

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, April 22, 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 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

Paul Matthews, and Chambrel Riley Williams were present to represent the Port.

The Prayer was said and the Pledge was recited.

There being no matters to address under Agenda Item 2, "Executive Session", Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 3 "Status Report by the Executive Port Director". Without objection, so ordered. Paul Matthews said that the River is high but there have been no reports from the River Pilot's Association. Other than the River being high there was nothing to report. Commissioner Rousselle asked for the Port to provide a report for the public at the next meeting on projects.

Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 3b, "Financial Report/Budget to Actual". Without objection, so ordered. Chambrel Riley Williams provided a 2021 Total Budget Report and Detailed Budget Report with Actual Expenditures shown as of March 31, 2021 to the Commissioners. The following estimated budget variances were provided: Total Revenue was at 91%; Total Financial Services was at 75% and Total Expenses was at 78%. Mrs. Williams stated revenues are under budget due to 15% of the Port's revenues consisting of VG Option Revenue which is not due until August. The Personal Services budget is 7% below budget, Financial Services are on budget and the total Operating expenses are 13% below budget. She said the entire Report can be found on the Port's website.

Commissioner Rousselle inquired as to if the 4% increase in Tariffs was due to the increased tariff rate or due to the traffic on the River and he was told by Mrs. Williams that it was probably due to both.

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 approving and authorizing Richie Blink, Port Chairman; Maynard J. Sanders, Port Executive Director; and Chambrel Riley-Williams, Port Director of Finance to execute a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire to Camnetar and Company, CPA's; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER BLINK
2. An Ordinance to amend and as amended the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor & Terminal District 2021 Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER BLINK
3. A Resolution authorizing Maynard J. "Sandy" Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to amend agreement with Mercury Public Affairs; 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”

There were no matters under 6a, “Ordinances and Public Hearings pursuant to Article 6, Section 6.01 E of the Plaquemines Parish Charter” and Item 6b, “A Resolution adopting new and updated policies of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District’s, specifically a Policy on Policies, Code of Ethics & Workplace Conduct, Procurement and Public Works Policy and Telecommuting Policy” was deferred.

There were no matters under Agenda Item 7, “New Business”; therefore, Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 8, “Approval of the Minutes”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-109

On motion of Commissioner Blink, seconded by Commissioner LaFrance, 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 April 8, 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 Ordinance and that Parish employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, 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 LaFrance and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, the meeting adjourned at 3: 16 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary