GREATER KROTZ SPRINGS PORT COMMISSION

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 10. 2013** 

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Greater Krotz Springs Port Commission was held

on Monday, September 10, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. at the office of the Greater Krotz Springs Port

Commission in Krotz Springs, Louisiana. The following Commissioners were present, which

constituted a quorum:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Batiste, Carter, Diesi, Haynes, Leger, McMillan, Reed,

J. Soileau, K. Soileau, and Thibodeaux.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Soileau, Cindy Stelly, James Lopez, Steven Loeb, Mike

Bellard with BellTech, Attorney Chris Guillory representing LEC, James Wallace with

Simoneaux & Wallace Insurance, Krotz Springs Mayor Carroll Snyder and Krotz Springs

Assistant Clerk Angie Marks.

Commissioner James Soileau called the meeting to order. He also led the Prayer and

the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 05, 2013:

MOTION:

REED

SECOND:

CARTER

A motion was made by Monita Reed and seconded by Cheryl Carter to approve and

accept the AUGUST 05, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. All Commissioners

present agreed unanimously.

INDUSTRIAL INDUCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

MOTION:

**HAYNES** 

SECOND:

REED

A motion was made by Vernon Haynes and seconded by Monita Reed to approve and

accept the AUGUST 12, 2013 Industrial Inducement Committee Meeting minutes as written. All

Commissioners present agreed unanimously

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:** 

MOTION:

BATISTE

SECOND:

**LEGER** 

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A motion was made by Senic Batiste and seconded by Dallas Leger to approve and

accept the AUGUST 19, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written. All

Commissioners present agreed unanimously.

**DIRECTORS & OFFICERS LIABILITY INSURANCE:** 

Mr. James Wallace with Simoneaux & Wallace Insurance attended the meeting to

answer any questions anyone may have had pertaining to the D&O Insurance for the Port.

MOTION:

LEGER

SECOND: HAYNES

A motion was made by Dallas Leger and seconded by Vernon Haynes to purchase

Directors & Liability Insurance from Simoneaux & Wallace for the Port. All Commissioners

present agreed unanimously.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS:

MOTION: THIBODEAUX

SECOND:

CARTER

A motion was made by Mike Thibodeaux and seconded by Cheryl Carter that the

current slate of officers be reelected to their same positions for the 2013-2014 election year.

All Commissioners present agreed unanimously.

President - James Soileau

Vice President - Michael Thibodeaux

Secretary - John K. Soileau

Treasurere - Monita Reed

**BOAT LAUNCH PROJECT:** 

Attorney Steven Loeb reported that the suspensive appeal has not been filed yet

because the judge has not yet signed the judgement. Once the judge does sign the

judgement, there is about a 30 day period in which the appeal can be filed.

Mr. Loeb also reached out to both BellTech and LEC to see if there was any interest

on their part to negotiate a number or to see what their positions were.

Attorney Chris Guillory representing LEC reported to the Port Board that his client

ended up having to go all the way through the Boat Launch Trial as well. The Court awarded

a judgment in LEC's favor to pay his client the money owed for his work on the project. A

portion of that judgment was assessed against the Port in the amount of \$31,250.00 which is

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about half of the invoices. The other half was assessed against Mr. Mike Bellard and BellTech.

Mr. Guillory attended the Port meeting to respectfully ask the Board that those funds be

appropriated to his client, LEC.

Mr. Mike Bellard with BellTech addressed the Board and said that he would like to get

back to work and earn a living. He asked the Board to please take that into consideration

when deciding to appeal.

MOTION:

K. SOILEAU

SECOND:

REED

A motion was made by Kirt Soileau and seconded by Monita Reed that the meeting

enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation on the Boat Launch Project. All

Commissioners present agreed unanimously.

MOTION:

THIBODEAUX

SECOND:

**LEGER** 

A motion was made by Mike Thibodeaux and seconded by Dallas Leger that the

meeting come out of Executive Session and resume normal meeting procedures. All

Commissioners present agreed unanimously.

Commissioner Senic Batiste asked Mr. Mike Bellard if he would be agreeable to take a

lesser amount than the courts awarded and Mr. Bellard said absolutely not.

MOTION:

**HAYNES** 

SECOND:

REED

A motion was made by Vernon Haynes and seconded by Monita Reed to file the

appeal as to the BellTech case. All Commissioners present voted the following:

Senic Batiste - Yes

Cheryl Carter - Yes

Joey Diesi - Abstain

Vernon Haynes - Yes

Dallas Leger - Yes

Tommy McMillan - Yes

Monita Reed - Yes

James Soileau - Yes

Kirt Soileau - Yes

Mike Thibodeaux - Yes

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MOTION: LEGER

SECOND:

**THIBODEAUX** 

A motion was made by Dallas Leger and seconded by Mike Thibodeaux to move to appropriate the sum of \$31,250.00 to pay that portion of the judgment in favor of LEC provided that LEC accepts this amount in full and final compromise and settlement of any and all claims that LEC has in any way against the Greater Krotz Springs Port Commission and in full satisfaction of LEC's judgment against the Port. All Commissioners present voted the following:

Senic Batiste - Yes

Cheryl Carter - Yes

Joey Diesi - Abstain

Vernon Haynes - Yes

Dallas Leger - Yes

Tommy McMillan - Yes

Monita Reed - Yes

James Soileau - Yes

Kirt Soileau - Yes

Mike Thibodeaux - Yes

The next meeting date was scheduled for October 07, 2013. There being no further business, Commissioner Mike Thibodeaux motioned for the meeting to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Monita Reed.

CINDY STELLY SECRETAR