COLUMBIA PORT COMMISSION April 22 MINUTES

PRESENT AT MEETING: GREG RICHARDSON, DARRON MCGUFFEE, MONTY ADAMS, JR , bruce frazier, Charles hearns, john Cooksey, keith C (eng),and Richard (terral)

Meeting was called to order by Darron McGuffee, Port President

READING OF THE MINUTES AND BANK STATEMENTS WAS WAVIED

ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING MEETING

Meeting was held at the Port of Columbia to show the location of the proposed biofuel facility as well as to discuss needed infrastructure. Greg Richardson gave an overview of the projects potential infrastructure needs as well as how grants could be obtained thru different state and federal agencies. Keith C. with Bryant Hammett & Associates addressed the board as well as Richard with Terral Riverservices about the current need to address our access road (Riverton Campground). Greg gave report of discussions with Strategic Biofuels and about the ongoing project as well as the proposed visit by La. Gov. JB Edwards on Friday April 23,2021, Due to covid restrictions the Port of Columbia was only allowed two members to be present at meeting, Darron and Charles were selected to represent the Port Commission. One of the Items discussed with Bob Meredith was the role of Louisiana Green Fuel, which appears to be a division of Strategic Biofuels with local s investors from Louisiana. Greg pointed out that commissioners of the Port of Columbia were not allowed to invested in this project, which had been discussed, understood and agreed upon not to be a problem . A general discussion was held pertaining to the difference between serving as a commissioner or a community economic developer verses local investor as this project moves forward important decision will be made on behalf of the Port which will be made solely in the best interested of the Port and the citizens of the state of Louisiana. As an additional comment, a project of this magnitude will require everyone in the community to work together to do whatever is necessary for this project to be successful and there is nothing wrong with local investors but it ts critical that as this project moves forward that the rules for engagement between the Port, The Company and others follow the same guidelines.

Greg also gave a report on existing tenants, Terral Riverservices plans on removing all the seed from one of the two warehouses by the end of April and only renting 1 warehouse during May, Mcclanhan paid rent for 1st quarter of 2021.

Actionable items

Greg was directed by board to follow up on the following tasks: Discuss riverton campground road with Caldwell Parish Police Jury; Continue to indentify grants sources to develop infrastructure; Work with Engineers and Strategic Biofuels to develop a cost estimate for both Riverton Campground Road and the proposed railspur; and 1776 follow up on well abandonment, powerlines and possible existing gas pipeline

 Motion was made by Monty Adams, jr. to develop the engineering plans necessary to submit grant applications for Riverton Road and to pull funds from Capitol Outlay seconded by Charles hearns motion passed.

Motion was made by john cooksey to adjourn the meeting second by bruce frazier motion passed meeting was adjourned.