

**PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
LAPLACE, LOUISIANA  
5:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER.....PAUL ROBICHAUX
2. ROLL CALL.....PAUL ROBICHAUX
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.....KELLY BUCKWALTER
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ..... PAUL ROBICHAUX  
April 11, 2018  
April 23, 2018
5. FINANCIAL REPORT .....JOEY MURRAY  
March 31, 2018
6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT..... PAUL G. AUCOIN
7. NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS
  - A. CONSIDER AWARDING FUEL SERVICE EMERGENCY GENERATOR (AIRPORT)
  - B. CONSIDER AWARDING AVIATION FUEL AND SUPPORT SERVICES
  - C. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EAST AND WEST ACCESS CANAL EMERGENCY CROSSINGS (AIRPORT)
  - D. CONSIDER MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR PROPOSALS
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  - F. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR STATE PROJECT NO. H.012208-GLOBALPLEX DOCK EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS
  - G. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POSL TO COMMENCE AND EXECUTE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO EXPROPRIATE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO EXISTING PORT PROPERTY IN ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

H. CONSIDER LETTER IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 727- INSTITUTES  
PENALTIES FOR DAMAGE TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

I. CONSIDER LETTER IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE  
INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM

8. COMMITTEES' REPORT

9. ADJOURNMENT

**CALLED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II OF THE PSL BY-LAWS**

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA  
COMMISSION HELD AT THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018**

**ITEM 1-CALL TO ORDER**

President Paul Robichaux called the Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ITEM 2-ROLL CALL**

Vickie Clark Mr. Bazile  
Mr. Bazile Here.

Vickie Clark Ms. Songy  
Judy Songy Here.

Vickie Clark Mr. Murray  
Mr. Murray Here.

Vickie Clark Mr. Scontrino  
Mr. Scontrino Here.

Vickie Clark Mr. Hickerson  
Mr. Hickerson Here.

Vickie Clark Mr. Sellars  
Mr. Sellars Here

Vickie Clark Mr. Buckwalter; Absent  
Mr. Roussel; Absent  
Mr. Robichaux

Mr. Robichaux Here.

**ITEM 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Scontrino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –APRIL 11, 2018 and APRIL 23, 2018**

A Motion was offered by Mr. Scontrino and seconded by Ms. Songy that the Minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting held on April 11, 2018 and the Special Meeting on April 23, 2018 be approved.

**YEAS** Stanley Bazile, Judy Songy, Whitney Hickerson, P. Joey Murray,  
Joseph Scontrino, III, D. Paul Robichaux, Patrick Sellars

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Kelly Buckwalter, Robert Roussel

**ITEM 5. FINANCIAL REPORT- MARCH 31, 2018**

A Motion was offered by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Hickerson that the March 31, 2018 Financial Report be approved and that the payment of bills be ratified.

**YEAS** Stanley Bazile, Judy Songy, Whitney Hickerson, P. Joey Murray,  
Joseph Scontrino, III, D. Paul Robichaux Patrick Sellars

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Kelly Buckwalter, Robert Roussel

**ITEM 6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Aucoin Globalplex vessel/barge/truck activity –general cargo dock  
(Globalplex) The Port Received 1 vessel and 21 Barges at Our General  
Cargo Dock during the Month of April.

19 Barges arrived at the bulk dock handling cement.

Vessel Count in the port district from January through April, 2018 was  
1430 Vessel, that is 251 then the first four months of 2018 compare  
to the first four months of 2017.

Barge Count in port district-January through April, 2018, 20,170 barges,  
Same period last year 25,567 Barges or 5,397 less barges. We are  
hoping it is due to the high water and we will catch up with that.

Truck traffic at Globalplex for the month of April, 2018 -2,865 Trucks

Security/Operations: MSOC Communications received several calls during the month relative to incidents along the levee and at Globalplex. The Port officers and port personnel responded to and handled each incident accordingly.

The US Coast Guard continues to ride along with our Port marine operations to check fleets and board ships. Port officers participated in boarding 5 vessels during the month.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, St John Sheriff's office requested assistance with a fire at CGB Marine. The M/V Accardo remained on the scene for two hours.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Marine Ops aboard the M/V Nathan Folse was called to assist at a fire at ADM in Destrehan. We assisted in spraying the loading tube where the fire began to cool it down.

