

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2026

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joe Duck, President of the Port Commission. Mr. Duck led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Druilhet gave the Invocation. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Greg Paul
Benny Druilhet
Joel Authement
Della Derouen
Joe Duck
Wilson Terry
Morris Beverly

Absent:

David Hanagriff
Joseph Tabb

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. David Naquin, Executive Director and Ms. Rebecca Pellerin, Office Manager of the Port Commission.

Mr. Duck introduced the new commissioners – Mr. Morris Beverly who was appointed by the City of Franklin and Mr. Benny Druilhet who was appointed by the Town of Baldwin. The Board welcomed them to the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to dispense with the reading of the December 2, 2025 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Derouen. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no public comment.

A plaque of appreciation was presented to Ms. Donna Lanceslin in recognition and appreciation for her dedicated service as a Port Commissioner for the years 2019 through 2025. Mr. Duck also acknowledged Mr. Joseph Phillips, who was unable to attend the meeting, for his dedicated service to the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director and the Board to approve an Engagement Letter and complete the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire with Kolder, Slaven and Company, LLC for the Audit Year 2025. The motion was seconded by Ms. Derouen. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made Ms. Derouen to adopt a Resolution authorizing David Naquin, David Hanagriff, Della Derouen, Wilson Terry and Joe Duck to sign all documents pertaining to the Port of West St. Mary's

Hancock Whitney Bank accounts and all financial documents and to remove Donna Lanceslin and Lennel G. Paul as signatories. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Naquin reported that the blue building leased by DLS at Louisa is in need of repair. There are two rooms in the building with damage to the ceiling tiles, walls and floor caused by a roof leak. The necessary repairs will be performed to the building.

Mr. Naquin reported on the dredging of the Port slip at Louisa. The project has been delayed due to finding a location to place the spoil from the dredging. Mr. Naquin said that it appears there is a solution to the placement of the spoil that would not only benefit this dredging project but also dredging projects in the future. Mr. Terry said that the Port should look for long term solutions for this issue.

Mr. Naquin reported that Marine Turbine Technologies requested that the Port Commission look into the option of providing natural gas service to the Louisa site. Mr. Naquin contacted a natural gas company and was informed that to make a tap into a gas line to run to Marine Turbine would cost approximately six to eight million dollars which is not feasible at this time.

Mr. Naquin further reported that the Port will apply for Port Priority Funds for the construction of a rail spur to increase the capacity to store more rail cars as requested by Orion Carbon Black. Orion is currently leasing a portion of the Port's rail spur but is requesting additional storage space. Discussion followed.

With reference to the Industrial Park, Mr. Naquin informed the Commission that in the last two months he has had inquiries if the Port would have interest in selling the property. Mr. Naquin explained a lot would have to happen and his purpose for presenting it to the Commission was to determine if the Board would like for him to pursue the possible sale of the property. Discussion followed. The Commission agreed that Mr. Naquin should pursue marketing the property and to look at the option to sell the property.

Mr. Naquin reported that the new water meters have been installed with the exception of two remaining meters. The first reading of the meters has proven that the old meters were not registering properly.

Mr. Naquin requested that the Board grant Ms. Pellerin and Ms. Pennison a 3% cost of living raise for five years. In 2026, with there being 27 pay periods instead of the regular 26, it was suggested that the cost of living raise for 2026 be to include the 27th payroll check as the increase for 2026 and there after a 3% increase. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Terry to grant a cost of living raise for three years with the 2026 increase to be the 27th payroll check and the next two years to be 3%. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to approve payment to Miller Engineers for the Dredging project, request for payment #3 in the amount of \$3,585.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Derouen. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller reported on the Mooring Project. He said that he spoke to the contractor yesterday and the piles have been fabricated and are being shipped to the paint yard to be coated. The contractor's plan is to load the crane and all materials onto a barge to be moved to the site. The contractor plans to begin the project by the end of January or early February.

Mr. Duplantis had nothing new to report.

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. Morris. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Signed 
Della Derouen, Secretary