COLUMBIA PORT COMMISSION May 26, 2022 MINUTES MEETING: COMMISSIONERS: DARRON MCGUFFEE, President; Charles Hearns, Secretary/Treasurer; Bruce Frazier. John Cooksey 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 asked permission to pursue a DHS Port Security Grant at the Port. The Grant will be used for installing a security perimeter fence, a guard shack, and a vehicle identification system to monitor the facility. Estimated cost approximately 1.5 million and the grant is a 75 / 25% match.
* Existing tenants are doing well, it’s that time of year and we are once again having problems with kids playing on old dock. **The motion was made by Charles Hearns and seconded by Bruce Frazier to install a barrier at the dock with signage with a budget of $1000, motion passed**.
* Discussed upcoming meeting at John Cooksey farm on June 4th at noon and discussed invitation list and agenda.
* Discussed Riverton Campground Road RFP and subsequent submittal to DOTD**. A motion was made by Bruce Frazier and seconded by John Cooksey for a Resolution requesting authority to advertise State Project H.014968 (322), motion passed.**
* Grant applications status
  + DRA Application is under review is in process of being expedited
  + USDA Application is held up over Environmental Study the phase I submitted was over a year old and required updating, LGF has requested Eagle Environmental to provide the Port with LGF’s Phase I for submittal
  + RAISE Application has yet to be approved for submittal
  + PIDP application has been submitted and waiting notification of award
  + MDPG application has been submitted and waiting notification of award
* Greg requested the Port to evaluate the potential of a Washington DC trip to visit elected officials and staff as well as to discuss our grant application with department heads. Greg suggested that he, John Cooksey, an additional Port commissioner and LGF try and schedule a meeting in September/October after grant announcement. The information gained from this trip will strengthen our applications for next year as well as provide value insight in seeking federal funding for LGF’s project.
* **Motion was made by Charles Hearns and seconded by Bruce Frazier to pay all outstanding invoices; motion passed.**
* 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.**