Globalplex Administration Building (Business Development Center) (Capital Outlay \$9.5m): Meyer Engineering recently presented the latest revisions of the Administration Building Plans to the Construction Committee.

Building 19 Expansion – Phase 2: The Contract for Phase 2 of the Building 19 Expansion has been awarded to Durr Heavy Construction, LLC. The Contractor is currently completing and signing all necessary forms and contracting requirements. A pre-construction meeting was held this morning at the Guesthouse.

Building 71 – (Holcim Lafarge): The Port received two bids for the Building 71 project. The bids have been reviewed and a meeting was held this week with our tenant, Lafarge/Holcim. Once the cost-sharing of the project is discussed and agreed upon, the project award recommendation will be presented to the Commission and to LADOTD Facility Planning and Control for approval.

General Cargo Dock Retrofitting Project & Crane Project: That is \$18.7 million from Capital Outlay. The Port, AECOM, Providence Engineering and Associated Terminals met on May 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss technical requirements, specifications and installation for the new dock cranes. On the agenda tonight is a resolution authorizing the Port to enter into an intergovernmental reimbursement agreement for the Crane project.

The final plans, specifications, geotechnical report and additional drainage easement survey was submitted to Facility Planning and Control for their review. This is the St. Charles rail project. Once the package has been approved, the project will be advertised for bids.

Airport Statistics; Total number of aircraft take-off and landings:1144

Total Fuel sales revenues \$13,378

The Taxiway Connection Project (LaDOTD Grant Project). The work on the taxiway connection is progressing on schedule.

Aviation Fuel System Emergency Generator – (LADOTD Grant). We recently received four bids for the airport generator project. Awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder is on the agenda tonight.

We had the Ford Tri-Motor Tour Stop here April 26<sup>th</sup> through April 29<sup>th</sup>. The last weekend in April we hosted the Tri- Motor plane along with our local EAA Chapter, the Ford Tri Motor airplane on its tour across the country. The Port would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. Ronnie Lamarque and Lamarque Ford for sponsoring the event. The all metal 1929 commercial airliner, nicknamed Tin Goose, made its way to south Louisiana for the first time. The fully restored Tri-Motor can hold up to nine passengers. Over the course of three and a half days 321 people took to the sky on 34 flights. It was a huge success.

The following weekend, on May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Airport co-hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. John Aviation Awareness Day. Several hundred people from our community visited our airport. Many children rode in an airplane for the very first time. The Port worked alongside the organizer, Guys Achieving Goals, to assure a successful event.

I would like to commend Vince, Lisa and Roy for these two very successful events at our airport.

Miscellaneous: Roy and I attended the PAL Meeting in Baton Rouge on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Port's Globalplex Silver Jubilee was held on the afternoon of April 12<sup>th</sup>. We had approximately 200 people that came out to enjoy our seafood celebration. Commissioners Stanley Bazile, Whitney Hickerson, Judy Songy and Joey Scontrino joined us for the event.

I attended the AAPA Harbors & Navigation Meeting in New Orleans on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

I attended a dinner meeting hosted by the World Trade Center on April 19<sup>th</sup>. It was centered around America's Future with China and included topics of Trade, Investment ... as a side bar... I will mention to you that we export over \$12 million tons to China from the Port of South Louisiana and only imported \$1 Million. That is a good trade off.

The Port Safety Committee Meeting was held on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> a Finance Committee Meeting and Special Commission Meeting was held to adopt our budget. A construction committee Meeting was held that same morning to discuss our Administration Building project.

FORMOSA (Sunshine Project) ANNOUNCEMENT was held on APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>. Linda and I attended the announcement where Governor John Bel Edwards and executives from Formosa announced the \$9.4 billion chemical manufacturing complex along the westbank of the Mississippi River in St. James Parish.

Paul Aucoin & Paul Robichaux joined Mike Patorno to travel to Chicago to attend the Chicago Minority Business Development Agency and Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council Business Meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Mike and I gave a presentation to the group about our Port Container project.

I attended the St James Economic Development Board Meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The PRIMA (Insurance) Conference was held in Lake Charles from April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Cindy and Lana represented the Port at the conference.

The Freight Round Table Regional Planning Committee Meeting was held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Roy attended.

I attended the monthly River Region Chamber Board Meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Roy attended the World Trade Center International Business Committee Meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

A BUILD (formerly TIGER) Grant meeting was held on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Roy, Dale, Patti and I met with Mike Patorno and his team from AECOM to discuss our options on projects to submit applications.

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, a Port Property Development Meeting was held to discuss the two Municipal Advisor proposals we received. This is on the agenda tonight.

Lisa and I attended the monthly PAL meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Allies Day with LIDEA in Baton Rouge was held on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Linda and Dale represented the Port at the meeting.

The Port hosted a breakfast at the Guesthouse for St. John Economic Development Week at the Guesthouse; on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Congressman Cedric Richmond spoke at the

breakfast after I provided a presentation on the Port. Thank you, Linda for putting that event together.

I met with Dr. Cancienne, St. James School Board Superintendent and President Timmy Roussel this week for an update.

The Port's annual Legislative Dinner was held on May 14. Unfortunately that was the same day that the Governor announced his plans to hold a Special Meeting and the House met until after 7:00 PM. Representative Sam Jones joined us along with Commissioners Paul Robichaux, Stanley Bazile, Poncho Roussel and Whitney Hickerson. Also attending from the Port were Dale, Roy, Linda, the Judge, Patti and myself.

A copy of the First Quarter Tonnage Report has been provided to you. Our records show that our tonnage is 14% less than same period last year. We are thinking that that is a result of the high water we have been experiencing.

The business development report and engineering reports can be seen on your surface tablets.

That completes my report. Any questions.

Mr. Hickerson On the fuel sales what is the margin?

Vince Caire It depends...Av-Gas is different from is cents ...it is about a \$1.00 but if fluctuates with the market. I would have to look....

Mr. Aucoin He will get back to you on that.

Mr. Robichaux If you look we had a bid tab recently that gives you a complete breakdown....on proposed fuel cost.

Mr. Aucoin Any other questions?

Mr. Robichaux No other questions for our Executive Director? We will move on to new business.

## **ITEM 7. NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **ITEM 7A. CONSIDER AWARDED FUEL SERVICE EMERGENCY GENERATOR**



Mr. Aucoin The Port received cost proposals from four companies for the Emergency generator at the airport. Gerald Babin, our Engineer recommends awarding the project to All Star Electric (the lowest responsible bidder) for a bid amount of \$38,500. The State will reimburse the Port for \$35,000 of the total amount of the project. The Port will be responsible for \$3,500 in construction costs and \$5000 in engineering costs. I recommend awarding the project to All Star Electric.

A Motion was offered by Mr. Scontrino and seconded by Mr. Bazile that Fuel Service Emergency Generator contract be awarded to All Star Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$38,500.00.

**YEAS** Stanley Bazile, Judy Songy, Whitney Hickerson,  
Joseph Scontrino, III D. Paul Robichaux, Patrick Sellars

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN** P. Joey Murray

**ABSENT** Kelly Buckwalter, Robert Roussel

#### **ITEM 7B. CONSIDER AWARDING AVIATION FUEL AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

Mr. Aucoin Thank you, President Robichaux. Because our agreement with our airport fuel supplier was getting ready to end, the Port requested proposals for these services. We received two proposals and after reviewing the proposals it is recommended that we award the Aviation Fuel and Support Services to Eastern Aviation Fuels which is our current provider. I agree with this recommendation. Questions?

A Motion was offered by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Songy that the Executive Director be authorized to enter into Aviation Fuel and Support Services Contract with Eastern Aviation Fuel.

**YEAS** Stanley Bazile, Judy Songy, Whitney Hickerson, P. Joey Murray,  
Joseph Scontrino, III, D. Paul Robichaux, Patrick Sellars

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Kelly Buckwalter, Robert Roussel

**ITEM 7C. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EAST AND WEST ACCESS CANAL EMERGENCY CROSSINGS (AIRPORT)**

Mr. Aucoin Thank you, President Robichaux. The East and West Canal Crossing

project was included on our Airport Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). These crossings will provide quicker access to our airport property in emergency situations. The project funding from LDOTD Aviation is connected to the North Parallel Taxiway project which is currently underway. This part of the project is estimated to cost \$160,000 and will be funded by LDOTD Aviation with a \$20,000 Port match. The port match was approved by the Port when we submitted the Capital Improvement Plan (see the resolution authorizing the match in your compendium. I recommend proceeding with advertising for the Construction of East and West Access Canal Emergency Crossings project.

