

**CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI
PORT COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2008**

Be it remembered that a regular meeting of the Port Commission of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, was begun and held at the Long Beach School District Central Office, 19148 Commission Road, in said City at 5:30 o'clock pm, it being the third Thursday in March, 2008, and the same being the time, date, and place fixed for holding said meeting.

There were present and in attendance on said Port Commission and at the meeting the following named persons: Commission President Phil Kies, Commissioners James Hancock, Vernon Ehlers, Robert Starek via phone, Steve Nicosia, Charles Purchner, Barbara Reed , Charles Stringer, Harbormaster Calvin Poupart, and Deputy City Clerk Stacey Dahl.

Absent the meeting were Commissioner Chuck Ryan and Port Attorney Bryan Vonder Bruegge.

There being a sufficient number of duly appointed commissioners present to constitute a quorum, the following proceedings were had and done.

The meeting was called to order and Commissioner Kies made motion seconded by Commissioner Ehlers and unanimously carried to amend the Port Agenda, as follows:

Move:

Item V. 8. Election of Officers 2008/2009 to Item V. 2b.

Table:

V. 4. Berthing Agreement

V. 6. Internal Control Budget

Upon further discussion, Commissioner Ehlers made motion seconded by Commissioner Hancock and unanimously carried to set a work session to discuss the aforesaid tabled items. It was further ordered to set the work session for Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 5:30 o'clock pm, in the IT trailer located at 645 Klondyke Road, Long Beach, Mississippi, adjacent to the Central Fire Station.

Commissioner Starek arrived via telephone.

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Commissioner Purchner made motion seconded by Commissioner Stringer to approve the Port Commission minutes of February 21, 2008, as submitted. The motion carried upon the voice vote of all the commissioners present and voting, with Commissioner Starek abstaining.

There came on for consideration the slip rental rate structure. After considerable discussion, Commissioner Ehlers made motion seconded by Commissioner Hancock to table the slip rent rate structure and discuss it further at the April 3, 2008, work session. The question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Commissioner Stringer	voted	Aye
Commissioner Purchner	voted	Nay
Commissioner Reed	voted	Nay
Commissioner Nicosia	voted	Nay
Commissioner Starek	voted	Nay
Commissioner Ehlers	voted	Aye
Commissioner Hancock	voted	Aye
Commissioner Kies	voted	Nay
Commissioner Ryan	voted	Absent, not voting

The question having received the negative vote of a majority of the commissioners present and voting, the President declared the **motion failed.**

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Commissioner Hancock recused himself from the meeting.

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Upon continued discussion regarding slip rent rate structures, Commissioner Nicosia made motion seconded by Commissioner Reed to increase the rates by approximately forty (40) % and said increase to be effective May 1, 2008, or as soon as possible thereafter, as follows:

- Increase by \$1.00 per foot – Harrison County Residents
- Increase by \$1.20 per foot – Outside Harrison County Residents
- Increase by \$1.80 per foot – Outside State of MS Residents
- Air conditioner charge will be \$15.00 per month.
- Utilities charge will be \$20.00 per month.

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Commissioner Kies offered substitute motion seconded by Commissioner Ehlers to increase the rates by approximately twenty (20) %, possibly implement a launching ramp fee, and review impact of increase on a monthly basis. The substitute motion being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Commissioner Stringer	voted	Aye
Commissioner Purchner	voted	Nay
Commissioner Reed	voted	Nay
Commissioner Nicosia	voted	Nay
Commissioner Ehlers	voted	Aye
Commissioner Hancock	voted	Absent, not voting
Commissioner Starek	voted	Nay
Commissioner Kies	voted	Aye
Commissioner Ryan	voted	Absent, not voting

The question having received the negative vote of a majority of the commissioners present and voting, the President declared the **motion failed**.

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The original motion being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Commissioner Stringer	voted	Nay
Commissioner Purchner	voted	Aye
Commissioner Reed	voted	Aye
Commissioner Nicosia	voted	Aye
Commissioner Ehlers	voted	Nay
Commissioner Starek	voted	Aye
Commissioner Kies	voted	Aye
Commissioner Ryan	voted	Absent, not voting

The question having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the commissioners present and voting, the President declared the **motion carried** and the aforesaid approximately 40 % increases approved.

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Upon continued discussion, Commissioner Nicosia made motion seconded by Commissioner Kies and unanimously carried to further discuss the possibility of a launching ramp fee at the previously set work session on Thursday, April 3, 2008.

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The commission recognized Ms. Shelda Jones, and plans were submitted for the construction of the Long Beach Yacht Club. Said plans on file in the Office of the City Clerk. Commissioner Kies made motion seconded by Commissioner Ehlers and unanimously carried to approve the construction plans for the Long Beach Yacht Club.

Commissioner Hancock returned to the meeting.

There came on for discussion the Election of Officers of the Port Commission 2008/2009. Nominations were submitted and upon the voice vote of all the commissioners present and voting, Commissioner Purchner made motion seconded by Commissioner Ehlers to appoint for the 2008/2009 term:

Commissioner Kies - President
Commissioner Hancock - Vice President
Commissioner Reed - Secretary

Commissioner Stringer left the meeting.

The commission recognized Mr. Randal Tempel and his request to renew his bait shop lease. After considerable discussion, Commissioner Hancock made motion seconded by Commissioner Nicosia to approve Mr. Tempel's request and extend the aforesaid lease for six (6) months, as written.

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Commissioner Hancock made motion seconded by Commissioner Purchner and unanimously carried to approve the expenditure of \$2,210.00 for the Long Beach Harbor Sign, payable to The Sign Post.

Commissioner Reed made motion seconded by Commissioner Purchner to approve the bills as submitted on Dockets of Claims #HBR030408 and #HBR031808. The motion carried upon the voice vote of all the commissioners present and voting, with Commissioner Starek abstaining.

There came on for discussion the Port Attorney's report; at which time Commissioner Hancock made motion seconded by Commissioner Ehlers and unanimously carried to request the Port Attorney attend the previously set April 3, 2008, work session to discuss his work load as it pertains to harbor matters.

The commission recognized Mr. Calvin Poupart for the harbormaster's report; upon which there was no action required or taken.

Commissioner Ehlers made motion seconded by Commissioner Hancock and unanimously carried to adjourn until the next regular meeting in due course, noting the work session that was scheduled in the course of this meeting for April 3, 2008.

APPROVED:

PHIL KIES, PRESIDENT

DATE

ATTEST:

STACEY DAHL, DEPUTY CITY CLERK