

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 15, Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 3:03 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 W. Beau Black
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

Sandy Sanders and Paul Matthews were present to represent the Port.

The Prayer was said and the Pledge was recited.

Agenda Item 6c, “A Resolution authorizing the Port Director, or his designee, to negotiate, sign, execute, and enforce the attached Lease Agreement between the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor & Terminal District and Plaquemines Parish Government” was deferred.

Agenda Item 6b, “An Ordinance authorizing the Executive Director, Maynard " Sandy" Sanders to negotiate and enter into and provide funding for an agreement with DAR, INC. (d/b/a Robin and Associates) to provide consulting, advisory, and lobbying services on behalf of the Port at the State level for legislative, administrative and regulatory issues, including Capital Outlay representation and other facilities of interest to the Port; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was withdrawn.

There being no items for Executive Session, Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 3, “Status Report by the Executive Port Director. Without objection, so ordered. The following was reported by Sandy Sanders:

- He has little to report that is not related to NDA agreements;
- Arrangements are being made for Port Way-Ahead meetings with board members for latter next week; and
- In light of inquiries at the last meeting regarding the artifacts found on the PLT site, which are presently being curated by UNO, a visit was arranged for members of the Board to visit. Commissioners Rousselle, LaFrance, Blink and Cognevich and Deputy Port Director made the visit.

Dr. Gray from UNO, Craig Meis with Tallgrass and Mr. Jay Prather with ELOS provided information regarding the handling of the artifact, more specifically the human remains found on the PLT site under “Update by Plaquemines Liquid Terminal regarding artifacts”. Dr. Gray made a statement on what he does as a curator. Commissioners LaFrance, Newberry, Cognevich and Blink asked questions regarding the process, the time frame, and if the bones were returned to the original site. There were also discussions about the Commissioners not being notified when the human remains were found and requests were made that in the future the Commissioners be notified immediately. Discussions continued with Commissioner LaFrance stressing the impact this had had on the descendants of the people buried in the cemetery. Mr. Meis stated he takes ownership of the miscommunications regarding this matter.

Commissioner Blink moved to agenda item 3b, “Financial Report/Budget to Actual”. Without objection, so ordered. Mrs. Williams stated that all Commissioners have been provided with a draft 2020 Total Budget Report and Detailed Budget Report with actual expenditures shown as of December 31, 2020. Due to technical software and server issues she provided the Board with a draft report for the year end 2020. Some edits will be made to the report she provided and she will email the final report upon completion. A full report will be provided at the next meeting.

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

1. A Resolution authorizing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District ("Plaquemines Port") to dispose of disused movable property. Specifically, to dispose of a 2012 Ford F-250 Utility truck, on an as-is, where-is basis and in accordance with Louisiana statutes governing the disposal of movable property owned by a political subdivision of the state; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER BLINK
2. A Resolution affirming support for continued efforts towards construction of a container terminal within the jurisdiction of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWBERRY
3. An Ordinance to amend, and as amended to approve, contract with Mercury Public Affairs; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWBERRY
4. An Ordinance to amend and as amended the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor & Terminal District 2020 Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER BLINK

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

There were no items listed under 6a, "Ordinances and Public Hearings pursuant to Article 6, Section 6.01E of the Parish Charter.

Commissioner Guey offered changes to the resolution and the attached contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-24

On motion of Commissioner Guey, seconded by Commissioner Black, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioners Rousselle, LaFrance Blink and Cognevich who voted "NO", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing and directing Maynard J. "Sandy" Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, to enter into an Employment Contract for services as Deputy Port Director between the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District (Port), and Paul Matthews; and otherwise, to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Council to enter into a contract for employment for services regarding work as Deputy Port Director for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District (Port) with Paul Matthews;

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 and directs Maynard J. "Sandy" Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into an Employment Contract for services as Deputy Port Director between the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District and Paul Matthews, as approved by the Plaquemines Parish Council, for a period of one year commencing May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby authorizes and directs Maynard J. "Sandy" Sanders,

Executive Director of the Port to sign the documents to enter into the contract by the close of business on April 30th, 2021.

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.

There being no matters under Agenda Item 7, "New Business", Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 8, "Approval of the Minutes". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-25

On motion of Commissioner Blink, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the January 14, 2021, regular Port Meeting, as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Parish officials and employees are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Rousselle, seconded by Commissioner Newberry and on roll call all members present voting "YES", the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary