





PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019 ADMINISTRATION OFFICE 171 Belle Terre Boulevard - LaPlace, Louisiana

3:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDERCHAIRMAN ROBICHAUX ROLL CALL......CHAIRMAN ROBICHAUX PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCECOMMISSIONER SELLARS APPROVAL OF MINUTES......CHAIRMAN ROBICHAUX October 21, 2019 November 13, 2019 5. FINANCIAL REPORT.....TREASURER MURRAY October 31, 2019 DIRECTOR'S REPORT..... EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUCOIN NEW BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS A. Consider renewing risk management agreement with Eustis Insurance and Benefits, a Marsh & McClennan Agency, LLC Company B. Consider resolution declaring emergency – American Liberty ship incident C. Executive session to discuss real estate legal matters concerning the port COMMITTEES' REPORTS ADJOURNMENT

CALLED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II OF THE PSL BYLAWS





A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMISSION HELD AT THE PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019

ITEM 1-CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Paul Robichaux called the Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ITEM 2-ROLL CALL

Vickie Clark

Mr. Bazile

Mr. Bazile

Here.

Vickie Clark

Ms. Songy

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Here.

Vickie Clark

Mr. Murray

Mr. Murray

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Mr. Scontrino

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Mr. Hickerson

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Mr. Sellars

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Mr. Buckwalter

Mr. Buckwalter

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Vickie Clark

Mr. Roussel

Mr. Roussel

Here.

Vickie Clark

Mr. Robichaux Here.

Mr. Robichaux

ITEM 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Sellars led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 2019 AND **REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

A Motion was offered by Ms. Songy and seconded by Mr. Bazile that the Minutes from the Special Commission Meeting held on October 21, 2019 and Regular Meeting held on November 13, 2019 be approved.

Mr. Bazile, Ms. Songy, Mr. Scontrino, Mr. Hickerson,

Mr. Sellars, Mr. Buckwalter, Mr. Murray, Mr. Roussel

Mr. Robichaux

NAYS None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT None

ITEM 5. FINANCIAL REPORT- OCTOBER 21, 2019 AND NOVEMBER 13, 2019

Mr. Murray

The Financial Report is in your compendium. I think it is noteworthy to point out that our deficit is running about \$1,283,521dollars. That is largely due to the loss revenue at the grain elevator which when you take into consideration our revenue that we expect to recapture will not ... that deficit. We need to stay diligent and we need to continue to watch the expenses and make sure we stay in line with that. Right now, our expenses are running about \$150,000 below the anticipated expenditures at this point. We need to continue on....anybody has any guestions?

Mr. Roussel

Joey, it has to be for like of grain? There is no grain planted in the

upper part of our country that comes down here.

Mr. Aucoin

The redeeming fact is ADM is going to be making a claim for loss revenue and it will be based upon what they did in July of last year...the income they derived last year. We earned last year \$1.2

million....

Grant Faucheux

Through October the whole fiscal year is one million...

Mr. Aucoin

through October....they will file the claim and give us 12%

....regardless of the reason we are still within budget.

Mr. Roussel

I was talking to some people at Mosaic ...they shut down because

lack of fertilizer usage.

Mr. Aucoin

They are not planting crops in the Midwest.

A Motion was offered by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Scontrino that the October 31, 2019 Financial Report be approved, and that the payment of bills be ratified.

YEAS Mr. Bazile, Ms. Songy, Mr. Scontrino, Mr. Hickerson,

Mr. Sellars, Mr. Buckwalter, Mr. Murray, Mr. Roussel

Mr. Robichaux

NAYS None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT None

ITEM 6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Aucoin Globalplex Vessel/Barge/Truck Activity –General Cargo

Dock (Globalplex) -The Port received 2 vessels and 43 barges at our General Cargo Dock during the month of November Products handled were wetcake, rice and alumina pet coke.

Bulk Dock (Lafarge/Holcim)-There was no activity at the Bulk Dock.

Due to the early meeting date we do not have a report on vessel or barge count.

Truck Traffic at Globalplex -November, 2019-1,505 trucks

Security/Operations-On November 22nd Marine Ops received a VHF radio call from a river pilot asking them to check near the Gramercy bridge for a pleasure craft that was not responding to radio calls & came dangerously close to a southbound vessel. The Responder went to the area and contacted the sailboat traveling downriver. The sailboat crew was advised to tie up for the night & resume their journey in the morning due to the dangers of traveling at night without radar or a VHF. They complied and secured the sailboat for the night.

Globalplex Administration Building After Meyer Engineering's review of the test pile driving report, they recommended the test pile work be done again. We are waiting on the report from the test pile company.

Building 71 – (Holcim Lafarge) (Capital Outlay \$2.8M)Construction activities at the Building 71 site are ongoing including completion of metal wall and roof panel replacement. Structural repairs to the building frame columns at North and South side end walls are completed. Targeted date of completion is March, 2020.

General Cargo Dock Retrofitting Project & Crane Project (Port Priority- \$18.7M combined)_Advertising for these two projects was done during the month of October. A mandatory pre-bid conference was held on November 6th and the bid openings are scheduled for Monday, December 16th.

Building 11(Capital Outlay –\$700k) Construction continues at Building 11 (warehouse leased by CRC). Roof work is nearing completion. Demolition of the floor is still ongoing.

Building 76 Rail Improvement Project (Evoniks) The Port and Contractor are scheduled to have a pre-construction meeting next week. This project should be completed within 75 days from commencement.

SOLAPORT - St. Charles Rail Yard Project (Capital Outlay \$8.7M) The construction contract for the Railyard project has been signed by the Port and Barriere Construction. A pre-construction meeting will be held in the next week after which a Notice to Proceed will be issued to begin the construction phase of the project.

Port of South La Executive Regional Airport- Airport Statistics – November, 2019 Total number of aircraft take-off and landings: 668 Total Fuel sales revenues \$22,320

T-Hangar 10 Unit Project- We received the pre-built building last week for the T-Hangar project.

Runway Rehabilitation (FAA/LaDOTD - \$1.7M)-The runway rehabilitation project will require a full runway closure during the construction phase. We are expecting to begin this project in early 2020. Gerald Babin is coordinating with FAA as to when we can start this project.

Monthly Airport Fly-In The November fly-in was held on November 23rd. Our 2nd annual Gary Pecquet Fly Market is scheduled for December 14th from 11am – 2 pm. The events are open to the public so anyone with an interest in aviation and the airport is invited to attend.

Miscellaneous -Roy, Dale and I attended the monthly PAL Meeting held in Natchitoches, LA.

Brian represented the Port at the Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers seminar held in Baton Rouge on November 14th. He participated on a panel with representatives from Port of New Orleans & Port of Caddo-Bossier on the impact of the high river to our port and industry.

An in-house Port safety committee meeting was held November 21st.

The Port hosted the World Trade Center Board for their annual Strategy Session at the Guesthouse on November 18th.

I attended the River Parish Tourist Commission Board Meeting on November 21st.

The board for the Big River Coalition met on November 21st. This is the organization led by Sean Duffy assists our area with the importance of dredging the Mississippi River.

The World Trade Center held a seminar on Tariff Relief on Imports on November 22nd. I did attend.

Roy and I attended the World Trade Center Transportation Committee Meeting on December 2nd.

I also attended the South Central Planning Meeting in Houma on December 3.

That concludes my report. Any questions?

Mr. Robichaux I have one question on the Administration Building- the review of

the test piling report when you said the test piles will be done again

who picks up the cost for the second time?

Mr. Aucoin We are working on that right now ... Meyers is trying to determine whether

they did the test correctly the first time...one of the piles when in crooked.

Is that correct Dale?

Mr. HymelThe Port will pay the cost.

Mr. Murray One of the reaction piles struck something when it was going down and it

tilted to the side and hit an obstruction underneath and you can't rely upon

that to be a proper reaction pile so you have to have another...

Mr. Roussel Do we need to look underneath there? Shoot it., to see if the rest of the

piles....

Mr. Murray To spend that money to try and determine what it wasit is cheaper to

just drive another test pile.

Mr. Robichaux So, that is not to say when you do drive the rest of the piles.. you might

not have other issues...

Mr. Murray You may...when it does happenthat is why in the bid documents

you get a price to add additional piles should that happen...

ITEM 7. NEW BUSINESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robichaux Any public comments?

ITEM 7A. CONSIDER RENEWING RISK MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EUSTIS INSURANCE AND BENEFITS, A MARSH & MCLENNAN AGENCY LLC COMPANY

Item A. was tabled.

ITEM 7B. CONSIDER RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY-AMERICAN LIBERTY SHIP INCIDENT

Mr. Aucoin

The American Liberty Vessel struck several port owned structures earlier this year. Due to high river stages, the Port was unable to obtain a detailed report on the damages sustained on our properties. AECOM provided a preliminary assessment report that revealed two docks, walkways and dolphins are severely damaged; failure to repair these structures may cause irreparable harm to the structures, tenants and the Port. This resolution would declare the American Liberty Incident an emergency and authorizes the Port to determine which process to follow when obtaining bids/quotes for repairs to the structures. We will place an ad in our official journal within 10 days of declaring the emergency. I recommend approving this resolution.

We will have a nice Memo from AECOM stating the reasons why it should be declared an emergency as well.

- Mr. Scontrino Just a question. What does it allow us to do by declaring emergency?
- Mr. Aucoin It allows us to shorten the process, hiring the contractor bidding, putting an ad in the paper...we are even exploring the possibility to be able to design bid...that save a lot of money.
- Mr. Murray I assume that the documentation is going to be that the Engineers will document all of the repairs properly so that a claim can be made.
- Mr. Aucoin Yes, we had a meeting on this this morning with the attorney that is representing us and of course the insurance company will handle it.
- Mr. Roussel Does it stop us from bidding?
- Mr. Aucoin We wouldn't have to bid. We would interview 3,4 or 5design builders and pick one based onl am correct in our discussion this morning.
- Vickie Clark

 I wasn't in you all discussion this morning. It does allow for a shorter process. You can obtain quotes or what have you....like Mr. Murray said we need to keep detail documentation or like six (6)

years to show we followed some type of procedure that was fairly done. Everybody bid on the same thing. It is quicker ...

Mr. Murray

Just so everybody understands when you get out there and so an inspection and determine something needs to be done right now -our choices are: take the dock out of service which will cost more money. more delays and more charges adding up. This will allow us to have a contractor in place. We get immediate prices from two to three Contractors not go through the thirty day prices to determine who is the lowest bidder, qualified bidder and let them go to work immediately as oppose to having another dock shut down and face the losses we are looking at with these other ones – get the dock back in operation.

Mr. Aucoin

Poncho, when you do design build there are no change orders- you know

up front.

Mr. Roussel Just pay...

Mr. Aucoin

The plan is for the insurance company to deposit approximately three million dollars into an escrow account. It doesn't come through the Port. It is strictly from the insurance company to builder. It is not like we are using port money.

Mr. Robichaux

Three million doesn't sound like much.

Mr. Aucoin We probably will start with that three million and add to it as we go.

A Motion was offered by Ms. Songy and seconded by Mr. Buckwalter that a Resolution be passed declaring an emergency relative to the American Liberty Ship Incident.

YEAS

Mr. Bazile, Ms. Songy, Mr. Scontrino, Mr. Hickerson,

Mr. Sellars, Mr. Buckwalter, Mr. Murray, Mr. Roussel

Mr. Robichaux

NAYS

None

ABSTAIN

None

ABSENT

None

ITEM 7C. EXECUTIVE SESSSION TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE LEGAL MATTERS **CONCERNING THE PORT**

A Motion was offered by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Songy that the Commission exit Regular Session and go into Executive Session. Time: 3:18 p.m.

YEAS Mr. Bazile, Ms. Songy, Mr. Scontrino, Mr. Hickerson,

Mr. Sellars, Mr. Buckwalter, Mr. Murray, Mr. Roussel

Mr. Robichaux

NAYS None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT None

A Motion was offered by Mr. Murray and seconded Mr. Scontrino that the Commission exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Time: 4:07 p.m.

YEAS Mr. Bazile, Ms. Songy, Mr. Scontrino, Mr. Hickerson,

Mr. Sellars, Mr. Buckwalter, Mr. Murray, Mr. Roussel

Mr. Robichaux

NAYS None

ABSTAIN None

ABSENT None

Mr. Robichaux No action was taken.

ITEM 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Songy Next week we will have a Port Property Development Meeting. It

will be to discusswe found another location for the quarters for the marine people. In the meantime, something has come up ...someone is trying to sell a barge. We are getting all the

information together for you to determine what may be the best way

to go- advantages and disadvantages to both of them. We will have some numbers and that meeting will be Wednesday or

Thursday.

Mr. Roussel I have a comment. Our new office building ... I am in charge of the

Construction Committee ...when a man is in charge of a

Committee, he should know when something doesn't go right.

Mr. Robichaux I agree and understand.

Mr. Roussel

I did not know about the pilings.

Mr. Robichaux

I didn't know until I read the report and when I read it ...my opinion

was who is paying for the second round. Point well taken.

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

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

YEAS

Mr. Bazile, Ms. Songy, Mr. Scontrino, Mr. Hickerson,

Mr. Sellars, Mr. Buckwalter, Mr. Murray, Mr. Roussel

Mr. Robichaux

NAYS

None

ABSTAIN

None

ABSENT

None

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Stanley C. Bazile

Secretary

D. Paul Robichaux Chairman/President

January 8, 2019

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PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA PUBLIC NOTICE

RESOLUTION

Emergency Declaration - American Liberty Incident

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2019 several port owned structures were struck by the American Liberty Ship:

WHEREAS, due to the high river stages the Port was unable to obtain a report detailing the damage sustained at the properties

WHEREAS, a preliminary assessment has revealed that the structures which includes two (2) docks; walkways and dolphins are severely damaged and barely useable:

WHEREAS, failure to repair these structures expeditiously may cause irreparable harm to the structures, tenants and the Port;

WHEREAS, the Port desires to declare an emergency in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212-P.1(a).

WHEREAS, the Port desires to repair the structures and authorize the Executive Director in his discretion to determine which process to follow when obtaining bids/quotes for repairs to the structures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Port of South Louisiana Commission declares that an emergency exists and that the Executive Director in his discretion determine the process to be followed when obtaining bids/quotes for repairs to the structures.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yea</u>	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Robert Roussel	X			
D. Pául Robichaux	X			
Patrick Sellars	X			
Kelly Buckwalter	X			
Whitney Hickerso				
Joseph Scontrino,	III			
Stanley C. Bazile	X			
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Stanley C. Bazile Secretary

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