

Vinton, Louisiana  
June 13, 2023

The President and Board of Commissioners of the Vinton Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 1203 Horridge Street, Vinton, Louisiana, at 6:00 P.M. after full compliance with all requirements as to notice and otherwise in respect to convening of said meeting with the following members present:

Jerry Merchant, President  
Haley Bellard, Commissioner  
Charles Broussard, Commissioner  
Steven L. Jennings, Commissioner  
Alexis Morrow, Commissioner

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Lee Lancon, Engineer and David Bruchhaus, Attorney

President Merchant called the meeting to order. Commissioner Morrow led in prayer and then followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Commissioner Bellard that minutes of prior meeting, copies of which were mailed to each commissioner be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morrow and carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Bellard that the following Resolution be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Vinton Harbor & Terminal District:

#### MILLAGE

**Maintenance**

**2.350 mills**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Commissioners Bellard, Broussard, Jennings, Merchant & Morrow

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

#### CERTIFICATE

**I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on June 13, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.**

Vinton, Louisiana, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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Mary O. Vice, Secretary – Vinton Harbor & Terminal District

Bills for the month were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Bellard, seconded by Commissioner Broussard and carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jennings and seconded by Commissioner Broussard that the financial statements for May 31, 2023, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MONTH ENDING May 31, 2023	
BALANCE FORWARD	\$639,192.14
RECIPTS:	\$ 13,696.23
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 5810.41
BALANCE AS OF 05/31/2023	\$647,077.96

President Merchant discussed an issue with Dunham Price regarding a violation of their lease by making changes to the property over \$10,000.00 without notifying the district.

Eric Hebert and Todd Louviere representing Dunham Price reported to the board that they were unaware of the contract requirement to report changes to the property over \$10,000.00 to the district. The explained that they are doing some soil stabilization on a 200 X 200 section of the leased property to assist in the loading of their pilings.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Bellard to have the attorney draw up an amendment to the current Dunham Price lease that would allow for soil stabilization on 200 X 200 up to one acre of currently leased property, as discussed, subject to attorney modifications and negotiations to modify the current contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broussard and carried.

President Merchant also updated the board on a piece of property that Dunham Price has been using where the lease with them had expired 13 years ago.

After a lengthy discussion with the Dunham Price representatives, it was moved by Commissioner Broussard to accept \$15,600.00 as payment for the use of the property for the past 13 years and give Dunham Price 30 days to remove the debris from the property and replace the fencing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jennings and carried.

President Merchant also discussed with the board the following items:

- \*Possibly increasing insurance coverage on the port's building. (PBC)
- \*Venture Global update
- \*President and Board Compensation. SB 15 passed the Legislature and was signed by the Governor on June 1, 2023.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Bellard to increase per diem for the board to \$140,00/month and \$1,000.00/month for the board president effective August 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broussard and carried.

Lee Lancon, Engineer gave the monthly Engineer's report.

David Bruchhaus, Attorney updated the governing authority on pending legal issues.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Authority, it was moved by Commissioner Morrow that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bellard and carried.

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Jerry Merchant, President

Attest:

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Mary O. Vice, Clerk