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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

The Town of Erath and the Twin Parish Port Commission announce the completion and opening of the newly constructed Erath Park Pavilion with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Erath. Located in Erath City Park across from the Community Building, the Pavilion was constructed with Port economic development funds and will be used for community events including an Erath Farmers Market.

Built at a cost of \$83,983, the Pavilion is a 30 foot by 50 foot covered, open air pavilion on a concrete slab. The Pavilion was designed to accommodate a small stage for music and other entertainment and functions. “There has been a need for this type of facility in Erath for a long time,” said Port Director Wendell Verret. Verret said the Port was conducting project planning in 2011 when Port Commissioner and Erath Councilman, Donald Menard, presented the idea for the pavilion.

“After seeing how the Port was able to start the Delcambre Seafood and Farmers Market, I brought it up to the Port Commission as a possible project in Erath,” Menard said. “So, the Port Commissioners from Erath get together with the Mayor of Erath, George Dupuis, the Port Engineer, Richard Primeaux, and the Port Director and made it happen.” Menard said the pavilion will be used by the community for festivals, family gatherings, and a farmers market that will start this summer. The Town of Erath plans to declare the Erath Farmers Market a festival at its council meeting tonight.

The contractor on the project, Duane Davidson Construction from Abbeville, was awarded the bid in June 2012. Construction was completed in February 2013. Richard Primeaux of Primeaux, Touchet and Associates was the project engineer.