

WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 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
Donna Lanceslin
Joel Authement
Joe Duck
Wilson Terry
David Hanagriff
Della Derouen

Absent:

Joseph Phillips
Joseph Tabb

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Murphy Pontiff, Mr. Eric Duplantis, Port Attorney, Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers, Mr. David Naquin, Executive Director and Ms. Rebecca Pellerin, Office Manager of the Port Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Paul to dispense with the reading of the April 1, 2025 meeting minutes and to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Derouen. 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.

The Commission presented Mr. Pontiff with a plaque of appreciation for his service to the Port as a member of the Board for the years 2018 through 2025. Mr. Pontiff thanked the Commission for the plaque.

Mr. Naquin reported that with the departure of Mr. Pontiff, the seat of Vice President of the Board was now vacant and that a new Vice President should be elected and that an additional signatory for financial documents was needed. Discussion followed. Mr. Paul nominated Mr. Duck for the office of Vice President. Mr. Authement questioned what would happen after this year's officers completed their terms. Mr. Authement stated that he was willing to become Vice President. Mr. Paul rescinded his motion to nominate Mr. Duck. Mr. Paul then made a substitute motion to nominate Mr. Authement as Vice President and to nominate Mr. Duck as Secretary Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terry. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there was any discussion or opposition. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Naquin reported that Array Petroleum is interested in leasing a concrete portion of the dock at the Louisa location. The company would like to lease the property for one year with a one year option for crew change purposes. Mr. Naquin and Mr. Duplantis are negotiating and preparing the lease.

Mr. Miller reported that GEO Engineers has been running load capacity analyses for the mooring piles for the Sugar Warehouse docks. Discussion followed.

Mr. Naquin reported that someone has contacted him with an interest in leasing property at the Louisa location. The company would like to lease property from Louisiana Road to Orion, approximately 130 acres – a map of the proposed lease was included in the Commissioners' packets. The property is currently in cane and he stated that the sugar cane farmer would be compensated. He also added that a letter of intent was included in the Commissioners' packet and that a real estate agent was acting on the company's behalf. The company plans to disassemble a factory at another location and assemble the factory on the proposed port property location. The company is interested in a 20 year lease, with 5 year renewal options and would contribute the majority of the capital expense. Mr. Naquin reported that he has had conversations with possible funding sources for the Port's portion of the project and that MARAD was one of the possible sources. The company will require electricity and CLECO should have no problem supplying the electricity. The company plans to offload steel pipe and equipment off of the port dock utilizing the rail to bring shipments to their building. Discussion followed.

Mr. Naquin reported that the Port's water plant received an A on the water grade and acknowledged that Mr. Authement's certificate of training helped the Port with that grade.

Mr. Duplantis reminded everyone to do their online training for Ethics and Preventing Sexual Harassment before the end of the year and to also file their financial disclosure reports by May 15th.

Mr. Miller reported on the mooring pilings for the sugar warehouse docks - regulatory permits have been received for the project. He further reported that the Corps of Engineers is doing research in New Orleans because they have some real estate interest in the area. He is waiting for data from GEO Engineers to complete the specifications and then plans to go to bid. Discussion followed.

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. Hanagriff. Ms. Lanceslin asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Signed _____

Joe Duck, Secretary