## "PUBLIC NOTICE"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Council as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District will be held at the Belle Chasse Council Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse Louisiana, and live streamed on YouTube on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., or immediately following the Plaquemines Parish Council Meeting as per the Agenda for a meeting of Thursday, May 8, 2025, attached.

Plaquemines Parish Council as the Sole Governing Authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District

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## AGENDA FOR THE MAY 8, 2025, MEETING OF THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT, 3:00 P.M. OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, BELLE CHASSE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 333 F. EDWARD HEBERT BLVD., BLDG. 203, BELLE CHASSE, LOUISIANA ALSO STREAMED LIVE ON YOUTUBE

- 1. Roll Call, Prayer, and Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Executive Session
  - a. Executive Session pursuant to LRS 42:17(A)(2) or the purpose of receiving attorney-client privileged information regarding potential litigation involving Donnie Sexton-The Kullman Firm. (DEFERRED & CARRIED OVER FROM 4-24-25) COMMISSIONER SCHULZ
- 3. Status Report by the Executive Port Director
  - a. Financial Report/Budget to Actual
- 4. Bids and Advertisements
- 5. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
- 6. Ordinances and Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage:
  - a. Ordinances and Public Hearings pursuant to Article 6, Section 6.01 E of the Plaquemines Parish Charter:
  - b. A Resolution adopting the quarterly updates and additions to the Policies and Procedures for Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District (the Port); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. (DEFERRED & CARRIED OVER FROM 3-27-25, 4-10-25, 4-24-25) COMMISSIONER SCHULZ

Digest: The Port seeks to adopt amendments and changes to Port approved policies. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.* 

c. A Resolution authorizing and directing the Port's Executive Director, Charles Tillotson, to enter into and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District (Port) and Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) to coordinate grant funding and project management of the Walker Road Bridge project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. (DEFERRED & CARRIED OVER FROM 4-10-25, 4-24-25) COMMISSIONER SCHULZ

DIGEST: The purpose of the CEA is for the Port and LADOTD to coordinate project management and grant funding for the Walker Road Bridge project. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.* 

d. A Resolution adopting revisions to the Port's Civil Service Employee Handbook for the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port's Policies and Procedures; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER SCHULZ

DIGEST: Since the separation of the Port from the Parish Government, some of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations are not in alignment with the duties and workflow of the Port. This handbook does not circumvent the Civil Service Rules but complies with them. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

e. A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director of the Port, Charles D. Tillotson to enter into and execute an agreement between Venable, LLP and Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port ("the Port") to review the Infinity Engineering Consultants ("IEC") design of the rail extension on behalf of Surface Transportation Board (STB) to the proposed Plaquemines 11-Mile Rail Extension; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER SCHULZ

DIGEST: Authorization to enter into an agreement with Venable, LLP to review the Infinity Engineering Consultants' design of the rail extension on behalf of the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to the proposed Plaquemines 11-Mile Rail Extension. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual Resolution.* 

f. A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director of the Port, Charles D. Tillotson to enter into and execute an Independent NEPA Review between Freese and Nichols, Inc. ("FNI") and Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port ("the Port") to review the Infinity Engineering Consultants' ("IEC") design of the rail extension on behalf of the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to the proposed Plaquemines 11-Mile Rail Extension; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER SCHULZ

DIGEST: Authorization to enter into and execute an Independent NEPA Review between FNI to review the Infinity Engineering Consultants' design of the rail extension on behalf of the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to the proposed Plaquemines 11-Mile Rail Extension. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual Resolution.* 

g. An Ordinance to authorize Executive Director, Charles D. Tillotson, of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port to award a contract for the removal and replacement of the Port's administration building roof and to amend the 2025 Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District Capital Improvement Budget; and otherwise to provide respect thereto. COMMISSIONER SCHULZ

DIGEST: The Port must remove and replace the roof of its administration building to preserve and extend the life of the building. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual Ordinance*.

h. A Resolution to authorize the signatories on all Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District ("The Port") bank accounts at Regions Bank; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER SCHULZ

DIGEST: The Port needs to update the signatories on all Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District accounts at Regions Bank and remove personnel no longer employed by The Port. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.* 

i. A Resolution to authorize the signatories on all Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District ("The Port") bank accounts at Hancock Whitney bank; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER SCHULZ

DIGEST: The Port needs to update the signatories on all Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District accounts at Hancock Whitney bank and remove personnel no longer employed by The Port. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

j. A Resolution to adopt a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port and Plaquemines Parish Government for the purpose economic development collaboration; and authorizing Port Executive Director, Charles D. Tillotson, to enter into a CEA Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port and Plaquemines Parish Government for the purpose economic development collaboration; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER SCHULZ

DIGEST: Authorization to adopt and enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port and Plaquemines Parish Government for the purpose of economic development collaboration. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual Resolution.

k. An Ordinance to reclassify the \$50,000 increase in the contract amount which was approved with Ordinance 25-56 from Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District Fund, 2025 Operating Expenditure Budget, line-item Professional Services - General; to the 2025 Five-year Capital Improvement Budget – Economic Impact Analysis where the project; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER SCHULZ

DIGEST: Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District received approval of the \$50,000 increase, it was requested from the Operating Expenditure Budget but should have been to the Five -year Capital Improvements Budget – Economic Impact Analysis. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.* 

 An Ordinance to amend the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District d/b/a Louisiana Gateway Port (LGP) 2025 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure Budget for the unclassified position of Director of Communications; and otherwise provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER SCHULZ

DIGEST: With the increase in Port development activity, it has become necessary to expand the responsibilities and terms of the employment contract for the position of Director of Communications, created in Ordinance No. 23-68. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

m. A Resolution authorizing the Port Director to petition and file an application for a map change pursuant to and in conformity with the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to rezone those certain properties located in Point Celeste Farms Subdivision, Phase I, identified as Lots 18-26 (currently owned by a third party), 27-29 (currently owned by a third party), and 30 (currently owned by a third party), and additionally, Tract A (currently owned by a third party) from Flood Plain (FP) District to Heavy Industrial (I-3) District; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER SCHULZ

DIGEST: Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District is rezoning Lots 18-26 (currently owned by a third party), 27-29 (currently owned by a third party), 30 (currently owned by a third party), and Tract A (currently owned by a third party) from Flood Plain (FP) District to Heavy Industrial (I-3) District. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

n. A Resolution authorizing and directing the Executive Port Director, Charles D. Tillotson, or his designee, to prepare and send mailouts to inform Plaquemines Parish residents and businesses of the Port's progress and work being on a yearly or twice a year basis; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER LAFRANCE

DIGEST: This Resolution would provide the residents and business in Plaquemines Parish with information regarding the work being done and the progress made by the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.* 

o. An Ordinance to amend the 2025 Manpower Structure and Operating Expenditure budget for the reallocation of positions within the Ferry and Rescue Boat Departments and otherwise to provide with respect thereto. COMMISSIONER SCHULZ

Digest: The Port has worked with Civil Service to reallocate all licensed vessel employees to attract and retain talent. The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.

## 7. New Business

- a) Introduction of Resolutions wherein suspension is being sought:
- 8. Approval of the minutes from the April 24, 2025, regular meeting.