

Minutes of a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, held via the internet on the Zoom platform and streamed live on YouTube Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 5:03 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, Paul Matthews, Christie Nielsen, Chambrel Riley and Donald Durr were present to represent the Port.

The Prayer said and the Pledge was recited.

The following items were deferred:

- 6b, “An Ordinance of the Plaquemines Parish Council acting as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District to authorize and direct the purchase of the Popich Building from Plaquemines Parish Government; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was offered by Commissioner Black and seconded by Commissioner Guey for discussion only. A discussion was held and then the matter was deferred;
- 6c, “ A Resolution authorizing Maynard “Sandy” Sanders, as Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District, to extend the agreement with Trident Holdings, Inc., for the implementation of the Port’s Master Plan; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”; and
- 6i, “A Resolution authorizing Maynard J. “Sandy” Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into an agreement for Business Consulting services focusing on the Port’s Procurement Policy with _____ for the improvement and possible development of a new policy; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto” was offered by Commissioner Blink and seconded by Commissioner Arbourgh. A discussion was held and then the matter was deferred.

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

- A meeting was held with the Rio Grande Railroad and the New Orleans & Gulf Coast Railroad regarding the first stage grant in the amount of \$18,000,000 of which \$9,000,000 will be used for existing repairs on the current line in Westwego. Then a \$350,000,000 grant will be used to move the line out of Gretna and around the Naval Air Station;
- The Port staff continues to meet virtually once a week while coming into the office on an as needed basis. General Sanders commended his staff on jobs well done; and
- The rescue boats continue to be fully staffed. Also, there was an Administrative error with the computer in the Port Conference room so they quickly switched to a laptop in order to join the meeting.

Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 3a, “Finance Report/Budget to Actual”. Without objection, so ordered. Chambrel Riley stated that the Commissioners received the 2020 Total Budget and Budget Performance reports as of May 13th. The General budget total expenditures were below the budgeted amount. The Rescue Boat budget remained on point with the budgeted amount. There was a 10% increase in invoicing in March 2020 as compared to March 2019; however, there was a decrease in April 2020 compared to March 2020 which she attributes to COVID-19. Extra measures will be implemented for 100% reporting status from Port customers. The 2020 Port Security Grant projects have kicked-off with bids being received for cyber security, camera upgrades and GIS implementation.

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

1. A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director, Maynard "Sandy" Sanders to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Mercury Public Affairs to provide consulting, advisory, and lobbying services regarding Port representation at the Federal level; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER NEWBERRY
2. A Resolution authorizing the Port Executive Director, Maynard J. Sanders, for and on behalf of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to name and accept the proposal of the Plaquemines Gazette, as the Official Journal for the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER BLINK
3. An Ordinance authorizing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District (the Port), to accept funds from Port Security Grant Program #EMW-2019-PU-00030 for MSOC Security Systems, Surveillance Cameras, GIS Acquisition & Implementation and Security equipment; and otherwise to provide 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 under 6a.

At the request of Commissioner Black, Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item Under 7b, "Presentation and discussion by Director Todd Eppley regarding parish owned real property, specifically the Popich Building. Commissioner Black gave the floor to Mr. Eppley to make a presentation. He provided a spreadsheet containing figures based on information from commercial real estate professional for the rental of the 2nd floor of the Popich Building based on both \$12.00 and \$10.00 a square foot. Discussions were had regarding the possible rental income versus the monthly expenses for insurance, power, cleaning, etc. Commissioner Black spoke regarding the Parish's need for cash and the possible benefits of selling the building due to the risk of renting and still coming up with a deficit. The time frame on moving the 911 center from the Popich Building to the Government Complex was discussed and that would be about a year away according to President Lepine.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-35

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

An Ordinance authorizing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District (the Port), to accept funds from Port Security Grant Program #EMW-2018-PU-00023 for Cyber Security Hardware/Software Systems upgrades, maintenance, implementation, and Security equipment; and otherwise to provide respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Port has a statutory mandate to promote the safety and security of the river, river-front, docks, wharves, navigable waterways, vessels adjacent to or away from docks and wharves, as well as the banks, battures and contiguous and adjacent area affected by port, harbor, terminal, water and marine activities within the Port's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Port has applied for and been awarded Port Security Grant Program Funds for a total project cost of \$569,750.00; and

WHEREAS, Port Security Grant Program funds in the amount of \$427,313.00 representing 75% Federal Funding available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Port is required to contribute a 25% cost match in the amount of \$142,437.00;

NOW, THEREFORE:

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

SECTION 1

The Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District is hereby authorized to accept Port Security Grant Program funds in the amount of \$427,313.00 from Grant #EMW-2018-PU-00023.

