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SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION RE-ELECTS MR. DARYL FERRARA PRESIDENT - 2019

(Ponchatoula, LA) The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission (STPPC) has re-elected Mr. Daryl Ferrara as President for 2019. Upon conclusion of the re-election process, Mr. Ferrara commented "As I noted last year, it is an honor and a privilege to be re-elected to serve as president of this organization... Once again, I appreciate the continued support of my fellow commissioners and look forward to working with the entire staff in 2019, to continue the re-development of the Port Manchac inter-modal terminal into a first class 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, and was recently honored as the Frances Chauvin Volunteer of the Year at the annual installation & awards banquet for 2019. His long list of commitment to community service organizations also includes Options, Inc., Leadership Tangipahoa, and LHSAA Ladies Top 28 Basketball Tournament Volunteer. Mr. Ferrara was previously voted the 2009 Man of the Year by the Hammond Junior Auxiliary, is a member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church, and is a life-long resident of Hammond, LA.

In addition, the following commissioners were also elected to serve accordingly for 2019:

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 NASBITE (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 - 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 - Dr. James Nelson is a retired 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.

Furthermore, his professional series of hospital appointments includes: 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.

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. There is currently (1) one open commission seat that will be filled upon completion of the nomination process. The commission was originally created by Act #299 of the Louisiana Legislature in 1962.

South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission positions for 2019

Daryl Ferrara – President

William Joubert – Vice-President

Earnest Drake III – Secretary

Cheryl Brumfield – Treasurer

James Wesley Daniels – Member

Dr. James Nelson - Member

In 2019, 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 storage and 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 at www.portmanchac.com.

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