

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 5, 2016

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wayne Stevens, Vice President of the Port Commission. Mr. Stevens gave an Invocation. Mr. Joseph Tabb led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Phil Bell
Calvin Deshotel
Ralph Longman
Greg Paul
Wayne Stevens
Joseph Tabb
Will Terry

Absent:

Tad Blevins
Willie Peters

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Jude Hebert of Cleco, Mrs. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Rebecca O. Pellerin, Office Manager of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to dispense with the ready of the June 7, 2016 meeting minutes and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Jude Hebert reported that CLECO is working on the right-of-way to supply electricity for the drainage pump at the Industrial Park. He will keep in touch with Mr. Allain and keep him updated on the progress.

Mr. Allain reported that Miller Engineers has done some surveying on the Industrial Park on behalf of the Port and Mr. Duplantis is working with him on a right-of-way agreement between the Port and the Privat family for the installation of the drainage pump. Mr. Allain received a draft of the right-of-way agreement today from Mr. Duplantis.

Mr. Allain reported that approximately three weeks ago, he was contacted by a member of the Daichem USA LLC, an investment group out of Houston, Texas interested in property to construct a chemical plant near Orion Engineered Carbons. Mr. Allain had an appraisal done of the property they expressed an interest in and forwarded it to them for their review. Daichem has received and reviewed it and said everything seems to be okay. He continues to communicate with the company and has requested more specifics from them on the amount of acreage and location they are inquiring about. He said the company has responded and indicated that they will let him know by August 1st if the Port area is

chosen and exactly how much acreage is needed. The State of Louisiana Department of Economic is offering several incentives to encourage their location here.

Mr. Allain suggested the following mid-year year budget adjustments:

- increase the Internet/Webpage budget item by \$4,000 for additional work performed on the Port's new website.

- increase the Capital Improvements budget item by \$275,000 for the Port's portion of the bulkhead project at the Industrial Park

- increase the Industrial Park budget item by \$40,000 specifically for the installation of the drainage pump and necessary infrastructure costs to accomplish the installation.

- increase the Ports Association of Louisiana sponsorship by \$4,500 for the Port's portion of the sponsorship of the PAL Conference held in March 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Longman to approve the suggested budget adjustments as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported on an Administrative Order from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals placed on the Port of West St. Mary's water facility. The Administrative Order was the result of several failed water analysis tests, specifically the TTHM and HAA5. The failed water tests began when the Department of Health and Hospitals raised the required amount of chlorine when Plaquemines Parish began having problems with an amoeba. Mr. Allain reported that the quality of the Port's water meets the State's standards, with the exception of the TTHM and HAA5, which is the by-product of chlorine. The Port continues to flush the lines on a regular basis. The three violations noted in the Order are the failure of several tests, a publishing notice (the staff has proof that the Notice was published and proper procedure was followed), and putting the Port on notice to perform testing every 90 days beginning in September.

Mr. Miller told the Commission not to panic - that this is pretty common and that many local water districts are having the same issue. He added that DEQ and EPA issue new standards frequently. The disinfection by-product really came into the front approximately 10 to 12 years ago with a three month testing cycle. The tests are averaged over a three month period. He said the bottom line is the water the Port is making is good water.

Mr. Allain has scheduled a meeting for Friday of this week with Mr. Miller, the Port's representative from Louisiana Rural Water, and the water plant operator to discuss a plan of action to get in compliance with the State's Administrative Order. Mr. Allain will report to the Commission at next month's meeting.

Mr. Miller reported that he received an email from the contractor on the bulkhead at the Industrial Park informing him that the sheet piles are completed with the coating and will be delivered towards the end of this week. He also said that an Alternate was received on the backfill material, that was actually a little cheaper than was bid, so there should be an approximately \$12,000 savings.

Mr. Allain reported that a replacement sign has been ordered for the portion of the sign that was destroyed at the Industrial Park and that he is working on the buoys that were destroyed and misplaced during bad weather recently and hopes to have them installed soon.

Mr. Deshotel asked Mr. Allain about installing a Port of West St. Mary sign at the old Superior facility near the Baldwin bridge. Mr. Allain said that he would get an estimate for the production and installation of the sign over the existing Superior sign.

There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Deshotel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Signed Wilson Terry
Wilson Terry, Secretary