WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Absent:

Calvin Deshotel Tad Blevins

Greg Paul John Lockett

Willie Peters

Wayne Stevens

Phil Bell

Ralph Longman

Wilson Terry

Also present at the meeting were Ms. Marguerite Robinson of Teche Talk, Mr. Roger Stouff of the Franklin Banner, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. John Mouton, Attorney, Mr. David Allain, Executive Director and Ms. Rebecca Pellerin, Office Manager of the Port of West St. Mary.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to dispense with the reading of the August 7, 2012 meeting minutes and to accept the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman and carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Allain reported that Mr. Tesvich of Evangeline Cove Marina requested to be placed on the Port’s agenda. Mr. Tesvich was not present at the meeting and Mr. Allain said that maybe he would come in later.

Mr. Peters questioned if the Port had to approve Mr. John Lockett’s resignation from the Port Commission. Mr. Deshotel explained that the Port Commission did not have to take action on this and that Mr. Lockett’s resignation is not effective until after the October meeting.

Mr. Allain reported that there was no damage or power outages at the Port reported as a result of the recent hurricane.

Mr. Allain reported that the Port of West St. Mary made the final list of the grant program of the Delta Regional Authority for improvements to the Port’s Industrial Park. Mr. Allain and Mr. Duplantis reviewed the documents for the grant which included an Affidavit to be signed by Mr. Allain. While reviewing the documents, certain language was found in reference to a time frame that is not possible to accomplish. A request was made to change the language in the Affidavit to extend the time frame required to complete the improvements to the Industrial Park. The amount of the grant is $150,000.

Mr. Reid Miller reported that aerial photos have been taken and submitted to Volkert, Inc. for the updating of the Port’s Master Plan. He also reported that his office is working on the Industrial Park overview for the Master Plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Peters to go into Executive Session and the reason is relative to Evangeline Cove Marina. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bell and carried unanimously. The Commissioner, Mr. Duplantis and Mr. John Mouton went into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to go back into regular session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Longman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Allain reported that it was determined that the Port Commission should retain legal counsel to assist with any zoning issues that may occur relative to the Evangeline Cove Marina. Mr. John Mouton has been retained as legal counsel, as per a resolution approved several months ago.

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. Peters and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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 Willie Peters, Secretary