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SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION RE-ELECTS MR. DARYL FERRARA PRESIDENT - 2018

(Ponchatoula, LA) The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission (STPPC) has re-elected Mr. Daryl Ferrara as President for 2018. Upon conclusion of the re-election ceremony, Mr. Ferrara noted "Once again, It is an honor and a privilege to be re-elected to serve as president of this organization... I appreciate the continued support of my fellow commissioners and look forward to working with the entire staff in 2018, to continue the re-development of the Port Manchac inter-modal terminal into a first class trans-loading facility designed to attract new industries and create new market job opportunities for residents of the Tangipahoa Parish region".

Mr. Ferrara is Vice-President and currently Branch Manager of Whitney Bank in Hammond, LA. He is a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University with a B.A. in Marketing and Finance. He is also actively involved in various civic organizations including the Hammond Chamber of Commerce Board since 2005, Options, Inc., Leadership Tangipahoa, and LHSAA Ladies Top 28 Basketball Tournament Volunteer. In addition, Mr. Ferrara was voted the 2009 Man of the Year by the Hammond Junior Auxiliary, is a member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church, and a life-long resident of Hammond, LA.

In addition, the following commissioners were also elected to serve accordingly for 2018:

Vice-President - William Joubert is the Director of the Southeast Louisiana Business Center located at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA. The SLU based research center provides business and economic development efforts throughout the Tangipahoa as well as Florida parishes region. Mr. Joubert completed his Bachelor of Science in Economics/International Trade at Louisiana State University in 1989 and his Masters of Business Administration at Southeastern Louisiana University in 1992. In addition, Mr. Joubert's extensive professional training also includes the following: Certified Global Business Professional and Certified NAS-BITE (export consultant), LIDEA Certified Economic Developer, and Graduate of the International Economic Development Council Institute. He is also an active member of several economic development associations' including: the Tangipahoa Economic Development District/Foundation, the Hammond Industrial Development District, and has served as President of the I -12 Alliance since 2007.

Secretary - Ernest Drake III is a Ponchatoula, LA based attorney with the law firm of Drake & Beckler LLC. He completed his undergraduate work in Biology at LSU in 2004 and received his Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School in 2008. Mr. Drake's professional experience includes his work for the City of Ponchatoula as city prosecutor from January 2011 to September 2012 and he is currently serving as the city attorney and magistrate judge

for the City of Ponchatoula. Mr. Drake and his wife Laura currently have three children. He is also a long-time resident of Ponchatoula and is currently a board member of the Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce and the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival.

Treasurer - Cheryl Quinn Brumfield is a native and resident of Hammond. She is a graduate of Hammond High School and SLU. Cheryl is employed with First Guaranty Bank as Vice-President for the Independence Branch as well as the First Guaranty West Branch. Cheryl is married to Eric Brumfield, and they have four children. Ms. Brumfield also serves as the Chairperson of the Lallie Kemp Foundation Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Donald Boihem retired from his professional career with Entergy after more than 41 years of service as Customer Service Manager and was originally appointed to the STPPC in 2004. He previously served as President of the Amite Chamber of Commerce, Hammond Lions Club, Tangipahoa Economic Development Foundation (T.E.D.F. – 2 terms), and as Chairman of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he has also served on the board of the Children's Discovery Center, Tangipahoa Parish United Way, and numerous other community service oriented organizations based in Tangipahoa Parish. Mr. Boihem is a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University and resides in Hammond, LA. In addition, Mr. Boihem is also a licensed Realtor with Latter & Blum Classic Homes in Hammond, LA. He and his wife Kathy have a son (Donnie), a daughter (Shelly), and one grand-daughter (Kate) who is a nursing student at LSU. The Boihem's are also members of Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Hammond, LA.

Commissioner James Wesley Daniels, II is currently a Managing Partner at Branch Real Estate LLC. and is active in real estate development and investments throughout Tangipahoa Parish. He is a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Catholic High School and later attended Southeastern Louisiana University, where he was given the opportunity to further his studies abroad in San Jose, Costa Rica. Mr. Daniels is a licensed Real Estate Agent through the Louisiana Real Estate Commission and practices at his family business that was founded by his grandmother in the 1940's. In addition to his many successful endeavors in the real estate world, Mr. Daniels is also deeply committed to community service. He is also member of the Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce, Hammond Chamber of Commerce, St. Joseph Catholic Church, little league coach, active alumnus, and most importantly a devoted family man to his wife & two children.

Commissioner Lucas Watkins is the President/Principal Environmental Specialist of Elos Environmental. He has extensive experience in the areas of environmental compliance and biological investigations, primary wetlands, wildlife biology, biological assessments, and permitting. He is also a biologist and regulatory compliance specialist with seventeen (17) years of experience identifying and addressing environmental and compliance related issues. In addition, Mr. Watkins's professional experience includes permitting for oil & gas exploration, production and transmission activities, and management of various private and public sector environmental related issues/projects and his vast knowledge has been of great benefit to the STPPC in regards to the re-development of the Port Manchac inter-modal terminal.

The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission serves as the official State of Louisiana appointed governing authority for Port Manchac. The seven (7) commission members are appointed by the governor to six (6) year terms and receive no compensation for their community service to the organization. The commission was originally created by Act #299 of the Louisiana Legislature in 1962.

South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission positions for 2018

Daryl Ferrara – President
William Joubert – Vice-President
Earnest Drake III – Secretary
Cheryl Brumfield – Treasurer
Don Boihem– Member
James Wesley Daniels – Member
Lucas Watkins - Member

In 2018, the South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission/Port Manchac will continue the re-development of the facility through the continuation of a series of infrastructure projects engineered to provide safe & efficient cargo trans-loading operations by barge, rail, and truck at the inter-modal terminal. The completion of the \$3 million investment program will include internal roadway, drainage, parking improvements, rail spur maintenance, lay-down storage area improvements, and bulk-head/harbor dredging improvements at the facility. The new infrastructure is part of the port's master plan for future development that was originally developed in 2007 and recently updated in 2017 to attract new industries and create new quality job opportunities for residents of the Tangipahoa Parish area.

The 140-acre inter-modal terminal is located adjacent to Interstate Highway-55 at the southern end of Tangipahoa Parish. Port Manchac is also adjacent to the mainline of the Canadian National Railroad (CN) that provides regular service to the 6'000 ft. of storage track at the site. The terminal's ideal location also provides direct trucking links to nearby Interstate's 10 &12, and offers access for barge shipments to Lake Pontchartrain, Mississippi River and The Port of New Orleans via North Pass. Additional infrastructure and logistical info on the Port Manchac inter-modal terminal is available @ www.portmanchac.com.