

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 Highway 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, May 28, 2020, at 5:00 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 Corey Arbourgh  
Commissioner Stuart J. Guey  
Commissioner Benedict Rousselle  
Commissioner Trudy Newberry  
Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.  
Commissioner Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

ABSENT: Commissioner W. Beau Black

Sandy Sanders was present representing the Port.

The Prayer said and the Pledge was recited.

A brief recess was taken due to technical difficulties from 5:03 to 5:05 p.m.

The following items were deferred:

- 6b, “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”;
- 6c, “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; and
- 6d, “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 \_\_\_\_\_ for the improvement and possible development of a new policy; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”.

There being no items for Executive Session, nothing to report under Agenda Item 3, “Status Report by the Executive Port Director”, nothing to report under Agenda Item 3a, “Financial Report/Budget to Actual”, no bids or advertisements nor any introductions, Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 6, “Ordinances and Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage”. Without objection, so ordered.

There were no ordinances under Agenda Item 6a.

Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda 6e.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 20- 126

On motion of Commissioner Newberry, seconded by Commissioner Rousselle, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioners Black and Guey who were “ABSENT”, and Commissioner Blink who “ABSTAINED” the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director, Maynard " Sandy" Sanders to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Mercury Public Affairs to provide consulting, advisory, and lobbying services regarding Port representation at the Federal level; and otherwise to provide with respect

thereto.

WHEREAS, Mercury Public Affairs has vast experience with the current U.S. Presidential Administration and expertise in federal priorities such as the National Flood Insurance Program, FEMA PWs, hurricane and flood protection issues involving the Corps of Engineers, as well as, other infrastructure projects that need attention, such as the Peters Road Rail Bypass and Road Extension; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the Port to retain the services of Mercury Public Affairs;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT the Executive Director, Maynard "Sandy" Sanders negotiate and enter into an agreement with Mercury Public Affairs to provide consulting, advisory, and lobbying services regarding Port representation at the Federal.

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, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 20-127

On motion of Commissioner Blink, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioner Black who was "ABSENT", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing the Port Executive Director, Maynard J. Sanders, for and on behalf of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to name and accept the proposal of the Plaquemines Gazette, as the Official Journal for the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Gazette is the only newspaper that meets the qualifications outlined in Louisiana Revised Statute §43:142; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute §43:147 limits the rate of compensation of the newspaper for printing the Official Journal; and

WHEREAS, *The Plaquemines Gazette* has submitted a proposal to be selected as the official journal for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District for a period of one year beginning June 1, 2020 and ending May 31, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby selects Official Journal of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT Maynard J. Sanders, for and on behalf of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, is hereby authorized and directed to accept Plaquemines Newspaper

Publishing, Inc. publishers of The Plaquemines Gazette as the Official Journal of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, which is on file with the Secretary of the Council and under such other terms and conditions as he deems to be in the best interest of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District.

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, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 20-40

The following Ordinance was offered by Commissioner Blink who moved its adoption.

An Ordinance authorizing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District (the Port), to accept funds from Port Security Grant Program #EMW-2019-PU-00030 for MSOC Security Systems, Surveillance Cameras, GIS Acquisition & Implementation and Security equipment; and otherwise to provide respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Port has a statutory mandate to promote the safety and security of the river, river-front, docks, wharves, navigable waterways, vessels adjacent to or away from docks and wharves, as well as the banks, battures and contiguous and adjacent area affected by port, harbor, terminal, water and marine activities within the Port's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Port has applied for and been awarded Port Security Grant Program Funds for a total project cost of \$824,829.00; and

WHEREAS, Port Security Grant Program funds in the amount of \$618,622.00 representing 75% Federal Funding available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Port is required to contribute a 25% cost match in the amount of \$206,207.00;

NOW, THEREFORE

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

#### SECTION 1

The Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District is hereby authorized to accept Port Security Grant Program funds in the amount of \$618,622.00 from Grant #EMW-2019-PU-00030.

#### SECTION 2

The Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District acting through the Port Executive Director, is hereby authorized to proceed with signing any and all documents necessary to carry out the completion of this project.

#### 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 Cognevich seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Commissioners John L. Barthelemy, Jr., Corey Arbourgh, , Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner W. Beau Black

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-128

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the May 14, 2020, Regular Port Meeting, as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Rousselle, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich and on roll call all members present and voting "Yes", except Commissioner Black who was "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

s/Richie Blink  
Chairman

s/ Kim M. Toups  
Secretary