

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, held in the Pointe-a-la-Hache Courthouse Council Chambers, 18055 Highway 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, on Thursday, August 8, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioner John L. Barthelemy, Jr., Chairman  
Commissioner W. Beau Black  
Commissioner Corey Arbourgh  
Commissioner Stuart J. Guey  
Commissioner Benedict Rousselle  
Commissioner Trudy Newberry  
Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.  
Commissioner Richie Blink  
Commissioner Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

ABSENT: NONE

Paul Matthews, Christie Nielsen and Chambrel Riley were present to represent the Port.

The Prayer said and the Pledge was recited.

There being no Proclamations or Bids and Advertisements, Commissioner Barthelemy moved to Agenda Item 3, "Status Report by the Executive Port Director". Without objection, so ordered. Paul Matthews reported the following:

- Sandy Sanders is in Illinois meeting with the Governor and Lt. Governor about prospective customers about the possibility of moving their facilities to Plaquemines;
- The Port staff is excited that Mr. Sanders is moving forward with his employment contract;
- The Port awarded more than \$600,000 in Port Security grant funds which is more than any other Port in Louisiana;
- Since signing the CEA with the Port of Greater Baton Rouge we are now in the process of moving particular emergency assets to their maritime emergency center;
- Venture Global will be holding an Environmental scoping meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Auditorium in Belle Chasse;
- The LNG construction permit is being submitted this week;
- They are working on a packet of enabling statutes and constitutional articles to give to the Council Members;
- Last Tuesday Paul Matthews provided a briefing to the WTC Transportation Committee; and
- The Mississippi River gauge is lower so the Port is able to move forward on projects

Commissioner Arbourgh stated he is appreciative for Sandy Sanders signing his employment contract but he still has concerns about what happened at the last meeting and the message it sends to the community.

A recap of the meeting between Sandy Sanders, Paul Matthews, Commissioner Black and the State Transportation Secretary was given regarding the Port seeking out options in which they could be involved in the construction of the new Belle Chasse Bridge. No decisions were made at said meeting.

A discussion was then held regarding the proposed toll on the new Belle Chasse bridge wherein members of the public made comments.

Under Item 3b, "Financial Report/Budget to Actual", the Port had nothing to report.

Commissioner Barthelemy moved to Item 5, "Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions". The following was introduced:

1. A Resolution authorizing Maynard J. "Sandy" Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District (the Port) to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with U.S. Army Engineer, New Orleans District concerning the provision of funds pursuant to the section 2106 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER BARTHELEMY

There were no matters under Agenda Item 6, "Ordinances and Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage".

There being no matters under Item 7, "New Business", Commissioner Barthelemy moved to Agenda Item 8, "Approval of the Minutes". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-205

On motion of Commissioner LaFrance, seconded by Commissioner Rousselle, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby approves the minutes of July 25, 2019, meeting as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Guey, seconded by Commissioner Black, and on roll call all members present and voting "Yes", the meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary