

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2024

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Donna Lanceslin, President of the Port Commission. Ms. Lanceslin led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Lanceslin gave the Invocation. A roll call resulted in the following:

Present:

Greg Paul  
Wilson Terry  
Joel Authement  
Donna Lanceslin  
Murphy Pontiff  
Joseph Phillips

Absent:

David Hanagriff  
Joseph Tabb  
Joe Duck

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

A motion was made by Mr. Terry to dispense with the reading of the November 6, 2024 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lanceslin asked if there was any public comment – there was none.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Naquin reported that the sugar warehouses were filled with one left. SLCC Training Facility in Baldwin currently have two classes for welding training and the CDL Training was also ongoing. He reported that the next projects that are coming up are mooring pilings in Baldwin for the next phase for the sugar warehouses to be able to put the sugar on barges. Also, another thing in consideration is to set another spur for the railways, but because of the area it would be highly expensive and maybe not enough room to make that happen just yet. He would let the Board know as he talks to the rail companies. He stated that there was some interest in leasing some part of the Industrial Park, but it was way too early to tell if it would happen just yet. He would let the Board know as soon as he gets more information. Discussion followed. Mr. Terry asked about the pumps on Port property. Mr. Naquin reported that the pump on the east side is in the shop and is repairable, but the one on the west side is not. Mr. Miller stated that he would look into the costs and let the Board know. Mr. Naquin reported that he changed the budget lines to reflect a more accurate projection for the upcoming year. He stated that the Port is very confident in the Revenues that will be received and by putting the Port's money in Louisiana Asset Management Program (LAMP), the Port has received over \$100,000.00 in interest alone over the course of a year. He reported that we currently have \$5.9 million

in the LAMP account and \$130,000.00 in the checking account as of today. Discussion followed. Mr. Paul made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Mr. Terry seconded the motion. Mr. Terry asked about having a second water well at the Port's water plant. Mr. Naquin explained that until it was mandatory, the Port would resume as is. Discussion followed. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there was any questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously

Mr. Duplantis reminded everyone to do their online training for Ethics and Preventing Sexual Harassment before the end of the year.

Mr. Miller reported that the monitoring on sugar warehouses #1 and #3 were done and #2 was not done preloading, so Miller's Engineering would have to do #1 and #3 again and when #2 was done, they would try to sync them all together.

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. Paul. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there was any questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Signed

  
Joel Authement, Secretary