A Motion was offered by Mr. Hickerson and seconded by Mr. Murray that the Executive Director be authorized to advertise for the construction of east and west access canal crossing emergency crossings(airport).

**YEAS** Stanley Bazile, Judy Songy, Whitney Hickerson, P. Joey Murray, Joseph Scontrino, III, D. Paul Robichaux Patrick Sellars

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Kelly Buckwalter, Robert Roussel

**ITEM 7D. CONSIDER MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR PROPOSALS**

Mr. Aucoin Thank you, President Robichaux. The Port received two proposals for Financial Advisors. The Financial Advisors will assist the Port with the proposals we are receiving for projects on the Port's newly acquired property in St. James. The two proposals were discussed at the Port Property Development Meeting held on May 4, 2018. At the meeting the decision was made to accept the financial advisor proposal from Scully Capital. The total cost will be determined by the hours they commit to the project; for a 300 hour engagement the cost would be approximately

\$59,050. We have our attorneys where to answer any questions you may have about that recommendation.

Mr. Hickerson Before the Motion is made what is the status of the Declaratory Judgment?

Mr. Aucoin There is no status – it has not been filed and it will not be filed without us coming back to the Board to get authority to file it.

Mr. Hickerson What is the hold up?

Mr. Aucoin We do not need it yet. At the appropriate time we will come back and get it filed.

Mr. Hickerson But I think these two are tied together.

Mr. Aucoin The whole project is tied together but it is one step at a time and this would be the next step to see if we could get a prospect involved in the process and that prospect can hopefully go along with the Port and do outreach in the community. At that time, we can look into filing the Declaratory Judgment. Unless, the Commission wants to file it early. That is the Commission's call. The legal advisors that we have has decided it is best to wait.

Mr. Hickerson I just think the Declaratory Judgment will be ties up in court for years and years. You still will not be able to move forward.

Mr. Aucoin Maybe your right, I do not think it will take that long.

Mr. Murray I have a question. The financial matters the people that we are talking about... they are going to help us guide us through all of the different scenarios that we can use the property for and that is the basis ...to help guide us with where we are going with this. Do not have anything to do with Declaratory Judgment.

Mr. Aucoin No. What Mr. Hickerson is saying is that anybody wanting to move forward with acquiring the property through lease or purchase is going to want to make sure they can do industrial. It has to be done at some time. Anything you want to add to that attorneys? Okay.

Mr. Sellars You know effectively they could kill the two (2) projects the determination by what they do by checking the financial status of these two companies? Am I correct?

Mr. Aucoin Yes

Mr. Sellers If they do not prove out to be what they are?

Mr. Aucoin Then we do not have any prospects.

Mr. Sellers We have no prospects, we have no project...maybe then we can look at something else...it doesn't hurt us to move forward...

Mr. Robichaux Help us to evaluate what is economically in the Port's best interest.

A Motion was offered by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Sellers that the Executive Director be authorized to enter into an agreement with Scully Capital Securities Corporation to provide municipal financial advisor services.

**YEAS** Stanley Bazile, Judy Songy, P. Joey Murray, Joseph Scontrino, III, D. Paul Robichaux, Patrick Sellars

**NAYS** Whitney Hickerson

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Kelly Buckwalter, Robert Roussel

#### **ITEM 7E. CONSIDER RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH MELTZ COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Aucoin Thank you, President Robichaux. For almost two years, Gary Meltz with Meltz Communications has been providing communications counseling services to the Port. With his guidance, the Port has submitted several Op-eds that have been printed in top-tier publications in Washington. Our main focus of these Op-eds was to get the word out about the importance of dredging the Mississippi River. I recommend continuing his services with this 9 month agreement for \$3,500 per month.

A Motion was offered by Mr. Hickerson and seconded by Ms. Songy that the Executive Director be authorized to enter into an agreement with Meltz Communication to provide communication counseling services.

**YEAS** Stanley Bazile, Judy Songy, Whitney Hickerson, P. Joey Murray, Joseph Scontrino, III, D. Paul Robichaux, Patrick Sellars

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Kelly Buckwalter, Robert Roussel

**ITEM 7F. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR STATE PROJECT NO. H.012208-GLOBALPLEX DOCK EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. Aucoin Thank you, President Robichaux. The Globalplex Dock Equipment Improvements Project is an approved Port Priority Project for two new cranes for our general cargo dock. This intergovernmental reimbursement agreement with the State will allow us to move forward with the purchase of these Cranes as soon as we are ready to order them and then be reimbursed by Port Priority in future years as the funding becomes available. We entered into this type agreement with the state for the Building 19 project. It is imperative that the ordering of the cranes be done in coordination with the dock strengthening project and I understand it takes as long as 18 months for these crane orders. I recommend that you approve entering into this intergovernmental reimbursement agreement for our crane project. The approximate cost of the two (2) cranes is \$13,000,000. For our two (2) Port Priority Program, the Dock Strengthening and the Crane project we have approximately \$19 Million in approved funding. I met with PPP and they have agreed to combine these two (2) projects so we have some flexibility with the funding needs. I recommend approval.

A Resolution be passed authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an Intergovernmental Reimbursement Agreement for State Project NO. H.012208.

**YEAS** Stanley Bazile, Judy Songy, Whitney Hickerson, P. Joey Murray, Joseph Scontrino, III, D. Paul Robichaux, Patrick Sellars

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Kelly Buckwalter, Robert Roussel

**ITEM 7G. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POSL TO COMMENCE AND EXECUTE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO EXPROPRIATE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO EXISTING PORT PROPERTY IN ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH**

Mr. Aucoin I have asked Troy Villa to be present today to explain the steps

necessary in the expropriation process. This process is being entered into to allow construction on an additional dock at the Pin Oak terminal.

Troy Villa Good Afternoon, the Port is considering property adjacent to its Mount Airy property in St. John the Baptist Parish. Approximately 7.1 acres of batture riverfront property that is currently unoccupied, no commercial activity, no residential activity.

We have looked into the title issues with respect to that property. That property is adjacent to property that the Port owns currently and lease to Pin Oak terminals for their cold storage facility there. Pin Oak has expressed an interest to expand operations there not with the storage but with the dock facility that would be on the river and this property is viable for that project.

We have begun to look at title issues with respect to that. We are narrowing down the identities of the owners and heirs of the property. The property has not transferred over the years very much...going through death (seems like) in some cases not even that is clear. We have had to engage an abstractor plus a private investigator to track down heirs where we might can make an offer.

It consists of eight (8) separate tracts approximately 7.16 acres. The owners list is an arm lengths long...a lot of heirs. We have been able to get some results from the private investigator and they are confirming what we have found through the tax records. The last known owners of property. Some of the tracts aren't even on the tax roles so we are sort of stuck ....we hope the private investigator will help us.

We are getting to the point where we will help make an effort to enter into a private sale for the property there have been to appraisal done within the last six (6) months. As required by the expropriation statute, the port would be required to first make a good faith effort to acquire these through private sale. Offering to pay the lowest appraise value. After that to the extent we cannot find owners we will ask the Court to appoint a Curator to represent those absentee owners and represent their interest. In the private sale negotiations and to the extent required if there are some objections. We will expropriate the property under the Port's authority to do so under Louisiana law.

We are at the part where the Port should consider granting authority to Mr. Robichaux and Mr. Aucoin to proceed with all steps that is necessary, to do all those things and everything incidental related to that including

additional title work, issues with title opinions, and everything else. That is it in a nutshell. I can answer any questions.

Mr. Hickerson When was the most recent appraisal?

Troy Villa One was in January and one was 2017, so the last six months and they were various prices because they are seven tracts, all different dimensions anywhere from \$50,000 to 150,000. The total aggregate purchase price for all property is somewhere around \$750,000.

Mr. Sellars How many acres?

Troy Villa 7.16 according to survey information.

Mr. Robichaux We are being reimbursed by Pin Oak for that property?

Troy Villa The Port would own it then and at that point we would enter into a lease transaction with them, unlike the last transaction with Pin Oak. We would have to determine the lease rate, including the improvements and who would own them and so forth. We are not at that point yet but we are going to proceed along those lines.

Mr. Sellars Do you have any name of any local people? Owners?

