that all port vehicles are to remain at the office and signed out for port business only. The Director can only use port owned vehicles to go home and back to work and maybe use port vehicles on business only if a commissioner approves the request. This motion also includes adding Richard Savoie on the port insurance to be able to drive port vehicles.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Sevin and unanimously agreed to purchase a new Ford F150 truck using the state contact. The truck should be a crew cab, full 4 door, 4x4, 6/2 foot (short) bed, and include a towing package. The total price should not exceed \$30,000.00.

Mr. Keller stated that the port is waiting on the permit from the Coast Guard to place the buoys in Caminada Pass. Extra lights were ordered to place on piling clusters as stated on permit.

Commissioner Sevin talked about the tonnage needed for port records in order to help with having the channel dredged. President Keller stated a letter stating the tonnage was sent to Senator Vitter and the COE. Commissioner Sevin would like to send a copy of the letter to Mayor Camardelle. Commissioner Sevin stated that the two lots owned by the port commission on Sunset and Pete's Wharf be cleaned and the grass cut and cut the grass by the ADA dock.

A motion was made by Commissioner Galliano, seconded by Commissioner Besson to amend the budget to give all the port employees a 2.5% pay raise. Commissioner Sevin voted nay. This motion dies for lack of a majority vote of total board members (3 out of 5 votes needed for majority).

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Sevin and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting 1:04 pm.	
Andy Galliano, President	Ambrose Besson, Secretary/Treasurer
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