COLUMBIA PORT COMMISSION June 16, 2022 MINUTES MEETING: COMMISSIONERS: DARRON MCGUFFEE, President; Charles Hearns, Secretary/Treasurer; Bruce Frazier. Monty Adams, Jr. DIRECTOR: GREG RICHARDSON

Meeting was called to order by Darron McGuffee, Port President at the Police Jury Meeting Room in the Caldwell Parish Courthouse. READING OF THE MINUTES AND BANK STATEMENTS, **motion was made by Charles Hearns and seconded by Bruce Frazier to adopt the minutes and bank statements motion passed.** ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING MEETING Greg informed the Commission of activities since last port meeting:

* Greg presented Board with request to pay Union Pacific for the Railroad Crossing for Riverton Campground Road, Union Pacific request $25,000 for the design and permitting of the rail crossing. The Motion was made by Charles Hearns and Seconded by Bruce Frazier and the motion passed.
* Greg presented board with request to pay Union Pacific for the Rail Switch for the proposed railspur, Union Pacific requested $109,070 for the design and permitting of the rail switch. The motion was made by Charles hearns and seconded by bruce fraizer and the motion passed.
* Greg went over the remaining outstanding Invoices, Charles hearns made the motion to pay all outstanding debits which was seconded by Bruce Fraizer and motion passed.
* Greg Reviewed status of grant applications.
* Greg informed the Port Commission that the Road Design of Riverton Campground Road had been reviewed by DOTD and request were made to install Acceleration and Deacceleration lanes at the intersection of Riverton Campground Road and LA Hwy 165. BHA is currently working on modifications to Riverton Campground Road and we hope to have the Bid Package ready for submittal to DOTD prior to the next Port Meeting. Which still leave enough time for the Port to start RC ROAD project in September on schedule.
* Greg asked Rodger M. to install barrier at dock at the Port to limit access to kids playing on dock.
* Discussed the passing of our friend and colleague John Cooksey. The expense of the planned event at his house on June 4th was paid for by Greg Richardson. No port funds were used in the canceled meeting.
* Greg proposed a list of 12 potential candidates for Port Commission, the Letter also discussed the requirements and rules individuals must abide by to become a commissioner. After discussion, the individuals were placed in order of ability to best serve the needs of the commission and it was agreed that One Commissioner and Greg would interview the candidates until three candidates agreed to serve as commissioner the list would be then reviewed by Commission then submitted to the Caldwell Parish Police Jury for selection to replace John Cooksey.
* General discussion about port activities as well as internal issues with employee status.

**Motion was made by Bruce Frazier to adjourn the meeting second by Charles Hearns motion passed meeting was adjouned.**