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Special Board Meeting
to Receive Public Comments Regarding Port Expansion
Regional Commerce Center, Steering Room
6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, LA 71115
June 16, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

President Commissioner Gregorio called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m. in the Steering Room of the Regional Commerce Center, 6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, LA and said we're here for the Special Board Meeting to Receive Public Comments Regarding Port Expansion. Thank you for coming and welcome.

Commissioner Griggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Gregorio called on Mr. England for roll call: Sam N. Gregorio, Roy Griggs, Erica R. Bryant, James D. Hall, James L. Pannell and Steve Watkins. A quorum was present. Absent: Rick C. Prescott, Lynn Austin and Capt. Thomas F. Murphy.

Commissioner Gregorio said they had asked Judge Steve Callaway to be a facilitator for the public comments portion of the meeting and that will allow the Commission to focus in on their comments, receive and hear them without any administrative duties and distractions. As we begin, we will first offer some comments by some commissioners who expressed a desire to speak. Commissioner Pannell.

Commissioner Pannell said for the public my name is James Pannell. I'm a member of the Port Commission. And I know a lot of people here have a lot of issues and concerns and from my standpoint, I would just like to clear up a couple of them. I understood that the structure of our regular meeting was not conducive to respond solely to one issue, so I asked for this meeting. I appreciate my commissioners agreeing to have this meeting. As far as the time was concerned, I would like to state up front that in addition to our service to the Port Commission, most of our commissioners have full-time jobs and we serve the Port without pay. For that reason and that reason alone was for asking for this meeting to be at this time. And furthermore the intent of this meeting is to begin a productive dialogue between the Port and its neighbors. It is our intent to listen and hope that we can move this discussion forward. This meeting we understand will probably not resolve any or many of your issues; but again, this meeting is meant to help move a productive dialogue forward. The Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission's mission is to create jobs, increase investments and expand commerce throughout the two parishes. It is our intent to do so but in an orderly fashion. Therefore productive comments that we receive today will certainly help in that process. Thank you.

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MEMBERS: Sam N. Gregorio, President; Rick C. Prescott, Vice President; Roy Griggs, Secretary-Treasurer
Lynn Austin; Erica R. Bryant; James D. Hall; Capt. Thomas F. Murphy; James L. Pannell; Steve Watkins

Commissioner Gregorio asked if there was anybody else that wished to speak and called on Commissioner Bryant.

She said she would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for participating— all citizens for participating in this process today and thank you for all previous communications that you've provided to this Board. I want to assure you that as a representative appointed by Caddo Parish I will not make any decision regarding Port expansion without adequate citizen participation so that I can understand the impact to all involved. I'm committed to involving, informing, engaging all citizens in any decision related to Port expansion. I desire to have sustainable development and smart growth while protecting the resources including homes. I know that we must balance the interest of property owners with those interests of the Port and I'm committed to that. Thank you for your time today. Thank you for hearing me and I look forward to hearing you.

Commissioner Gregorio asked if any other commissioners wished to speak. Hearing none, he said we'll go to the Public Comments portion regarding the Port expansion and we'll ask Judge Steve Callaway to come on up and to facilitate us in those public comments.

Judge Callaway (Ret.) gave a brief introduction of himself and then gave instructions regarding the way the public comments portion would be conducted.

Judge Callaway recognized Gloria Raines who came to the mic and voiced her concerns regarding the meeting and the way it was set up.

Judge Callaway said I understand your expressed concern and gave an explanation of why the meeting was set up this way.

Public comments were received from: 1) Kate Bethard, 2000 Pepper Ridge, Shreveport 71115. Concerns: transparency on building, property values, water, buying land at top dollar and expropriating the land. 2) John Atkins, 11010 Chenier Pt., Shreveport, 71106, Parish Commissioner, District 9. Concerns of District 9: Impact of expansion with respect to health, safety and property values; limit expansion to sparsely populated areas south of town and east of Hwy. 1, smart and safe growth and maintaining property values of existing homeowners. 3) Joe Johnson, 10166 Harts Island Road, Shreveport, 71115. Concerns: citizens' treatment, land purchase of Cupples tract and zoning, Port's website, purchase of future lands, abandon tracts C&E, RFI. 4) Richard Pool, 2025 Pepper Ridge, Shreveport, 71115. Concerns: Port implies water not industrial park, goods sent in and out, tax renewal, zoning, Bossier side of the

River and south. 5) Melba Shaw, 1750 Leonard Road, Shreveport, 71115. Concerns: history of her land. 6) Steven Lenert, 1779 Robson Rd, Shreveport, 71115. Concerns: echo of Johnson and Pool, the 3132 Ext. 7) Commissioner Mike Middleton, Parish Commissioner, District 8, 517 Wayne Drive, Shreveport, 71105. Concerns: Ellerbe Church citizens' meeting, expanding west of Hwy 1, authorized resolution to support tax renewal but voted no for the tax to help people in this community, use corridor between Hwy 1 and US 71, stay on east side of Hwy 1.

Judge Callaway asked if any of the commissioners had any questions of each citizen who spoke.

Commissioner Gregorio adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roy Griggs
Secretary-Treasurer

July 2016 Meeting Notices!!

4:30 p.m., July 21, 2016 Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Board Room

11:00 a.m., July 11, 2016 M/WBE Committee Meeting, Board Room

12:00 Noon, July 11, 2016 Marketing & Operations Committee Meetings, Board Room

12:45 p.m., July 11, 2016 Finance Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room

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