

Vinton, Louisiana
July 9, 2024

The President and Board of Commissioners of the Vinton Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 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: David Bruchhaus, Attorney and Lee Lancon, Engineer

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

It was moved by Commissioner Broussard 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.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Bellard and seconded by Commissioner Jennings that the financial statements for June 30, 2024, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MONTH ENDING June 30, 2024	
BALANCE FORWARD	\$709,794.08
RECIEPTS:	\$ 7,923.77
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 7,884.31
BALANCE AS OF 05/31/2024	\$709,833.54

Jerry Merchant, President gave the monthly President's report. He advised the governing authority that the PBC building was under-insured and needed an upgrade in coverage.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Bellard to approve the increased insurance coverage of the PBC building and the increased premium for said additional coverage. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morrow and carried.

Lee Lancon, Engineer gave the monthly Engineer's report. He discussed the District applying for a Port Priority Grant to construct a new Barge Loading/Unloading Berth on the Vinton Navigational Channel and a Dredging Project. He also discussed sending a letter to Merrick accepting the work associated with the Pond as complete.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Bellard to authorize the President and Engineer to move forward with the Port Priority Grant Application as discussed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broussard and carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jennings, seconded by Commissioner Morrow that upon the recommendation of the Engineer that a letter be sent to Merrick accepting the work associated with the pond as complete. Motion carried.

Attorney David Bruchhaus updated the governing authority on pending legal matters.

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

Jerry Merchant, President

Attest:

Mary O. Vice, Clerk