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SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION WELCOMES NEW MEMBER ----- William H. Poland

(Ponchatoula, LA) The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission (STPPC) officially welcomed its newest member as William H. Poland took the oath of office during the August 13th meeting of the board. Mr. Poland was recently appointed by LA Governor John Bel Edwards and was nominated by LA State Representative Steve Pugh (District 73), LA State Senator Mack "Bodi" White (District 6) and LA State Senator Jack Donahue (District 11) to replace the seat of former commissioner Lucas Watkins.

Upon his appointment to the STPPC Commission President Daryl Ferrara noted that Mr. Poland will be another great addition to the board. "I look forward, along with my fellow commissioners, to working with Mr. Poland and utilize his professional business experience in an effort to continue the re-development of the Port Manchac inter-modal terminal into a first class cargo trans-loading/storage and multi-use facility that will attract new industries and create new jobs for residents of the Tangipahoa Parish community".

Mr. Poland has resided in Ponchatoula for the past six (6) years with his wife Anna, upon his retirement from the oil & gas pipeline business in Houston, TX. The Poland's son, Nick is a chemist with BASF and is currently working on his Master's Degree in Chemistry at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas. Mr. Poland's forty (40) year career was focused in the oil and gas midstream commercial business for Conoco and Shell, among other companies. He is also an active member of the Ponchatoula Kiwanis Club, North Oaks Health System Volunteer Services, as well as church groups in the area.

The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission serves as the official governing authority for Port Manchac. The additional five (5) current members include Daryl Ferrara (President 2018), William Joubert (Vice-President 2018), Cheryl Brumfield (Treasurer 2018), Wesley Daniels (Secretary 2019), Dr. James Nelson, with an additional seventh member to be appointed. The seven (7) commission members are appointed by the governor of LA to six (6) year terms and receive no compensation for their community service to the organization.

The STPPC - Port Manchac is currently in the process of re-developing the inter-modal/mixed use terminal through a series of infrastructure projects engineered to provide safe & efficient cargo trans-loading operations by barge, rail, and truck - as well as potential/future recreational facilities at one prime inland location. The \$3 million investment program includes 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 updated in 2017 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 adjacent to Interstate Highway-55 at the southern end of Tangipahoa Parish. The facility 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 industrial park. 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.

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