

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, July 9, 2020, at 5:13 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 6b, “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Holdings, Inc., for the implementation of the Port’s Master Plan; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was withdrawn.

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:

- An update was received from the USACE regarding parcel B-3. This is the last request in order to deliver to Venture Global all of their contractual requests of the Port. The Port has been diligently working with the 408 permit staff to achieve the safety factor of 1.3 in regards to the levees. The team is reworking the layout in order to achieve this safety factor and it should be accomplished soon;
- The Port has been informed that 26 of the Port’s Fire Protection Officers have been approved for the State supplemental pay which became effective as of July 1, 2020. Special thanks to Donald Durr who worked hard to get this pay for said Port employees;
- The Port has coordinated and completed the annual certification of the State mandated Ethics training for all Port Employees; and
- The Port continues to oversee and maintain Port office computers, servers, internet and website with Port IT firm in order to allow for a seamless workflow. Everyone is doing their part to ensure Port business continues during this pandemic. The health and safety of the Port employees remains the number one priority; and
- Beginning with this meeting, Mr. Sanders will have a Ship Call summary and comparison from year to year measured with a vessel remaining in their jurisdiction for a minimum of 12 hours. In April of this year the numbers were up from April 2019 by 4 vessels for a 2020 total of 274 and in May of this year the numbers were up from May 2019 by 1 vessel for a 2020 total of 234.

Commissioner Cognevich said Mr. Helmers told him there is a boat the Port does not use anymore and he would like to use it. Sandy Sanders said he would check on this and let Commissioner Cognevich know.

Commissioner Rousselle said he noticed on their calendar there was a BUDMAT meeting and asked for an update; however, Sanders said they did not have that meeting. They are typically noticed on their calendar twice a month and they try to have both of those meetings but they did not today. He did say that the engineer attends the meetings and reports back to the Port. Commissioner Rousselle asked for the update provided by the Engineer and was told by Sandy Sanders that he does not have a report yet but could give update from his last report. He stated they are making progress and has a verbal green light from CPRA regarding the money match.

As soon as COVID is over Sandy Sanders and John Helmers plan to meet the CPRA face to face and get that codified. Commissioner Blink stated currently there is surveying taking place right now for the beneficial use.

Under Item 3b, "Financial Report/Budget to Actual", Chambrel Riley reported there was nothing significant to report and she asked that the Budget to Actual be removed from the agenda for the first Port meeting of each month, as she will only provide this report once a month.

Tracy Riley addressed the Council in regard to the video of the June 25, 2020, Port meeting and was very concerned about reconciling some expenditures because her name was brought up in regard to a lunch in January 2020. Council Member Rousselle had some questions about contractors having access and conversations in regard to upcoming solicitations. Mrs. Riley explained, that when John Bel Edwards came to Plaquemines to announce the LNG project in Plaquemines Parish, the opportunity for Parish residents to work on these types of projects was a priority. As a member of this community and as a member of a black owned business, she was eager to participate in Port business. She corresponded with the Port by email, phone calls and visits to inform the Port of her interest. Mrs. Riley went on to say that during the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting it was implied that nefarious conversations were made or benefits were being provided to the Collaborative and/or Tracy Riley. She stated for the record that this is not true and she is simply attempting to work with the Council and the Port so we can have economic opportunities.

Donald Vallee addressed the Council explaining that several meetings ago he had questions regarding the Port Budget. Sandy Sanders made a point to meet with him to answer those questions. They went through the budget, line item by line item, some information was not very clear and he is still waiting on some documentation from Chambrel Riley. Mr. Vallee made some recommendations to the Council regarding the Port such as how to give updates to the Council and the public, as well as the frequency of those updates, and placing a freeze on salaries, hiring and expenditures. Mr. Vallee believes more in-depth policies should be created. He suggested Sandy Sanders should provide a 12 month summary of what is going on with the Port and a schedule for when contracts are coming due should be provided to the Council. Mr. Vallee further stated that the Port was very receptive to his comments and he wants to see the Parish and Port benefit and survive.

There being no Bids or Advertisements, Commissioner Blink moved to Item 5, "Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions". Without objection, so ordered. The following items were introduced:

1. An Ordinance to amend and as amended re-adopt Rule 1 in Chapter I of Section 2-18 of the Code of Ordinances for Plaquemines Parish relative to the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District; to rescind, annul and set-aside Ordinance No. 19-150; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER ARBOURGH
2. An Ordinance to amend, and as amended, readopt Ordinance No. 15-138 which established a policy of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District relative to the solicitation and receipt of proposals for professional services for the Port prior to employment; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER ROUSSELLE
3. An Ordinance to amend and as amended re-adopt Rule 1 in Chapter I of Section 2-18 of the Code of Ordinances for Plaquemines Parish relative to the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District; to rescind, annul and set-aside Ordinance No. 19-150; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER LAFRANCE
4. A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director, Maynard "Sandy" Sanders to engage with Woodland Burrow Pits LLC for the acquisition of a particular tract of land, as described below. COMMISSIONER NEWBERRY

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-164

On motion of Commissioner LaFrance, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Member 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 June 25, 2020, Port Meeting, as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Cognevich, seconded by Commissioner Arbourgh and on roll call all members present and voting "Yes", except Commissioner Black who was "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary