

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 Council Chambers, 18055 Hwy. 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioner Stuart J. Guey, Chairman
Commissioner Tyrone Edwards
Commissioner Brian Champagne
Commissioner Chris Schulz
Commissioner Patricia McCarty
Commissioner Ronnie Newsom
Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.
Commissioner Mitch Jurisich
Commissioner Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

Charles Tillotson, Melissa Folse, Christie Nielsen and Jalen Brown were present representing the Port.

The Prayer was said and the Pledge was recited.

Agenda Item 2, "Executive Session", was passed over.

Commissioner Guey moved to Agenda Item 3, "Status Report by the Executive Port Director". Without objection, so ordered. The following was reported by Mr. Tillotson:

- It was a busy week for the Port;
- The Administration attended the State Transportation Committee Meeting in Baton Rouge; and
- They will be travelling to Washington, D.C. for the AAPA Conference where they will attend several meetings.

There was no formal report provided under Agenda Item 3a, "Financial Report/Budget to Actual"; however, Mr. Tillotson stated that, in the 30 days that Tommy Serpas has been working for the Port, he found \$7.6 million in the fund balances. Also, beginning next month regular reports will resume.

There being no matters under Agenda Item 4, "Bids and Advertisements", Commissioner Guey moved to Agenda Item 5, "Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions". Without objection, so ordered. The following legislation was introduced:

1. An Ordinance authorizing the Port Executive Director to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on behalf of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District with Plaquemines Parish Government to share in the cost and benefits associated with hiring a Communications Director; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.
COMMISSIONER GUEY

Commissioner Guey moved to Agenda Item 6, "Ordinances and Resolutions on second reading and final passage". Without objection, so ordered.

6a, "Ordinances and Public Hearings pursuant to Article 6, Section 6.01 E of the Plaquemines Parish Charter":

ORDINANCE NO. 23-29

The following Ordinance was offered by Commissioner Guey who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance authorizing Charles Tillotson, Executive Director of Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District to purchase land owned by Todd R. Lavalla; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: In an attempt to increase the economic development and growth of the port, the port is seeking to purchase the Lavalla property, also known as one of the "piano keys". *The digest is*

for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

WHEREAS, through negotiations with Lavalla, a recommendation is being made to approve the acquisition of property owned by Todd R. Lavalla, contiguous to property currently owned by Plaquemines Port Harbor Terminal District; and

WHEREAS, the property has been appraised and the fair market value has been calculated to be \$134,000; and

WHEREAS, the negotiations between Todd R. Lavalla and the Port recognize a total purchase price of \$134,000 for Lot 16, Pointe Celeste Farms S/D, currently owned by Todd R. Lavalla;

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1

It hereby authorizes and directs Charles Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, to acquire the land owned by Todd R. Lavalla, more fully described by the legal description attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

SECTION 2

The acquisition shall be for a purchase price of \$ 134,000 plus closing cost for the transfer of ownership of the land at Lot 16, Pointe Celeste Farms S/D, currently owned by Todd R. Lavalla, to the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District.

SECTION 3

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Port employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

WHEREUPON, in open session the above Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Commissioner LaFrance seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Commissioner Tyrone Edwards, Brian Champagne, Chris Schulz, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 23rd day of March, 2023.

Items 6b and 6c were temporarily passed over.

Commissioner Guey reverted back to Item 2, "Executive Session". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-90

On motion of Commissioner Guey, 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 resolves itself into Executive Session at 3:16 p.m. for the purpose of Discussion of litigation in accordance with LRS 44:17(A)(2) in regard to Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District, et al vs. Sustainability Partners, LLC, Et al, Docket No. 76739, Div B, 25th Judicial District Court, Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby came out of Executive Session at 4:04 p.m. with no final or binding action taken.

Commissioner Guey advanced to Agenda Item 6c.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-91

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

A Resolution authorizing Charles Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to seek a Motion to Dismiss the Petition for Declaratory Judgment, as well as the Amended and Supplemental Petition for Declaratory Judgment, entitled “Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, et al vs. Sustainability Partners, LLC, et al, Docket No. 76739, Div. B, 25th Judicial District Court, Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana”; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST: The Port filed a Declaratory Judgment against Sustainability Partners, et al. on September 19, 2022. However, in an attempt to amicably resolve this matter and explore all economic development options, the Port is considering filing a Motion to Dismiss the Petition for Declaratory Judgment. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, through Resolution No. 22-197, the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, authorized the filing of the Petition for Declaratory Judgment against Sustainability Partners, LLC on August 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2022, the Petition for Declaratory Judgment was filed at the 25th Judicial District Court, Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, and an Amended Petition for Declaratory Judgment was filed on December 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Port and Sustainability Partners are working collectively to address the obligations referenced in the Petition and Amended Petition for Declaratory Judgment; and

WHEREAS, should the Port and Sustainability Partners, et al. reach an amicable resolution, the Port will file a Motion to Dismiss the Petition and Amended Petition for Declaratory Judgment with prejudice;

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 Melissa Folse on behalf of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, as co-legal counsel with Parish Council Attorney, Dannie Garrett, III, to file a Motion to Dismiss the Petition and Amended Petition for Declaratory Judgment filed against Sustainability Partners, et al. with prejudice.

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.

Commissioner Guey reverted to Agenda Item 6b.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-30

The following Ordinance was offered by Commissioner Guey who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance to amend the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District's 2023 Revenue & Operating Expenditure Budget to reinstate the budgeted fee to complete all four phases of the Sustainability Partners (SP) contract; otherwise, to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST The 2023 Adopted Budget omitted the remainder of the PPHTD contracted Payment for Intellectual Property development services rendered. PPHTD committed to a payment plan of \$871,713 between 2021 and 2022 towards a contract agreement for SP to invest \$8 million for the development of the PPPHTD's Rail connect intellectual property. The Port paid \$573,588.98 in fees before suspension of the contract in 2022, leaving \$298,124.02 of unpaid fees. This ordinance allocates these unpaid fees back to PPHTD's 2023 Adopted budget as an amendment. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, amendments to the 2023 Revenue & Operating Expenditure Budgets are necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1

The Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District's 2023 Operating Expenditure Budget is amended by appropriating \$298,124.02 from the Unrestricted Fund Balance as follows:

FUND: 445 Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District
DEPARTMENT: 490 Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District
DIVISION: 2460 Gen – Operating

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INC/DEC</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>
557-836	Other Chrg-Rail Usage Fee	Inc	\$298,124.02

SECTION 2

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.

WHEREUPON, in open session the above Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Commissioner Newsom seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Tyrone Edwards, Brian Champagne, Chris Schulz, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom and Mitch Jurisich

NAYS: Commissioners Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr. and Mark Cognevich

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 23rd day of March, 2023.

Commissioner Guey resumed the order of the Agenda and moved to Item 6d.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-92

On motion of Commissioner Guey, seconded by Commissioner Champagne, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with The Bridges Group International, LLC for Professional Services to offer advice, guidance and consulting services concerning the execution of Public-Private- Partnerships; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: The Bridges Group International, LLC is an expert in Public-Private-Partnership (“P3”), and the Port seeks their advice and consulting services. The hourly rate for their services shall not exceed \$90 per hour. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District is interested in exploring a Public-Private-Partnership (“P3”) and seeks the expertise and consulting services of The Bridges Group International, LLC; and

WHEREAS, The Bridges Group International, LLC is experienced in the maritime and transportation industry and has extensive experience in the development and implementation of Public-Private-Partnerships; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District to implement the Port’s economic development objectives, referenced above and engages the consulting services of The Bridges Group International, LLC;

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 Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with The Bridges Group International, LLC to provide the professional services, referenced above.

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-31

The following Ordinance was offered by Commissioner Guey who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance to appropriate funds to the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District’s 2023 Revenue & Operating Expenditure Budget, line-item Professional Services – General to onboard Rockwood Steel (RWS); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

DIGEST – Rockwood Steel (RWS) is currently engaged with Rio Grande Pacific Corporation (RGPC) /New Orleans & Gulf Coast (NOGC) providing grant administration services for Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI), Port Infrastructure Development Grants (PIDP), Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) and other rail specific grants. We would share the fifty percent (50%) of grant writing, preparation, and administration cost with RGPC/NOGC to support our infrastructure development aimed at off-setting private or public cost for container rail connections. The Port’s fifty percent (50%) contribution is expected to be \$30,000. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, amendments to the 2023 Revenue & Operating Expenditure Budgets are necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1

The Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District’s 2023 Operating Expenditure Budget is amended by appropriating \$30,000 from the Unrestricted Fund Balance as follows:

FUND: 445 Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District
DEPARTMENT: 490 Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District
DIVISION: 2460 Gen – Operating

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INC/DEC</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>
532-001	Professional Services - General	Inc	\$30,000

SECTION 2

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.

WHEREUPON, in open session the above Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Commissioner Schulz seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Tyrone Edwards, Brian Champagne, Chris Schulz, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 23rd day of March, 2023.

Agenda Item 6f, “An Ordinance to amend, and as amended readopt, the Plaquemines Parish Code of Ordinances, Section 2-18, “Rules for Transaction of Business Before the Council As the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District”, Chapter 1, “Meetings of the Plaquemines Parish Council As the Sole Governing Authority of the

Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District”; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was deferred.

