WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL MINUTES

JUNE 5, 2012

6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Absent:

Tad Blevins John Lockett

Calvin Deshotel

Ralph Longman

Greg Paul

Willie Peters

Wayne Stevens

Phil Bell

Wilson Terry

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

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to dispense with the reading of the May 1, 2012 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mr. Peters and carried unanimously.

Mr. Deshotel asked if there was any public comment, there was none.

A motion was made by Mr. Peters to adopt a Resolution of Respect in memory of Mrs. Audrey Boudreaux Landry who passed away recently. Mrs. Landry was retired after working for the Port of West St. Mary for 27 years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously. Mr. Deshotel asked for a moment of silence to pay respect to Mrs. Landry. Mr. Deshotel said that Mrs. Landry will be missed.

A motion was made by Mr. Stevens to adopt the Millage rate for the tax year 2012 at 3.720 to remain revenue neutral. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blevins and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain presented an invoice from Trac Works, Inc. in the amount of $23,183.00 for work performed on the rail road crossing for the MTT parking lot for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Longman to approve payment of the invoice. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to adopt a resolution authorizing Mr. Allain to apply for a grant for funding from the Delta Regional Authority for the Industrial Park Development infrastructure needs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported that the Marine Turbine Technology parking lot was rocked today. He contacted MTT and was told that they will begin their work on the parking lot as soon as possible.

Mr. Allain reported that the Port Commission office renovations and repairs are approximately 50% complete and that all is going well with the work being performed.

Mr. Allain reported that he is in receipt of a price quote for the updating of the Port’s Master Plan. The price quote from Volkert and Miller Engineers is in the amount of $55,000.00 maximum and would be billed on an hourly basis as work progresses and the Port would have the option to determine when enough information has been provided and to discontinue the contract. A motion was made by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Paul to accept the price quote as presented for the Port Master Plan update.

Mr. Allain reported that Mr. James Etheridge contacted him recently concerning property he owns on the east side of the Charenton Navigational Canal near the Port Industrial Park. Mr. Etheridge is requesting that UNICOR relocate the pipeline on his property south, which would give him an approximate 325 feet of additional useable property and would give the Port approximately 200 feet of additional useable property. Mr. Etheridge is requesting that the Port participate in this request and has agreed to pay for any surveys, servitudes, right of ways, etc. A motion was made by Mr. Paul to participate with Mr. Etheridge in requesting that the pipeline be relocated south of the existing pipeline. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to authorize Mr. Allain to retain legal counsel regarding CPU#20110833, Evangeline Cove Marina if the need would present itself, possibly with zoning issues. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and carried unanimously. Mr. Duplantis reported that he and Mr. Allain have spoken with several attorneys possibly interested in representing the Port.

Mr. Allain suggested rescheduling the July meeting of the Port Commission from Tuesday, July 3 to Tuesday, July 10 as the 4th of July holiday may pose a problem in securing a quorum for the meeting. The Commission agreed to change the meeting to Tuesday, July 10th.

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

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 Wilie Peters, Secretary