SECTION 2

The Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District acting through the Port Executive Director, is hereby authorized to proceed with signing any and all documents necessary to carry out the completion of this project.

SECTION 3

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.

Council Member Arbourgh seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

YEAS: Commissioners John L. Barthelemy, Jr., Corey Arbourgh, Start J. Guey, Benedict Rousselle, Trudy Newberry, Carlton M. LaFrance, Richie Blink and Mark Cognevich

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Commissioner W. Beau Black

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING: NONE

And the Ordinance was adopted on this the 14th day of May, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-113

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

A Resolution to amend and as amended readopt Resolution No. 19-251, dated September 26, 2019, with regards to the agreement with Coastal Engineering Solutions, LLC., relevant to the engineering services needed for the Beneficial Use of Dredge Material (BUDMAT) project to dredge Tiger Pass; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District has need of certain engineering services with regards to the dredging of Tiger Pass to improve navigation in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to implement the Port's development objectives, specifically with regards to contracting for professional engineering services regarding marsh creation and restoration of the federal navigation of Mississippi River Outlets utilizing the deposition of dredged material for this project;

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 Maynard J. "Sandy" Sanders, Executive Director of

the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into the Professional Services Agreement with Coastal Engineering Solutions, LLC., to provide engineering services for the specific purpose of design agreement regarding BUDMAT (Beneficial Use of Dredge Materials) Tiger Pass dredging project in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-114

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

A Resolution authorizing Maynard J. "Sandy" Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Fortmayer Bush Hog & Demolition Service LLC., for Fencing of Port Property; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District has advertised for bids for fencing the property owned by the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District); and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, sealed bids were opened and Fortmayer Bush Hog & Demolition Service, LLC., was the low bidder for this service; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into a professional services contract with Fortmayer Bush Hog & Demolition Services, LLC., for the fencing project of the Port property;

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 Maynard J. "Sandy" Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into the Professional Services Agreement with Fortmayer Bush Hog & Demolition Services, LLC., for the specific purpose of Fencing the Port owned property for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-115

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

A Resolution authorizing Maynard J. "Sandy" Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Intelligent Transportation Services, LLC., (ITS) for IT Operations and Maintenance Services for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District has advertised for bids for

Hardware/Software Systems Upgrades; Maintenance and Cybersecurity Implementation, MSOC Security Systems Maintenance, Upgrades and Vulnerabilities Assessments for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, sealed bids were opened and ITS was the only bidder for these services; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to implement the Port's IT Operations and Maintenance objectives, specifically with regards to contracting for professional IT services with ITS;

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 Maynard J. "Sandy" Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into the Professional Services Agreement with Intelligent Transportation Services, LLC., for the specific purpose of Hardware/Software Systems Upgrades; Maintenance and Cybersecurity Implementation, MSOC Security Systems Maintenance, Upgrades and Vulnerabilities Assessment for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-116

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

A Resolution authorizing Maynard J. "Sandy" Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Intelligent Transportation Services, LLC., (ITS) for Surveillance Cameras for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District has advertised for bids for Additional Surveillance Cameras and Port-Dedicated Wireless Backhaul Network for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, sealed bids were opened and ITS was the only bidder for these services; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Plaquemines Parish Council, as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to implement the Port's IT Surveillance Cameras and Security objectives, specifically with regards to contracting for these professional services with ITS;

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 Maynard J. "Sandy" Sanders, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District to enter into the Professional Services Agreement with Intelligent Transportation Services, LLC., (ITS) for the specific purpose of Additional Surveillance Cameras and Port-Dedicated Wireless Backhaul Network for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District;

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.

Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 7, "New Business"; however, there were no items for suspension under 7a.

Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 8, "Approval of the Minutes". Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-117

On motion of Commissioner Blink, seconded by Commissioner Rousselle, 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 23, 2020, Regular Port Meeting, as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Rousselle, seconded by Commissioner Blink and on roll call all members present and voting "Yes", the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary