COLUMBIA PORT COMMISSION

Aug 18, 2022 MINUTES

 MEETING:

COMMISSIONERS: DARRON MCGUFFEE, President; Charles Hearns, Secretary/Treasurer; Bruce Frazier, Mark McKee 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 Bruce fraizer and seconded by Monty Adams, Jr. to adopt the minutes and bank statements motion passed.**

 ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING MEETING Greg informed the Commission of activities since last port meeting:

* Greg discussed the status of the various grants submitted over the past year.
* Greg welcomed our newest commissioner Mark McKee
* Greg discussed upcoming meeting with Andrew Ryan, Ryan Enterprises about possibility of Port being the owner of a Green Energy Power Plant. Greg asked for permission to add John Holtz to our consultant staff to assist with evaluating the potential for the Port to participate in the funding of the Power Plant. **Motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Monty Adams, jr to utilize John as needed, motion passed**. Greg was directed by the Commission to pursue the opportunity for the Port to develop a Power Source at the Port.
* Greg informed the Port that our grant application to DHS for Port Security Grant Program was awarded $1 million.
* Greg requested permission for him and gary Lagrange to go to Washington DC to discuss with our elected officials and various departments the needs of the Port. **Motion was made by Charles Hearns and seconded by Monty Adams, Jr. to spend the necessary money for the proposed trip, motion passed.**
* Greg informed the Port Commission that the Road Design of Riverton Campground Road is being reviewed and amended by the BHA and should be advertised for bid in September. The project is currently 30 days behind our proposed scheduled. Riverton Campground Road construction is currently anticipated to commence in October, 2022.
* General discussion about port activities as well as internal issues with employee status.
* Motion was made by Bruce Frazier and seconded by Charles Hearns to pay outstanding Port Invoices.

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