

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, held in the Belle Chasse Council Building Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioner Richie Blink, Chairman
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

ABSENT: Commissioner John L. Barthelemy, Jr.

Sandy Sanders and Paul Matthews were present representing the Port.

The Prayer was said and the Pledge was recited.

There being no matters to address under the following Agenda Item 2, "Executive Session", Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 3, "Status Report by the Executive Port Director"; however, Mr. Matthews asked that this item be temporarily passed over. Commissioner Blink agreed to move down the agenda.

There was no "Financial Report/Budget to Actual" or any "Bids and Advertisements", therefore, Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 5, "Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions". Without objection, so ordered. The following legislation was introduced:

1. An Ordinance authorizing Sandy Sanders, Executive Director of Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District to purchase land owned by Numa C. Hero & Son. COMMISSIONER BLINK
2. An Ordinance to amend, and as amended to approve, the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District 2021 Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER BLINK
3. A Resolution of the Plaquemines Parish Council, acting as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, authorizing and directing the initiation of litigation related to the proposed Belle Chasse Bridge Project; authorizing and directing the Port Chairman, Richie Blink, to engage special counsel for such litigation; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER LAFRANCE

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

There was no legislation under Item 6a.

Agenda Item 6b was temporarily passed over.

Commissioner Barthelemy joined the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Commissioner Blink called a recess at 3:09 p.m. and also resumed at 3:09 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-68

The following Ordinance was offered by Commissioner Blink who moved for its adoption:

An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District (“Port”) Executive Director, Maynard J. “Sandy” Sanders, to enter into a lease agreement for the letting of that certain Port property, as described in *en globo* Exhibit A, on a long-term basis, and to grant a pipeline servitude thereon to and to enter into a separate lease agreement for the letting of that certain Port property, as described in *en globo* Exhibit B, upon terms and conditions approved by the Plaquemines Parish Council as sole governing authority of Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District (the “Council”).

WHEREAS, the Port owns certain immovable property as described more fully at *en globo* Exhibit A (“Property A”), and Exhibit B (Property “B”), respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Council has expressed its desire to have the Port utilize property owned by the Port to induce industrial development in such a manner as to benefit the funding, development, and continued progress of the Port; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to authorize Executive Director Maynard “Sandy” Sanders to enter into a long term lease agreement at a minimum rental amount, and maximum term, as well as to grant a pipeline servitude thereon, with regards to Property A and to enter into a lease agreement at a rental amount, and maximum term with regards to Property B; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT, THAT:

SECTION 1

The Plaquemines Parish Council hereby authorizes the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District’s (“Port”) Executive Director, Maynard J. Sanders, to enter into lease agreements of those certain Port properties described in *en globo* Exhibit A, on a long-term basis, and another Port property, described in Exhibit B, on a shorter-term basis, having the following terms and conditions.

SECTION 2

The Executive Director may enter a lease of Property A with Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC, (the “Tenant”) for a rental amount of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) per acre, per year (and a CPI clause), payable monthly, and for a term of thirty (30) years, with four, ten (10) year, renewable options, and may grant a pipeline servitude, to Venture Global Gator Express, LLC, an affiliate of Tenant, with, at maximum, the same term as the lease.

SECTION 3

The Executive Director may enter a lease of Property B with the Tenant for a rental amount of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) per acre, per year, payable monthly, and for a term of up to five (5) years.

SECTION 4

The Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Ordinance and that Port employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

WHEREUPON, in open session the above Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Council Member Rousselle seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Council Members John L. Barthelemy, Jr., W. Beau Black, Corey Arbourgh, Stuart J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr., Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: None

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 8th day of July, 2021.

Agenda Item 6b, “A Resolution authorizing Maynard J. “Sandy” Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to execute an agreement with Sustainability Partners; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was deferred.

Commissioner Blink reverted back to Agenda Item 3, “Status Report by the Executive Port Director”. Without objection, so ordered. Sandy Sanders reported the following:

- There are two items for introduction at today’s meeting; and
- He is asking the Board to vote for two items which are on today’s agenda.

Agenda item 6d, “An Ordinance authorizing Sandy Sanders, Executive Director of Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District to purchase land owned by Raynold Thompson” was offered by Commissioner Blink, seconded by Commissioner Guey, a discussion was held and then the matter was deferred.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-186

On motion of Commissioner LaFrance, 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 June 24, 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 Port employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Cognevich, seconded by Commissioner LaFrance and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, the meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

For a full transcript of discussions and presentations a video of this meeting is available for viewing on the Parish website www.plaqueminesparish.com or on YouTube.