WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 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:	Absent:
Joel Authement	David Hanagriff
Morris Beverly	Joseph Tabb
Benny Druilhet	Will Terry
Della Derouen	
Greg Paul	
Joe Duck	

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Nathan Duck, Mr. David Naquin, Executive Director and Ms. Brandy Pennison, Administrative Assistant of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Ms. Derouen to dispense with the reading of the July 7, 2026 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beverly. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Duck asked if there was any public comment – there was none.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to consider and take action on an Amendment to Owner-Engineer Agreement for modifications for Dredging of Port Channel. This change increased surveying and permitting fees and added a wetland delineation requirement. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Derouen. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Naquin reported that he is considering a remote-opening door device for the Port office – due to recent unauthorized entries for security enhancements. Sugar Warehouses-Warehouse # 3 is slightly more than halfway emptied. Settlement readings were six inches last year and a total of one foot this year, within the expected tolerance (up to 36 inches). He added that fire alarm issues persist and fire watch continues at all three warehouses. He reported that a company was interested in leasing Warehouse # 5 for storage only (bagged, shrink-wrapped carbon black on pallets), no manufacturing of any kind. Discussion followed. Mr. Miller stated that the barge mooring piles project is complete, but the consortium has not determined management of the loading mechanism. Mr. Naquin reported that a company will be present at the next meeting to lease or purchase land depending on funding from Louisiana Economic Development and other sources.

Mr. Duplantis had nothing new to report.

Mr. Miller had nothing else to add to his 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. Duck. Mr. Duck asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Signed Della Derouen

Della Derouen, Secretary/Treasurer