The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at the Madison Parish Port Commission Office. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Frazier and a roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioners present: Donald Frazier, Charles Vining, Jim Tucker

And Latasha Griffin

Commissioners absent: Harold Allen, Isaiah Ross and Robert Charles Brown

Other members present: Patrick Terry Murphy, Executive Director &

Kimmeka Epps, Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors: Dino Trevino, DSR

On motion given by Vice-Chairman Vining and Commissioner Griffin on approving the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. The minutes were approved with no necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps reported that the CD(s) are at accrual status. Commissioner Vining questioned the insurance cost for the Dodge Ram? Epps stated that she will review the policy with the agent and contact additional insurance agencies for quotes. Commissioner Vining questioned job duties of the Wastewater Consultant, Carlton Whitaker? Epps explained his required job duties for the operation of the treatment plant.

On motion given by Vice-Chairman Vining and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the financial reports were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy provided information to the board on the bid selection for the rail project. The bid was over the amount that was allocated for the project. Murphy is working to get additional funding for the project. The Port is responsible for any overages on that project.

Murphy provided information on the request to add an additional company to the Water Tower that will provide high speed internet service to the Port tenants and/or citizens in the area.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Vice-Chairman Vining,

to approved the Executive Director to negotiate with the tenant on lease terms to allow the location on the Water Tower. Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy updated the board on preparations for bids on the Port Road Project in conjunction with the Police Jury. For safety, Murphy will contact the Sheriff to add additional support to the surveying crew.

Murphy stated that due to the limited time-frame on the preparations of the grant he decided to postpone the grant. The expansion would include Containers on barge, running rail to the river and putting a new a road on the backside of the Port.

Murphy provided information about the visit with Infinity Engineering. He will continue to visit with the firm for available grants,etc.

On motion given by Vice-Chairman Vining and seconded by Commissioner Griffin, to move into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion given by Vice-Chairman Vining and seconded by Commissioner Griffin, to end the executive session and return to regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public comments: Murphy questioned Dino if DSR have a layout on running the rail around to the concrete road. Dino stated that he would send the requested information to Murphy. Vice Chairman Vining stated that DSR has less storage cars on the track. Dino replied by stating when the economy is real good, less storage cars on the tracks**

There being no further business brought before the board, Chairman Frazier declared the meeting adjourned.

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman