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SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION RE-ELECTS MR. DONALD BOIHEM AS PRESIDENT FOR 2015

(Ponchatoula, LA) The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission (STPPC) has re-elected Mr. Donald Boihem as President for 2015. Upon conclusion of the election ceremony, Mr. Boihem commented “ It is an honor and a privilege to be re-elected to serve another term as president with the continued mission of economic development...Once again, I appreciate the continued support of my fellow commissioners and look forward to working with the entire staff in 2015, to continue the re-development of the Port Manchac inter-modal terminal into a state-of-the-art trans-loading facility designed to attract new industries and create new job market opportunities for residents of the Tangipahoa Parish region”.

Mr. 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. He and his wife Kathy have a son (Donnie), a daughter (Shelly), and one grand-daughter (Kate) who is currently a sophomore at LSU. The Boihem’s are also members of Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Hammond, LA.

The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission serves as the official governing authority for Port Manchac. The seven (7) commission members are appointed by the governor of Louisiana 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 Officers for 2015:

- Donald Boihem – President**
- Daryl Ferrara – Vice-President**
- Ernest Drake, III – Secretary**
- Lucas Watkins – Treasurer**
- James Wesley Daniels, II – Member**
- Cheryl Brumfield – Member**
- William Joubert - Member**

In 2015, Port Manchac will continue the re-development of the site through 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 \$3 million investment program will include internal roadway and 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 designed to attract new industries and create new job opportunities for residents of the Tangipahoa Parish area.

The 140-acre inter-modal terminal is located directly 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.

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