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SONGY, HICKERSON, APPOINTED TO PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On August 5th, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards revealed two additional appointments to the Port of South Louisiana Board of Commissioners. During last night's regular commission meeting, Judy Songy of LaPlace, Louisiana and Whitney Hickerson of Vacherie, Louisiana were sworn-in to their new positions.

Judy B. Songy, a retired Century 21 owner/broker, who still pursues real estate sales, property management, and real estate consulting part-time, will serve as a representative of St. John the Baptist Parish. As required by statute, Ms. Songy was nominated by a legislator representing said parish.

Whitney Hickerson, retired in 2004 from DuPont Company where he worked as a cost accountant, is currently a residential home builder. He was nominated by a legislator from St. James Parish (as required by statute) and will represent aforementioned parish.

The board is now comprised of nine members, with three commissioners residing in each parish within the Port's jurisdiction: D. Paul Robichaux, P. Joey Murray III, and Kelly Buckwalter of St. Charles Parish; Joseph M. Scontrino III, Patrick C. Sellars, and Judy B. Songy of St. John the Baptist Parish; and Robert "Poncho" Roussel, Stanley Bazile, and Whitney Hickerson of St. James Parish.



Judy B. Songy of St. John the Baptist Parish being sworn-in to the Board of Commissioners by Executive Director Paul G. Aucoin



Whitney Hickerson of St. James Parish being sworn-in to the Board of Commissioners by Executive Director Paul G. Aucoin

About the Port of South Louisiana

The Port of South Louisiana is a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, encompassing the parishes of St. Charles, St. John and St. James. The facilities located within the port's district consistently handle over a quarter billion short tons of cargo annually, ranking it the largest tonnage port district in the Western Hemisphere, the nation's greatest grain exporter, and the number one energy transfer port in the United States. Along the 108 miles of deepwater frontage on both banks of the river there are seven grain transfer facilities, four major oil refineries, 11 petrochemical manufacturing facilities and several other facilities for a total of more than 50 docks owned and operated by an impressive group of resident tenants such as ADM, ArcelorMittal, Dow, Cargill, DuPont, Motiva Enterprises, Marathon, Shell, Nucor Steel., Occidental, Valero, and Occidental Chemical. To learn more, visit us at www.portsl.com, like us on Facebook, and follow us on LinkedIn.

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