Troy Villa Family names...I recall Vicknair

Mr. Sellars If it is a case where it is going to benefit the community and jobs...I don't want to be part of anything that is going to ...I am taking something from someone ...if Mr. Vicknair has been contacted and he doesn't want to sell, I do not want to force him to but if there is people where there is an issue where there is an estate or they can't tell you who is and you are unable to locate these people something like that to make the project work well that is a different story, I can understand that. But how much effort has been put in that ....I have heard the name Vicknair before.

Troy Villa All I can say is there has not been a lot of transfer of these properties over the years. The only transaction that we found may be related to property we found further away from the river...a transfer to a railroad.

Mr. Sellars Linear footage?

- Troy Villa Is about 670 feet.....
- Mr. Sellars About an arpent wide...I am familiar with that ...own a bunch of them.
- Troy Villa Same family own properties that is extended from the river as well too...  
Property most closely to river...batture
- Mr. Bazile You said there are a couple of tracts that were not on the tax list....what  
happened to it ? They did not go to sheriff sale?
- Troy Villa Well they are not on the tax roll so there was no assessment. I do not  
know if they were farm property or what. The ownership goes back to  
the 1800 or early 1800's.
- Mr. Murray Mr. Robichaux, we talked about this...I told the Commissioners my  
feelings about expropriation- it is a very serious matter. We find that we  
are not taking someone's home. We have done out due diligence.
- Mr. Robichaux I certainly agree with you Joey.. at any point and time we do not  
want to take anything away from anybody or abridge anybody's  
rights.

A Motion was offered by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Songy that a Resolution  
be passed authorizing the Port of South La to commence and execute all steps  
necessary to expropriate property adjacent to existing port property In St. John The  
Baptist Parish.

**YEAS** Judy Songy, P. Joey Murray, Joseph Scontrino, III, D. Paul  
Robichaux, Patrick Sellars (

**NAYS** Whitney Hickerson, Stanley Bazile

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Kelly Buckwalter, Robert Roussel

Mr. Sellars-My vote is yes as long as the port owns the property.

**ITEM 7H. CONSIDER LETTER IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 727-INSTITUTES  
PENALTIES FOR DAMAGE TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

Mr. Aucoin Thank you, President Robichaux. The Port has been asked by Chris John  
with Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association to sign on to a letter  
to the Governor in support of HB727, which institutes penalties for damage



to critical infrastructure. House Bill 727 is necessary to stop the dangerous trespass and destruction by individuals with malicious intent to harm and damage critical infrastructure. Dangerous activity on these sites, including during their construction, not only puts the trespassers at risk to physical harm, but it also risks the lives of law abiding citizens working at the site. With Louisiana being an important component in fueling the rest of the nation, damage to our critical infrastructure risks the direct interruption of critical services across the United States. I am requesting that you approve the Port signing on to this letter to the Governor in support of HB 727. Any questions?

Mr. Scontrino It references malicious intent and damages... what does it focus's on?

Mr. Robichaux It is the same issue they had on the Dakota Access Pipeline. The same type of legislation that past in South Dakota.

Mr. Scontrino If south Dakota does it, we ought to...

A Motion was offered by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Scontrino that the Executive Director be authorized to signed a Letter In Support of House Bill 727-Institutes Penalties For Damage To Critical Infrastructure

**YEAS** Judy Songy, P. Joey Murray, Joseph Scontrino, III, D. Paul Robichaux, Patrick Sellars, Whitney Hickerson, Stanley Bazile

**NAYS**

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Kelly Buckwalter, Robert Roussel

**ITEM 71. CONSIDER LETTER IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM**

Mr. Aucoin Thank you, President Robichaux. The Port has been approached by LED Secretary Don Pierson to provide a letter of support for proposed changes to the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP). LED proposes returning to an ITEP term of 10 years (in the form of two five-year terms) at up to an 80 percent property tax abatement level. This improvement will allow at least 20 percent of the assessed value of company assets to be placed on the tax rolls from the beginning of operations, providing tax revenues to

parishes immediately. I believe that what has been proposed is consistent with best practices and ensures Louisiana remains competitive for future investment opportunities. At this time GNO, Inc, the World Trade Center and many others have offered their letters of support. I ask that you approve this request for a letter in support of the proposed changes to the Industrial Tax Exemption Program.

