

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, held at the Pointe-a-la-Hache Courthouse Council Chambers, 18055 Highway 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioner Benedict Rousselle, Chairman  
Commissioner John L. Barthelemy, Jr.  
Commissioner Nancy LaHaye  
Commissioner Corey Arbourgh  
Commissioner Stuart J. Guey  
Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.  
Commissioner Richie Blink  
Commissioner Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

ABSENT: Commissioner Trudy Newberry

Sandy Sanders, Chambrel Riley Williams and Christie Nielsen were present representing the Port.

The Prayer was said and the Pledge was recited.

There being no matters under Agenda Item 2, "Executive Session", Commissioner Rousselle moved to Agenda Item 3, "Status Report by the Executive Port Director". Without objection, so ordered. The following topics were addressed by Sandy Sanders:

- The Port and Parish signed papers with the US Army Corps of Engineers for the dredging of Baptiste Collette and participation in the BUDMAT program;
- Sanders attended the Container Port Project Stakeholder meeting wherein updates on this project were provided;
- Sanders attended the meeting of the Dallas County Inland Port wherein an update on the project was given; and
- Steven Sibley with La Department of Transportation and Development provided an update on the PALH Ferry landing project and then there were discussions held between Mr. Sibley, the Port Administration and the Commissioners regarding this matter.

Commissioner Rousselle moved to Agenda Item 3a, "Financial Report/Budget to Actual". Without objection, so ordered. Mrs. Williams stated that all Port Commissioners have been provided with a 2022 Total Budget Report and Detailed Budget Report with actual expenditures as of September 22, 2022. Mrs. Williams then reviewed the highlights of subcategories of revenue and expenditures. The full presentation will be posted to the Port website.

There being no matters under Agenda Item 4, "Bids and Advertisements", Commissioner Rousselle advanced to Agenda Item 5, "Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions". The following legislation was introduced:

1. An Ordinance to amend and as amended, readopt Ordinance No. 13-177; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER ROUSSELLE
2. A Resolution authorizing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District to prepare and submit an application to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for assistance in the implementation of a port improvement project; providing for the necessary documentation of the need for the port improvement; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER ROUSSELLE
3. An Ordinance to authorize Executive Director, Maynard Sanders to amend the Professional Service Agreement, dated April 12, 2021 for engineering and design services with Kyle Associates, LLC; to amend the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor & Terminal District 2022 Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER ROUSSELLE

Commissioner Rousselle moved to Agenda Item 6, “Ordinances and Resolutions on second reading and final passage”. Without objection, so ordered.  
There were no matters under Agenda Item 6a.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-216

On motion of Commissioner Rousselle, seconded by Commissioner LaFrance, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Members Barthelemy and Newberry who were “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing Maynard J. “Sandy” Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District (“Port”) to execute an Agreement between the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (“DOTD”) and the Port for the replacements of the ferry landing and dolphins on the west and east river landings in Pointe-a-La-Hache, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District seeks to replace ferry landings and dolphins on both the east and west bank landings in Pointe-a-la-Hache, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (“the project”); and

WHEREAS, the Port and DOTD desire to cooperate in the financing and delivery of the above referenced project, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, The project is identified as State Project No. H.006226 (Superseding); Federal Aid Project No. H006226;

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 authorizes the execution of the Agreement between DOTD and the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District for the replacements of the ferry landing and dolphins on the west and east river landings in Pointe-a-La-Hache, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

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. 22-217

On motion of Commissioner Rousselle, seconded by Commissioner LaFrance, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Council Members Barthelemy and Newberry who were “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Port Chairman, Benedict Rousselle, to amend Melissa Folse Oubre’s employment contract; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, this Council appointed Melissa Folse Oubre as the In-House Executive Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Director’s position is vacant and it is the desire of this Council to make amendments to Melissa Folse Oubre’s employment contact executed on August 19, 2022 to change her title to Deputy Director/Executive Counsel and to reflect her duties as such;

NOW, THEREFORE:

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

DISTRICT THAT Port Chairman, Benedict Rousselle is authorized and directed to amend the August 19, 2022, Employment Contract with Melissa Folse Oubre.

Commissioner Rousselle moved Agenda Item 7, "New Business". Without objection, so ordered.

There were no matters to address under 7a.

Under Agenda Item 7b, There were discussions between the Commissioners and Mr. Tony Cacioppo about the Pride ferry just getting back from being repaired, the large amount of fuel needed to run the Pride and the amount it costs per month to run that ferry. There were also discussions regarding the amount of money that would be needed to run the Pride for the remainder of the year, as well as about the plans for the new PALH ferry landing and the possibility of it being designed to accommodate the Pride in case of emergencies.

Rousselle moved to Agenda Item 8, "Approval of the Minutes". Without objection, so ordered.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 22-218

On motion of Commissioner Rousselle, seconded by Commissioner Barthelemy, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioner Newberry who was "ABSENT", 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 September 8, 2022, 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 Barthelemy, and on roll call all members present voting "YES", except Commissioner Newberry who was "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

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Chairman

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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](http://www.plaqueminesparish.com) or on YouTube.