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### **SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION WELCOMES NEW MEMBER - Jimmy J. Schliegelmeyer, Jr.**

(Ponchatoula, LA) The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission (STPPC) officially welcomed its newest member as Jimmy J. Schliegelmeyer, Jr. took the oath of office during a recent meeting of the board. Mr. Schliegelmeyer, Jr. was appointed by LA Governor John Bel Edwards and was nominated by LA State Representative Bill Wheat (District 73), LA State Senator Mack “Bodi” White (District 6) and LA State Senator Patrick McMath (District 11) to replace the seat of former commissioner William Poland. Representative Bill Wheat was also in attendance to perform the official swearing in ceremony at the STPPC meeting.

Upon his appointment to the STPPC Commission President Daryl Ferrara noted that Mr. Schliegelmeyer, Jr. will be another great asset to the board. “Once again, I look forward along with my fellow commissioners to working with Mr. Schliegelmeyer, Jr. 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. Schliegelmeyer, Jr. grew up in the Rosaryville community in Tangipahoa Parish and is currently a resident Ponchatoula, LA. He is a professionally licensed Electrician/Residential Building Contractor and is the owner of Schliegelmeyer Construction. He is married to Amanda Schliegelmeyer and together they have four children: Colby Schliegelmeyer (registered nurse @ North Oaks), Gavin Schliegelmeyer (computer technician), step-daughter Alexis Gomez (nursing student @ Our Lady of the Lake) and step-son Ashton (grade-school). Mr. Schliegelmeyer, Jr. is currently an active member of The Strawberry

Festival Board, in addition to various other community service organizations throughout the Tangipahoa Parish area.

The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission serves as the official State of Louisiana governing authority for Port Manchac. The additional five (5) current members include Daryl Ferrara (President 2021), William Joubert (Vice-President 2021), Wesley Daniels (Secretary 2021), Dr. James Nelson (Treasurer 2021), and Ryan Williams - 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](http://www.portmanchac).

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