

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 Courthouse Council Chambers, 18055 Highway 23, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 3:00 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, Paul Matthews, Chambrel Riley-Williams, Christie Nielsen and Donald Durr were present representing the Port.

The Prayer was said and the Pledge was recited.

There being no matters to address under the following Agenda Item 2, "Executive Session", Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 3, "Status Report by the Executive Port Director". Without objection, so ordered. Reports on the following topics were made:

- Sanders stated there were many heroes and unsung heroes during Hurricane Ida and he recognized Donald Durr and all who worked the vessels, as well as John Helmers and Todd Eppley;
- David Vitter and Kyle Ruckert drafted a letter to seek funding for Hurricane Ida Recovery which included \$400,000,000 to bring the back levees up to 50 year protection, \$700,000,000 to completely fund the NOV levee system that is yet to be completed and \$35,000,000 to repair the Hurricane Ida damage to the Pointe Celeste Pump station;
- Paul Matthews gave an update on the CHS grant stating they were continuing to work on a CEA with CHS for the grant application and since Hurricane Ida they are focused on recovery; and
- The Port is preparing for the 2022 budget and they will hold mini meetings for Commissioners from October 18<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 3b, "Financial Report/Budget to Actual". Without objection, so ordered. Chambrel Riley-Johnson stated, due to Hurricane Ida, she has not provided Budget to Actual Report. Also, there is a delay in reoccurring invoices. The 2022 Proposed Port Budget will be presented to the Council at the October 14, 2021. She will have a full report on October 28, 2021.

Council Member Barthelemy addressed the Commissioners, the Port Administration and the public and stated that he is a proponent of the Port taking over operation of the ferries.

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

1. A Resolution electing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District Chairperson for 2022; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER BLINK
2. A Resolution electing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District Vice-Chairperson for 2022; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER BLINK

3. A Resolution to cancel the November 25, 2021, and December 23, 2021, regularly scheduled Port Meetings due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and Christmas Holiday; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER BLINK
4. An Ordinance to create the Legal Department and the position of Executive Counsel of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District; to amend the 2021 General Fund, Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget to provide for the Legal Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER ROUSSELLE
5. An Ordinance to amend, and as amended to approve, the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor & Terminal District 2021 Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWBERRY
6. An Ordinance to create the Legal Department and the position of Executive Counsel of the Plaquemine Port, Harbor and Terminal District; to amend the 2021 General Fund, Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget to provide for the Legal Department; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWBERRY

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

There was no legislation under Item 6a.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 21-222

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 to change the date of the November 11, 2021, regularly scheduled meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council as the Sole Governing Authority of the Port, Harbor & Terminal District meeting due to the Veterans Day holiday; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT the November 11, 2021, regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 4, 2021, at the Pointe-a-la-Hache Courthouse Council Chambers beginning at 3:00 p.m.

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 purpose of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 7, “New Business”. Without objection, so ordered.

Under Agenda Item 7b, “PLT discussion and update”, Commissioner Rousselle questioned the what is the deadline in the PLT Agreement called the Drop Dead Date which is set for next year on December 22, 2022. Paul Matthews said that by said date if PLT is not in commercialization, they will allow the property to be sold and the proceeds will go to Tall Grass. Commissioner Rousselle asked if the Port was on the hook for any funding and he was told by Sandy Sanders that they are not encumbered by any monetary risk. He will review agreement and will report back at the next meeting. Mr. Matthews also mentioned that Tall Grass is looking to help out with the Ida recovery and if the Commissioners have suggestions on what the needs are, to please let him know.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-223

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:

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 August 26, 2021, 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 Newberry and on roll call all members present voting "YES", except Commissioners Black and Barthelemy who were "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 3:18 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.