Greater Ouachita Port Commission Minutes

January 4, 2017

Monroe Chamber of Commerce

Commissioners Present: Ricky Guillot , Terri Odom, James Lee, James Jones, Roland Charles

Commissioners Absent: Bobby Manning,

Guests: Josh Hayes, Lazenby & Associates, Paul Trichel, Ouachita Terminals and Sue Nicholson, Monroe Chamber, Zack Jones and Keith Brown, representing Congressman Abraham’s office

Call to Order

Chairman Guillot called the meeting to order. The minutes of the December 14 meeting were approved as presented. Commissioner Odom moved and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Commissioner Odom presented the financial report for January 4, 2017. The balance in the various accounts is as follows:

 GOA $185,680.86

 PPA $139.45

 EDA $100.00

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Commissioner Odom presented the following bills for approval: Dues for the Louisiana Port Association of $1000. In addition, she received the engagement letter from Johnson Perry and Johnson for the 2016 audit. The financial report and approval to pay the bills was approved as presented. The motion to approve the report as presented was made by Commissioner Charles and seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion passed.

Construction Report

Josh Hays reported that the Port of Ouachita directional signs are up on I-20. In addition, the letter from Senator Thompson to nominate Sue Nicholson to the board was sent to the Governor.

Operations Report

Paul reported that the Port had a good December. He attended a meeting with the Corps of Engineers about the Ouachita River and their plans for the coming year. The Corps is also focusing on the river for water use and industry to strengthen their argument to Congress for additional funding to adequately maintain and operate the river, that includes keeping the locks and dams open 24/7.

Other Business

There was no other business to report.

Adjournment

The GOPC will meet again at noon on February 8 at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce. There being no additional business, the GOPC adjourned.