

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, held in the Belle Chasse Council Building Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 5:01 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

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

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

Sandy Sanders, Paul Matthews, and Chambrel Riley were present to represent the Port.

The Prayer said and the Pledge was recited.

Agenda Item 9b, “An Ordinance of the Plaquemines Parish Council acting as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District to authorize and direct the purchase of the Popich Building from Plaquemines Parish Government; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was withdrawn.

Agenda Item 9c, “A Resolution authorizing Maynard “Sandy” Sanders, as Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, to extend the agreement with Trident Holdings, Inc., for the implementation of the Port’s Master Plan; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was deferred.

There being no Executive Session, Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 3, “Status report by the Executive Port Director”. Without objection, so ordered. The following was reported by Sandy Sanders:

- During Tropical Storm Cristobel the Port was ready to activate the full staff. The airboat Katrina and a Captain were loaned to PPG to use to inspect levees; and
- Auditors are working diligently on the 2019 Port Audit and they are not expecting to ask for a COVID-19 extension. The Auditors do anticipate the audit to be complete by the June 30, 2020 deadline.

Commissioner Blink inquired about the status of the Railway Relocation project and was told by Sanders that he would give a full report at the next meeting. Commissioner Blink also asked about Venture Global and was told by Sandy Sanders that they were moving forward. Sanders met with the Colonel from the Corps of Engineers yesterday for an update and there will be a Zoom meeting scheduled for next week.

Commissioner Rousselle inquired about funding to upgrade the existing rail. Sanders stated that GNOC is working on obtaining funding and they are asking for \$18M with them providing a 50% match for improvements of exiting rail. Said improvements have to be done before funding can be sought to move the rail out of Gretna.

There being nothing to report under Item 3b, “Financial Report/Budget to Actual” nor any Bids or Advertisements, Commissioner Blink moved to Item 5, “Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions”. Without objection, so ordered. The following items were introduced:

1. A Resolution approving and authorizing Richie Blink, Port Chairman; Maynard J. Sanders, Port Executive Director; and Chambrel Riley-Williams, Port Director of Finance to execute a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire to Camnetar and Company, CPA’s; and other wise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER BLINK

Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 6, “Ordinances and Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-139

On motion of Commissioner Blink, seconded by Commissioner Guey, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioners Rousselle, LaFrance, Blink and Cognevich voting “NO”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing Maynard J. “Sandy” Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District to enter into an agreement for Business Consulting services focusing on the Port’s Procurement Policy with JD Russell Consulting for the improvement and possible development of a new policy; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the port requested qualifications from multiple consulting and accounting firms for Business Consulting services focusing on the Port’s Procurement Policy; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is for one year and shall not exceed \$125,000; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to contract for professional services for procurement policy improvements with JD Russell Consulting from June 1, 2020 through May 31,2021;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT HARBOR & TEMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby authorizes Maynard J. “Sandy” Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District enter into an agreement with JD Russell Consulting to provide Business Consulting services focusing on the Port’s Procurement Policy for a period of one year ending on May 31,2021, not to exceed \$125,000, without prior approval of the Plaquemines Parish Council as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT HARBOR & TEMINAL DISTRICT THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Port employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

There being no items under New Business, Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 8, “Approval of the Minutes”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-140

On motion of Commissioner LaFrance, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, the following Resolution was adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the May 28, 2020, Port Meeting, as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Blink, seconded by Commissioner Arbourgh and on roll call all members present and voting “Yes”, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary