

West Calcasieu Port Board Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2018

I. Call to order

President Dick Kennison called to order the regular meeting of the West Calcasieu Port at approximately 3:00 p.m. on April 3, 2018, at West Calcasieu Port, 200 Old Ferry Road, Sulphur, Louisiana.

II. Invocation

Dick Kennison led the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge led by Scott Foreman and recited by all board members and guests.

IV. Roll call

Sheila Burton conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

- ✓ Dick Kennison
- ✓ Wilmer Dugas
- ✓ Scott Foreman
- ✓ Dave Aguillard

(Board Member Tim Dougherty was absent.)

(Others also present at the meeting were: Lynn Hohensee, Chuck Stutes, Glen James and Sheila Burton.)

V. Approval of minutes of the March 6, 2017 regular monthly

President Dick Kennison entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018 regular monthly meeting. A motion was made by Dave Aguillard to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018 regular monthly meeting, 2nd by Wilmer Dugas. No opposition. Motion carried.

VI. Amendments, additions and deletions to the proposed agenda

There were no amendments, additions or deletions to the proposed agenda.

VII. Discuss and take action on Authorization to employ Stream Wetland Services to manage and provide for the breaching of levees at 100 foot intervals in the previously permitted marsh creation site located west of the spoil disposal area as required by Special Condition No. 5 in recently approved Corps Permit No. MVN-2010-02617-WLL for dredging of the West Barge Basin

Chuck told the Board that there was a special condition placed in the permit issued by the Corps of Engineers that states that the mitigation area from the last dredging requires work in the levee that was previously required by the U.S. Wildlife & Fisheries. Chuck briefly explained the permitting process. Chuck said the cost for the work in question is \$12,400 which includes supervision/layout of work, report with photos showing everything that was done, mini marsh excavator and airboat for 3 days with fuel to breach the levees at approximately 70 locations as required by the Special Condition. Chuck said he feels it is a very reasonable price and will be done by a reputable company that has experience doing this type of work on a daily basis. Chuck recommended that the Board authorize Stream Wetland Services to manage and provide the work necessary for the breaching of levees as required by the Corps Permit. Glen James asked the reason why the levees were needing to be breached. Lynn Hohensee and Chuck Stutes explained the reason why the levees were needing to be breached.

Wilmer Dugas made a motion for the authorization to employ Stream Wetland Services to manage and provide for the breaching of levees at 100-foot intervals in the previously permitted marsh creation site located west of the spoil disposal area as required by Special Condition No. 5 in recently approved Corps Permit No. MVN-2010-02617-WLL for dredging of the West Barge Basin, 2nd by Scott Foreman. No opposition. Motion carried.

VIII. Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports given at this time.

IX. Port Director Report

{Port Director Lynn Hohensee said there were a couple things he needed to add to his report, the first being that next week the Tenant Committee will be meeting to address some lease issues with S.T.A.R. Concrete Pumping regarding the amount of money that should be collected for the 2nd lease area (2 acres inside fence). Lynn said the Committee will look at it and bring it to the Board for a recommendation. Lynn stated they will also be going to S.T.A.R. to see if the Port can get .05 acres of their leased area that they are not using and make it available to Tubal-Cain to complete the lease of their new property. Lynn said the second item is that next week the Ports Association will be holding their annual legislative reception in Baton Rouge.

Lynn told the Board he is working with the Coast Guard to bring Captain Oditt, the Coast Guard Captain in Houston, on board to look at the port to see about moving the Rapid Response Unit to the West Cal Port and entering into a long-term lease. Lynn told the Board he sent them an email this morning regarding an article in the *Lake Charles American Press* regarding the maritime tax being pushed by Senator Moorish. Lynn explained the maritime tax and the benefits of passing it. President Dick Kennison asked

if it was a property tax and whose property. Lynn explained he thinks it is a millage based on property ownership, but he doesn't know who is exempt or included in it. There was a brief discussion regarding the maritime tax issue.

