

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 Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Thursday, December 26, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioner Brian Champagne, Chairman
Commissioner Tyronne Edwards
Commissioner Chris Schulz
Commissioner Stuart J. Guey, Jr.
Commissioner Patricia L. McCarty
Commissioner Ronnie Newsom

ABSENT: Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.
Commissioner Mitch Jurisich
Commissioner Mark Cognevich

Crystal Flood, Assistant Secretary

Charles Tillotson, Jalen Brown, Angelina Vicknair and Celeste Berger were present representing the Port.

The Prayer and Pledge was dispensed with.

Commissioner Champagne moved to suspend the rules. The Resolution up for suspension was "A Resolution authorizing Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District, to enter into service agreements for the United State Coast Guard (USCG) mandated repairs to the M/V Belle Chasse II and M/V Pride vessels in order to resume operations, and otherwise to provide respect thereto. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCarty, and on roll call, all members present voting "YES", except Commissioners LaFrance, Jurisich, and Cognevich who were "ABSENT".

RESOLUTION NO. 24-358

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

A Resolution authorizing Charles D. Tillotson, Executive Director of the Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District, to enter into service agreements for the United State Coast Guard (USCG) mandated repairs to the M/V Belle Chasse II and M/V Pride vessels in order to resume operations, and otherwise to provide respect thereto.

DIGEST: Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District requires work to be done on M/V Belle Chasse II and M/V Pride ferryboats in order to repair them to operational standards and enhance their efficiency. The M/V Belle Chasse II has metalwork that needs to be repaired on its second deck and the M/V Pride has additional items to be repaired that fall outside of USCG minimum standards. *The digest is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the language of the actual ordinance or resolution.*

WHEREAS, the Port has received quotes to perform metal work on the M/V Beel Chasse II's second deck to bring it back to USCG's mandated operational standards; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the repair is \$150,000 with a contingency added in and the funds are in the FY25 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Port has received quotes for the M/V Pride's engines, generators, and clutches in order to address issues not covered in its annual drydock services; and

WHEREAS, the additional services for the M/V Pride will surpass the minimum drydock standards set by the USCG; and

WHEREAS, the costs of the additional services for the M/V Pride are \$304,105.52 for overhauling the engines, \$66,788.52 for overhauling the generator engines, \$115,384.88 for overhauling the clutches totaling \$486,278.92; and

WHEREAS, the Port has Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 funds to assist in covering the costs of all ferryboat repairs;

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 Charles D. Tillotson to enter into service agreements for the United State Coast Guard (USCG) mandated repairs to the M/V Belle Chasse II and M/V Pride vessels in order to resume operations.

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.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on motion Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Newsom, and on roll call all members present voting “YES, except Commissioner Edwards who voted “NO”, and Commissioners LaFrance, Jurisich and Cognevich who were “ABSENT”, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Chairman

Assistant 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.