

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2015

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ralph Longman, President of the Port Commission. Mr. Calvin Deshotel led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Absent:

Phil Bell
Tad Blevins
Calvin Deshotel
Greg Paul
Willie Peters
Ralph Longman
Wayne Stevens
Joseph Tabb
Will Terry

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Leonard Armato, St. Mary Parish School Board Superintendent, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Rebecca Pellerin, Office Manager of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabb to dispense with the reading of the September 1, 2015 meeting minutes and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry and carried unanimously.

Mr. Longman introduced Mr. Armato, Superintendent of the St. Mary Parish School Board. Mr. Armato thanked Mr. Peters for inviting him to attend the meeting. He told the Commission that his door is always open and if there is ever anything he can do to assist them to feel free to contact him at any time.

Mr. Allain gave a presentation on the proposed bulkhead at the Industrial Park facility. Mr. Reid Miller explained the concept of the Open Cell bulkhead proposed for the Industrial Park - single straight lined sheets are used and are driven in an ark type shape. He further explained that there are several benefits to this type of bulkhead including not having to install any sort of a driven timber pile, no concrete tie back and there is a much better load capacity on the backside than that of a conventional sheet pile. Discussion followed.

Mr. Allain reported on a proposed No Wake Zone in the Port Channel. He has received several complaints from tenants at the Port. He reported that wakes are causing bank erosion on the entrance canal. Mr. Allain requested that Mr. Duplantis look into possible ordinances that could be adopted to enforce a No Wake Zone in the Port Channel. Mr. Duplantis explained that it was not only important to adopt an ordinance to create a No Wake Zone but enforcement capabilities and some sort of penalties

to encourage people to obey. Mr. Duplantis said that he would continue his research of the matter and report his recommendations to establish a No Wake Zone. Mr. Paul asked if the Commission had adopted a No Wake Zone previously. Mr. Allain said there was talk about it before but nothing had been established. Mr. Tabb asked if the Port Commission was authorized to establish this on its own or if it required permission from some other authority. Mr. Duplantis said that he would research this and report back. Mr. Deshotel said that the Port Commission had erected No Wake Zone signs before but that there was no one to patrol the area and enforce it.

Mr. Allain reported that the new sign at the Port Commission Administrative office has been installed. A few minor adjustments will be made to the frame, but overall the sign is very nice.

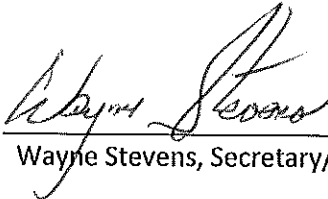
The sign at the Industrial Park has also been installed along with lights to illuminate the sign.

Mr. Allain reported that the "Authorized Personnel Signs" have been made and are ready to be installed at the Industrial Park. The St. Mary Parish government will aid with the installation of these signs.

Mr. Duplantis reported that the lawsuit regarding the pipelines at the Industrial Park is still moving along slowly and he reminded the Commissioners that anyone that has not completed their one hour Ethics training class to be sure to complete this by the end of this year. Mr. Allain asked the Commissioners to supply the Port Commission staff with a copy of their certificate upon completion of the class.

Mr. Allain requested that the November meeting of the Port Commission be moved to November 10th due to a scheduling conflict with the AAPA meeting.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Paul to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Signed 
Wayne Stevens, Secretary/Treasurer