Mr. Scontrino A comment... I had a conversation with President Robottom called about the issue. She certainly wanted to express her support for it and non support if it was not 80 or better. Local leadership is certainly in favor.

Mr. Robichaux And on the strength of the Secretary's request. They do so much for us and the entire state of Louisiana.

A Motion was offered by Mr. Hickerson and seconded by Mr. Scontrino that the Executive Director sign a Letter in Support of Proposed Changes To The Industrial Tax Exemption Program.

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**YEAS** Stanley Bazile, Judy Songy, Whitney Hickerson, P. Joey Murray, Joseph Scontrino, III, D. Paul Robichaux, Patrick Sellars

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Kelly Buckwalter, Robert Roussel

#### **ITEM 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Songy We discussed what was discussed in the Property Development Meeting-Financial Advisor.

Mr. Robichaux Mr. Bazile anything on Security.

Mr. Aucoin Mr. Robichaux, Mr. Roussel could not make the meeting today, he is Chairman of the Construction Committee. We met on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss revised plans in the administration building project. We were brought up to date on the plans – no action was taken at the meeting.

Mr. Robichaux Mr. Hickerson, Joey... any other comments or questions?

**ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion was offered by Mr. Hickerson and seconded by Mr. Murray that the Meeting be adjourned.

**YEAS** Stanley Bazile, Judy Songy, Whitney Hickerson, P. Joey Murray,  
Joseph Scontrino, III, D. Paul Robichaux, Patrick Sellars

**NAYS** None

**ABSTAIN** None

**ABSENT** Kelly Buckwalter, Robert Roussel

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Stanley C. Bazile  
Secretary

D. Paul Robichaux  
President

June 13, 2018

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT  
AND DESIGNATION OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

STATE PROJECT NO. H. 012208  
PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**RESOLUTION  
PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA**

A Resolution authorizing the Port of South Louisiana to enter into an agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development under 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 providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Port of South Louisiana has a need for port improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Port of South Louisiana has reviewed the application for Globalplex Dock Equipment Improvements and agrees with said agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Port of South Louisiana has applied for State matching funds pursuant to Chapter 47 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, to implement a project to improve its port operation and Port of South Louisiana is fully aware of its obligations under said Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Port of South Louisiana is a political body duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under said Statute; and

WHEREAS, currently, no funds have been made available by the State for construction of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Sponsor desires to utilize its own funds for the construction of this Project and to be reimbursed by the Port Construction and Development Priority Program once funding becomes available, in accordance with R.S. 34:3457.

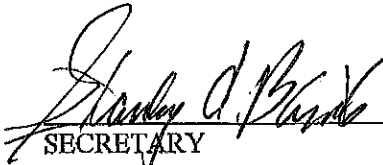
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Port of South Louisiana as follows:

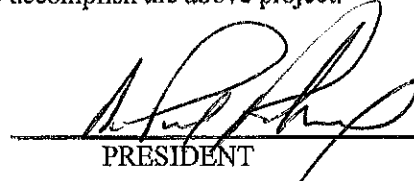
Section 1. That Port of South Louisiana acknowledges that an application was submitted to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program.

Section 2. That at the appropriate time and prior to commencement of work on the project Port of South Louisiana agrees to execute a Project Agreement and a Statement of Sponsorship pursuant to the Statute and hereby authorizes and empowers Paul G. Aucoin, Executive Director, to execute the agreement and to enter into and execute said agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Section 3. That Paul G. Aucoin, Executive Director is hereby Authorized Representative for Port of South Louisiana to represent the port with regards to the receipt of funds from the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for a port improvement project.

Section 4. That said Authorized Representative shall have the authority to sign and approve all documents that are necessary under the circumstances to accomplish the above project.

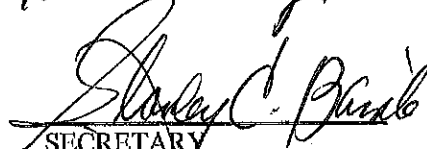
  
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PRESIDENT

### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Port of South Louisiana held on the 16 Day of May, 2018 in which a quorum was present and voting and that the resolution adopted is still in effect and has not been rescinded or revoked.

Signed at Lafayette, La On the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2018.

  
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SECRETARY