Agenda Item 6g was offered with changes.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-93

On motion of Commissioner Guey, seconded by Commissioner Schulz, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioner Edwards who was “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution to amend the Civil Service Job Description for the Port Director of Finance position as adopted by Resolution 19-121, by the Plaquemines Parish Council as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District and the Plaquemines Parish Civil Service Commission; and re-allocate the title from Director of Finance to Comptroller; otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: Currently as written, the Port Director of Finance position requires a Certified Public Accountant (“CPA”) certification. This certification is restrictive, and in an attempt to broaden the applicant base, the Port would like to remove the CPA requirement and re-allocate the title from Director of Finance to Comptroller. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, after months of searching to fill this vital position, the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District desires to change the requirements in the job description filed with the Civil Service Commission to allow a broader pool of potential candidates by removing the CPA requirement; hence re-establishing the former title of Comptroller;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 34:1351 et seq, the Plaquemines Parish Council as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District does hereby request the Civil Service Commission to re-allocate the title from Director of Finance to Comptroller.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 23-32

The following Ordinance was offered by Commissioner Guey who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance authorizing the Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District ("Port"), Charles Tillotson to engage the legal services of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson to explore and begin the process of transitioning the Port from Plaquemines Parish Civil Service to the Louisiana State Civil Service system; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: In order for the Port to remain competitive, the Port must explore civil service options that allow it the opportunity to secure eligible applicants and retain employees in an efficient and effective manner, and the Louisiana Civil Service system is a viable option that the Port is interested in exploring. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District deems it necessary to hire Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson to

research and begin the transition of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District from the Plaquemines Parish Civil Service to the Louisiana State Civil Service; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the current Port Budget and compensation will be based on the hourly rate set by the Louisiana Attorney General;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1

It hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Port, Charles Tillotson, to enter into and execute a contract with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson to move the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District under the Louisiana Civil Service.

SECTION 2

The term of said contract shall be for one year at the hourly rate established by the Louisiana Attorney General.

SECTION 3

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Port employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

WHEREUPON, in open session the above Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Commissioner Newsom seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Tyronne Edwards, Brian Champagne, Chris Schulz, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom and Mitch Jurisich

NAYS: Commissioners Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr. and Mark Cognevich

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 23rd day of March, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-33

The following Ordinance was offered by Commissioner Guey who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance authorizing the Executive Director of the Port, Charles Tillotson to enter into and execute a contract with Mercury Public Affairs, Lobbyist, for a period of one year to represent the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District in any upcoming sessions of the Federal Government, or any other meetings, etc., deemed necessary to protect its interest in all matters; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: To protect the Legislative interests of the Port, the Port seeks to retain the services of a Federal Lobbyist that can offer Legislative guidance and support. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District deems it necessary to hire a Federal lobbyist to protect the interest of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District and keep it informed of Federal Legislation which may impact the Port; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the current Port Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1

It hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Port, Charles Tillotson to enter into and execute a contract with Mercury Public Affairs, Lobbyist, to represent the Port in any upcoming session of the Federal Government; or any other meetings, etc., deemed necessary to protect its interest in all matters.

SECTION 2

The term of said contract shall be for one year, not exceeding \$54,000 per year payable at \$4,500 per month.

SECTION 3

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Port employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

WHEREUPON, in open session the above Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Commissioner Newsom seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Brian Champagne, Chris Schulz, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Mitch Jurisich and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: Commissioner Tyronne Edwards

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 23rd day of March, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-34

The following Ordinance was offered by Commissioner Guey who moved its adoption:

An Ordinance authorizing the Executive Director of the Port, Charles Tillotson to enter into and execute a contract with The Chesapeake Group, Lobbyist, for a period of one year to represent the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District in any upcoming sessions of the Louisiana State Legislature, or any other meetings, etc., deemed necessary to protect its interest in all matters; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Digest: To protect the Legislative interests of the Port, the Port seeks to retain the services of a State Lobbyist that can offer Legislative guidance and support. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Council as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District deems it necessary to hire a Louisiana State lobbyist to protect the interest of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District and keep it informed of Federal Legislation which may impact the Port; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the current Port Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT HARBOR & TEMINAL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1

It hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Port, Charles Tillotson to enter into and execute a contract with The Chesapeake Group, Lobbyist, to represent the Port in any upcoming session of the Louisiana State Legislature; or any other meetings, etc., deemed necessary protect its interest in all matters.

SECTION 2

The term of said contract shall be for one year, not exceeding \$54,000 per year payable at \$4,500 per month.

SECTION 3

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Port employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

WHEREUPON, in open session the above Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Commissioner Jurisich seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Commissioners Brian Champagne, Chris Schulz, Stuart J. Guey, Patricia McCarty, Ronnie Newsom Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr. and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: Commissioner Tyrone Edwards

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: Commissioner Mitch Jurisich (ABSTAINED)

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 23rd day of March, 2023.

Commissioner Guey moved to Agenda Item 7, "New Business"; however, there were no matters to address.

Commissioner Guey move to Agenda Item 8, "Approval of minutes". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-94

On motion of Commissioner LaFrance, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, 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 the March 9, 2023, regular Port Meeting as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL 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.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Cognevich, seconded by Commissioner Schulz, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, the meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

For a full transcript of discussions and presentations a video of this meeting is available for viewing on the Parish website www.plaqueminesparish.com or on YouTube.