

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2025

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
David Hanagriff
Joe Duck

Absent:

Joseph Phillips
Joseph Tabb

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hanagriff to dispense with the reading of the March 11, 2025 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry. 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.

Mr. Naquin read the Resolution to Adopt the Millage Rate for 2025. A roll call to Adopt the Millage Rate at 3.72 Mills (same as last year) resulted in the following :

Yeas – 6

Nays – 0

Absent – 2

Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were any questions or comments – there were none. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Naquin reported that the sugar in the warehouses was being emptied. He stated he was getting estimates on the Quonset Hut for repairs so it can be rented out. The dredging that needs to be done is still a work in progress as to where to put the spoilage. He reported the piling permit is set in place for the Baldwin Campus for the next phase for the sugar warehouses to be able to put the sugar on barges. He stated that property on Louisa has a possible lease coming up and would let the Board know as soon as he gets more information. Discussion followed. He reported that property in the Industrial Park is being leased by a pipeline company for hydrostatic

testing on certain lines for 60 days. Discussion followed. Mr. Naquin informed the Board that PAL dues are going up next year based on revenues. Mr. Duck asked about the status on the usage of rails. Mr. Naquin responded that the Port currently has a contract with Orion for a monthly fee for 58 cars. Discussion followed. Mr. Hanagriff asked if the Port was looking into putting another rail in place and Mr. Naquin responded that it would be looked into further depending on whether the Port would be able to get funding to help with the cost. Discussion followed.

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 in March was good and the settlement was 1/10th of a foot. They will be monitoring it once the sugar is gone and he will report back to the Board then.

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 6:17 p.m.

Signed


Joel Authement, Secretary