

Planning & Zoning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
June 22, 2020  
6:00 p.m.  
St. Mary Parish Courthouse Fifth Floor  
Franklin, Louisiana

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on this date with Chairman Barry Druilhet presiding and the following members present: Kimberly Saucier, Danny Lipari, Jimmy Wiley, Joshua Montgomery, Jeremy Chesteen, and Glynn Pellerin. St. Mary Parish President, Mr. David Hanigriff was also in attendance.

Mr. Lipari pronounced the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Druilhet read the request for Rezoning of property by St Mary Sugar Cooperative, Inc. from Agricultural (AG) Zoned District to Light Industrial (LI) Zoned District located at 20200 Hwy 182, Jeanerette, LA 70544 Sec. 68 T13S R8E; Parcel Id#1875061028.00 41.70 AC Tract ABCDEFA Per Plat 395 334061 ACQ 395 33406.

St. Mary Parish President, Mr. David Hanigriff appeared before the board to discuss the request for Rezoning of property by St Mary Sugar Cooperative, Inc. from Agricultural (AG) Zoned District to Light Industrial (LI) Zoned District located at 20200 Hwy 182, Jeanerette, LA 70544 Sec. 68 T13S R8E; Parcel Id#1875061028.00 41.70 AC Tract ABCDEFA Per Plat 395 334061 ACQ 395 33406.

Mr. Hanigriff stated that Mr. Brad Mayeaux with Drax Bio Mass and Mr. David Thibodeaux with St. Mary Co-op were also in attendance.

Mr. Hanigriff explained that Drax Bio Mass intends to convert the bagasse from the sugar cane into pellets for fuel. Mr. Hanigriff stated that the proposed facility would be located next to St. Mary Sugar Mill.

Mr. Hanigriff stated that this potential development could bring many employment opportunities into St. Mary Parish.

In reference to Mr. Pellerin's inquiry, Mr. Hanigriff stated that all of the work would be done on site; however, Superior Fabricators, located under the Baldwin Bridge, would be used for storage.

General Manager of St Mary Co-op, David Thibodeaux appeared before the board.

In reference to Mr. Pellerin's inquiry, Mr. Thibodeaux stated that Drax Bio Mass is proposing to use St Mary Co-op's bagasse in the event that St. Mary Co-op does not produce enough bagasse, Dax Bio Mass may utilize other facilities such as M. A. Patout & Son, LTD, Sterling Sugars, and other surrounding sugar mills in order to operate year round.

In reference to Mr. Pellerin's inquiry, Mr. Thibodeaux explained the pellets are currently being shipped to the United Kingdom where they are being used for fuel rather than using coal. He explained that the pellets are generating and estimated 7% of electricity for the United Kingdom.

Mr. Thibodeaux stated there are currently two (2) plants located in Louisiana and one (1) in Mississippi.

In reference to Mr. Pellerin's inquiry, Mr. Mayeaux, representing Drax Bio Mass, explained that the bagasse will leave the plant in a truck, from there it will go into storage, and then will be placed on a barge to be delivered to Baton Rouge.

In reference to Mr. Lipari's inquiry, Mr. Mayeaux stated that he predicts the proposed facility would bring in around 20 job opportunities, an estimate of 16 operators and four (4) supervisors.

Mrs. Saucier made a motion to approve the request for the request Rezoning of property by St Mary Sugar Cooperative, Inc. from Agricultural (AG) Zoned District to Light Industrial (LI) Zoned District located at 20200 Hwy 182, Jeanerette, LA 70544 Sec. 68 T13S R8E; Parcel Id#1875061028.00 41.70 AC Tract ABCDEFA Per Plat 395 334061 ACQ 395 33406. Mr. Lipari seconded the motion, which carried with the following 6-0-0-0 Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Kimberly Saucier, Danny Lipari, Jimmy Wiley, Joshua Montgomery, Jeremy Chesteen, and Glynn Pellerin

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

There being no further business, Mrs. Saucier moved for adjournment. Mr. Lipari seconded the motion, which carried.

S/G Barry Druilhet

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Chairman Barry Druilhet

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