Greater Ouachita Port Commission Minutes

April 11, 2017

Monroe Chamber of Commerce

Commissioners Present: James Lee, Terri Odom, Bobby Manning, and Sue Nicholson

Commissioners Absent: Ricky Guillot, Roland Charles, James Jones

Guests: Josh Hays, Lazenby & Associates, and Paul Trichel, Ouachita Terminals

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Lee called the meeting to order. He gave an invocation. The notes from the March meeting were reviewed. There was not a quorum at that meeting, so the February minutes were reviewed. Bobby Manning moved that the minutes be approved as read. The motion was seconded by Terri Odom. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Treasurer Odom presented the financial report as of April 11.

 The GOA has a balance of $184,967.77

 The PPA has a balance of $139.45

 The EDA has a balance of $100

 The FPC Account remains open with a -0- balance

Commissioner Manning moved that the report be approved as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Nicholson.

Treasurer Odom reported that the check for $6,554 to Thomas and Farr for D & O insurance was conducted by email vote, but she wanted to ratify that vote. Commissioner Manning moved to approve the payment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nicholson. Motion passed.

Construction Report

No report at this time

Operations Report

Paul Trichel reported that the Louisiana Port Association will meet for their annual convention next week. Don Pierson, Secretary for LED, Shawn Wilson, Secretary for DOTD and Governor Edwards are slated to speak at the event. According to Paul, the Governor would like to expand the Port Priority program, which would provide more funding for Louisiana ports. There is a new project being discussed. It will build a new container terminal at the mouth of the Mississippi River at Plaquemine parish.

As far as the GOPC, they are steadily loading rock and moving containers.

Other Business

There was no other business to report.

Adjournment

The GOPC will meet again at noon on May 10 at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce. There being no further business, the GOPC adjourned.