

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE TOWN OF VIDALIA, LOUISIANA,  
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.  
AT THE VIDALIA CITY HALL MEETING ROOM, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD.,  
VIDALIA, LA**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, met, in special session, at the Vidalia City Hall meeting room, in Vidalia, Louisiana, on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

There were present: Mayor Buz Craft, Aldermen Jon Betts, Brent Smith, Robert Gardner, Tommy Probst, and Alderwoman Rosa I. Demby.

There were absent: NONE.

There were also present: Jay Lasyone, Town Clerk; George C. Murray, Jr., Town Attorney; and Town Accountant, Debra Moak, CPA.

Also attending were several members of the Vidalia Port Commission, including Mr. Steve Weeks; Mr. Brannon Arthur; Mr. David Yates; Mr. Bryant Killen; and Mr. Wyly Gilfoil.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance by those present, and the invocation was given by Alderman Betts.

A quorum being present, the Mayor declared the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Vidalia, Louisiana, to be duly convened, in special session, as the governing authority of said municipality, and opened the meeting for the conduct of business.

The Mayor then opened the floor for public comments on current agenda items. Noting that there were no persons in attendance representing the public, therefore being no comments, the Mayor closed the floor for comments.

Agenda Item No. 1 was presentation on Vidalia Port including historical background, current developments and road map for achieving near-term and long-term goals. After making opening remarks, the Mayor turned the floor over to Mr. Wyly Gilfoil who ed the time line of Port developments. Mr. Bryant Killen then spoke on the future growth under the plans for the Port. After the Mayor made several comments on the progress of the Port, he turned the floor over to Mrs. Heather Malone who spoke on the development plan for the total Port Project. At the conclusion of those presentations, the Mayor thanked those doing them and made comments on the progress of the Port's development.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Board discussion and vote on approval of Intergovernmental Agreement and Lease of Property between the Town of Vidalia and Vidalia Port Commission. The Mayor then asked for a motion to approve the agreement and a motion was made by Alderman Betts to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and Lease as presented to the Board and as contained in the packet, and the motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. There being no discussion, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote and the vote thereon was as follows: YEAS: Aldermen Betts, Gardner, Probst, Smith and Alderwoman Demby. The Clerk announced that the motion passed by five (5) YEAS, zero (0) NAYS vote. It was then moved by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderwoman Demby, to adjourn and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was declared adjourned.

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JAY LAYSONE, TOWN CLERK

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BUZ CRAFT, MAYOR