Lynn reported that he has been speaking with David Richard at Stream Wetland Services about setting up a satellite pump station at the port. Lynn explained the reason for the pump station and how it would work. Lynn stated Mr. Richard called him last week to discuss putting a pump station on a barge in the barge basin as opposed to having it onshore at the port. Lynn said he told Mr. Richard the basin is under the lease to the Devalls. Lynn stated he is putting David Devall, David Richard and a representative from Tellurian together to come up with a solution to benefit all parties. Lynn said this issue doesn't really involve the port; it would just be between the Devalls, Stream Wetland Services and Tellurian.}

{NOTE: The following report is a copy of the original sent out by Lynn Hohensee.}

Marketing/Business Development/Retention –

- Port Tenant Committee conducted meeting with Devall Enterprises and Tubal-Cain representatives to discuss final location plans for new T-C lease area.
- Communications continue with Tubal-Cain Marine Services re: a new lease agreement with focus on new port property to be improved and occupied by the company.
- S.T.A.R. Concrete Pumping has been contacted re: the overlap of lease lines involving their property and the proposed new Tubal-Cain lease area. They are studying the issue and will get back to the port director.
- The port continues to work with prospect interested in limited lease of property at the port for several years.
- The port director continues to coordinate with Devall Towing and the Port of Vinton re: ongoing discussions for possible movement of construction soil by barge from western Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes to industrial sites planned or under construction on the Calcasieu River Waterway. The WCP would play an instrumental role in the movement of dirt by barge.
- The port director provided tour of the port to Emily Stine, new regional representative for Sen. John Kennedy.

Port Operations –

- The port engineer conducted a pre-construction meeting with Coastal Dredging to move forward with levee construction and west barge basin dredging. Also attending the meeting were representatives of Devall Enterprises, River Barge Works and Tubal-Cain Marine Services.
- The port director and port engineer were in communication with the new point-of-contact at Louisiana State Office of Facility Planning and Control re: funding for engineering/design for new port bulkheading project.
- The port director, port engineer and port CPA met with IMCAL to seek their assistance in securing Economic Development Administration (Dept. of Commerce) federal grant for port infrastructure development. Response was promising, and our port team is working with IMCAL on next steps in the application process.
- Port Director continues to work with consultants who are developing an effort to capture Homeland Security grant funding for several south Louisiana ports, including the West Calcasieu Port

Professional Organizations & Networking –

- In March, the WCP director (and/or board members) represented the port at:
 - a. PAL annual conference and monthly board meeting
 - b. Calcasieu River Waterway Harbor Safety Committee Meeting
 - c. West Cal Chamber lunch meeting
 - d. Met w/Delta Land Services
 - e. Propeller Club of SWLA lunch meeting
 - f. PetroChem board meeting
 - g. Terracon reception

h. BV board meeting

News Media & Community Relations–

- Ongoing media relations continue through the Lake Charles Ad/Press Club and other networking opportunities.

Wilmer Dugas made a motion to accept the Port Director's Report as presented, 2nd by Scott Foreman. No opposition. Motion carried.

X. Announcements/Reports (Legal, Financial, Engineer)

LEGAL: There was no legal report given at this time.

FINANCIAL: President Kennison reminded the Board that a copy of the Financial Report was presented to all members before the meeting and noted the Port had a positive cash flow for the month (February). Wilmer Dugas made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented, 2nd by Dave Aguillard. No opposition. Motion carried.

ENGINEER: Chuck Stutes reminded the Board about the preconstruction meeting that was held several weeks ago regarding the dredging project and stated that the contractor is to mobilize on site later this week and, weather permitting, will begin clearing activities. Chuck said that once that work is done, they will begin the work on raising the levees. Chuck told the Board that they estimate the levee work could take as much as 60 calendar days with the actual dredging beginning in approximately 2 months.

Chuck reported they are in the process of relocating the roadway alignment on the roadway project, and they should have a drawing on it soon.

Port Director Lynn Hohensee told the Board that he, along with Darla Perry and Chuck Stutes, had a chance to meet with IMCAL this past month. Lynn stated the communication they have received back from the legislative delegation regarding the Port's ability to attract/secure legislative capital outlay dollars for the expansion and improvements of the waterfront east of Orion looks difficult, at best. Lynn explained that the Port's willingness to match 50% is certainly in their favor. Lynn told the Board that Senator Johns is going to try to set up a meeting between the Commissioner of Administration and the Port to discuss the situation to see if they can get his support. Lynn further explained that the meeting with IMCAL was to initiate steps to see what needed to be done to possibly become eligible for a grant through the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration at the Federal level. Lynn went into further detail regarding their meeting. Chuck Stutes stated that the Department of Commerce will be checking with their in-house people and the EDA grant program manager in Baton Rouge and will get back with him to tell him what the next step will be for the Port if everything looks favorable to all parties.

Wilmer Dugas made a motion to accept the Engineer Report as presented, 2nd by Scott Foreman. No opposition. Motion carried.

XI. Executive Session


There was no Executive Session at this time.

XII. Public Comments

There were no public comments given at this time.

XIII. Adjournment

President Dick Kennison adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:29 p.m.


President


Secretary