

Minutes of a special meeting of the Plaquemines Parish Port, Harbor and Terminal District being held in the Belle Chasse Council Chambers, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Bldg. 203, Belle Chasse, Louisiana on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 5:03 p.m. pursuant to notice to all members with a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioner Ronnie Newsom, Chairman
Commissioner Brian Champagne
Commissioner Chris Schulz
Commissioner Stuart J. Guey
Commissioner Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.
Commissioner Mitch Jurisich
Commissioner Mark Cognevich

ABSENT: Commissioner Tyronne Edwards
Commissioner Patricia McCarty

Kim M. Toups, Secretary
Crystal Flood, Assistant Secretary

Commissioner Newsom moved to Agenda Item 2, “Ordinances and resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage” Without objection, so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-239

On motion of Commissioner Newsom, seconded by Commissioner Guey, and on roll call all members present and voting “YES”, except Commissioners Edwards and McCarty who were “ABSENT” & Commissioners LaFrance and Cognevich who voted “NO”, the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District Chairman (“Port Chairman”) to enter into an Employment Contract with James Ethridge for services as Port Executive Director; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Council to enter into a contract for services regarding work as Port Executive Director for the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District with James Ethridge.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby authorizes and directs the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District Chairman (“Port Chairman”) to enter into an Employment Contract with James Ethridge for services as Port Executive Director, by signing the Employment Contract, as approved by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it authorizes and directs the Port Chairman to sign the documents to enter into the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY 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.

There being no further business to come before this Council, on Motion of Commissioner Schulz, seconded by Commissioner Jurisich, and on roll call all members present voting “YES”, except Commissioners Edwards and McCarty who were “ABSENT” & Commissioner Cognevich who voted “NO” the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Chairman

Asst. Secretary