

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, September 10, 2020, at 5:00 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 Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.
Commissioner Mark Cognevich

Kim M. Toups, Secretary

ABSENT: Commissioner Trudy Newberry

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

The Prayer said and the Pledge was recited.

The following items were deferred:

- “Discussion and update on Executive Calendar” listed under the Port Director’s Update; and
- 6b, “An Ordinance to amend and as amended re-adopt Rule 1 in Chapter I of Section 2-18 of the Code of Ordinances for Plaquemines Parish relative to the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District; to rescind, annul and set-aside Ordinance No. 19-150; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto”.

At the request of Paul Matthews, Commissioner Blink moved to Agenda Item 3, “Status report by the Executive Port Director”. Without objection, so ordered. There were no items to report; however, presentations regarding the Inland Port Network were made. Participating in the presentation were Gordon Hikel, Dallas Assistant County Administrator, Sal Litrico, CFO of PACT and a member of American Patriot Holdings Executive Management Team, Mary Lamie, Executive Vice-President of Multi-Modal Enterprises and Randy Richardson, Executive Director of Memphis and Shelby County Port Commission.

There being no report under 3b, “Financial Report/Budget to Actual” and 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 Executive Director, Maynard " Sandy" Sanders to engage with Woodland Burrow Pits LLC for the acquisition of a particular tract of land, as described below.
COMMISSIONER NEWBERRY
2. A Resolution of the Plaquemines Parish Council, acting as the sole governing authority of the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, authorizing Port Executive Director Maynard Sanders to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) by and between the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District and Plaquemines Parish Government to accomplish the goals set forth in this Resolution; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.
COMMISSIONER NEWBERRY

Commissioner Blink reverted back to Agenda Item 2, “Executive Session”. Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-200

On motion of Commissioner Rousselle, seconded by Commissioner Blink, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioner Newberry who was “ABSENT”, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby resolves itself into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. for the purpose of hearing a report and recommendations and strategy advice for the management of litigation from its attorney concerning: Executive Session pursuant to LRS 42:17(A)(10) to receive attorney-client privileged information with regard to the legal standing of the Port in matters pertaining to the proposed Belle Chasse Bridge Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby came out of Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. with no final or binding action taken.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-201

On motion of Commissioner LaFrance, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioners Black and Newberry who were "ABSENT" the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL THAT it hereby approves the minutes of the August 13, 2020, Port Meeting, as recorded by the Secretary of this Council.

Commissioner Black left the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

A recess was taken at 6:39 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 6:42 p.m.

Commissioner Blink reverted back to Agenda Item 6c which was offered with changes.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-202

On motion of Commissioner Rousselle, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Commissioners Black and Newberry who were "ABSENT" the following Resolution was adopted:

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 Port Chairman, Richie Blink to engage special counsel; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development, has entered into a contract with a private company, Plenary Infrastructure Belle Chasse, LLC, for the removal of the existing Belle Chasse Bridge and Tunnel, the construction of a new Belle Chasse Bridge, and the operation of the new Belle Chasse Bridge, also known as the State Project H.004791; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT, Richie Blink is authorized and directed to enter into a contract for legal services with Dannie P. Garrett, III, Attorney at Law, LLC, to represent the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District related to the proposed Belle Chasse Bridge project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR AND 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 reverted back to Agenda Item 5, "Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions". Without objection, so ordered. The following items were introduced:

1. 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 ROUSSELLE

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Barthelemy, seconded by Commissioner Cognevich and on roll call all members present voting "YES" except Commissioners Black, Arbourgh, Newberry who were "ABSENT", the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary