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SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION WELCOMES NEW MEMBER -- DR. JAMES NELSON

(Ponchatoula, LA) The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission (STPPC) officially welcomed its newest member as Dr. James L Nelson took the oath of office during the December 11th meeting of the board. Dr. Nelson was recently appointed by LA Governor John Bel Edwards and was nominated by the Greater Hammond Chamber of Commerce to replace the seat of former commissioner Donald Boihem, who previously served on the panel from 2004-2018.

Dr. Nelson is a resident of Hammond, LA and has an impressive resume of professional activity including positions as Chief Medical Officer-North Oaks Health System Hammond, LA from Jan 2003-April 2007 and General Surgeon-Surgical Associates in Hammond, Louisiana from 1977-2003.

Dr. Nelson also has an extensive list of academic appointments including the following: Adjunct Instructor Graduate School of Nursing, Southeastern Louisiana University from January 2009-June 2013, Adjunct Instructor-Department of Biology, Southeastern Louisiana University August 2008-December 2009, Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery L.S.U Medical Center, New Orleans, LA 1983-present, Assistant Professor of Surgery L.S.U. Medical Center, New Orleans, LA 1974-77, Research Instructor-Department of Surgery University of Texas Medical School in Dallas, Texas 1971-73.

In addition, his professional series of hospital appointments include: Emeritus Medical Staff, North Oaks Medical Center, Hammond, LA 2007-present, Active Medical Staff, North Oaks Medical Center, Hammond, LA, 1977-2003- President of Medical Staff - 1981 and 1999, Active Medical Staff,- Lallie Kemp Medical Center, Independence, LA 1995-2003 Chief of Surgery - 1996-98

and 2002-03, Active Medical Staff, Westpark Community Hospital, Hammond, LA 1983-93 President of Medical Staff 1983, Consulting Medical Staff, Hood Memorial Hospital, Amite, Louisiana, 1977-2003, Active Medical Staff, Hotel Dieu Hospital, New Orleans, LA, 1974-77, Visiting Surgeon, Charity Hospital, New Orleans, LA, 1974-80, and Assistant Clinical Director –Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1973-74.

Dr. Nelson's professional education, training, and certifications include the following: Certification, Health Care Informatics Technology- University of Connecticut 2006, Certification, American Board of Surgery, 1976-2007, General Surgery Residency - L.S.U. Medical Center, New Orleans, LA 1968-71, and 1973-74, Trauma Fellowship Department of Surgery, University of Texas -Dallas, Texas 1971-73, Rotating internship - City of Memphis Hospitals, Memphis, Tennessee 1965-66, Medical Degree - Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas 1961-65, Bachelor of Arts (Chemistry) Baylor University, Waco, Texas 1957-61. He also has produced multiple professional publications and presentations throughout his long career.

Dr. Nelson also possesses an honored military background from his ranking as Colonel (Retired), USAF- Medical Corps and has received several awards including a Bronze Star, Air Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, and Commendation Medal.

Furthermore, his long list of professional organizations includes: Fellow – American College of Surgeons, Fellow - Southeastern Surgical Association, Surgical Association Louisiana President – 2001, Louisiana Chapter, American College of Surgeons President 2002, Rives Surgical Society President – 1999, Tangipahoa Parish Medical Society President – 1979, North Shore Physician Network Board of Directors 1994-97, Louisiana Chapter - Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Board of Directors – 2006-2008.

Dr. Nelson's list of community/civic activities includes: Founding Member Board of Directors - North Oaks Health System Foundation, January 2016-present Vice President - 2018, Louisiana Professional Counselors Board of Examiners June 2013-June 2014, North Oaks Health System Board of Commissioners Hammond, LA July 2008-May 2013, Hammond Historic Commission - Hammond, LA 2007-2010, Board of Directors First Community State Bank Hammond, LA 1999-2013, Chairman 2008-2013, Board of Directors Ginger Ford Habitat for Humanity Hammond, LA January 2009-2011, Board of Directors- Chamber of Commerce- Hammond, LA 1986-89, Board of Directors - Tangipahoa Area United Way 1984-89, Chairman-Downtown Development District Authority, Hammond, LA 1988, Board of Directors- Richard Murphy Memorial Hospice, Hammond, LA 1983-88, and Elder- First Presbyterian Church Hammond, LA 1981-83, 2009-2012, 2018-present.

Upon his appointment to the STPPC Commission President Daryl Ferrara noted that he will be a great addition to the board. "I look forward, along with my fellow commissioners, to working with Dr. Nelson in an effort to continue the re-development of the Port Manchac inter-modal terminal into a first class cargo

trans-loading and storage facility that will attract new industries and create new jobs for residents of the Tangipahoa Parish community”.

The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission serves as the official governing authority for Port Manchac. The current members include Daryl Ferrara (President 2018), William Joubert (Vice-President 2018), Cheryl Brumfield (Treasurer 2018), Ernest Drake III (Secretary 2018), Wesley Daniels, Dr. James Nelson, and 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 terminal through a series of infrastructure projects engineered to provide safe & efficient cargo trans-loading operations by barge, rail, and truck 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.com.

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