The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 25, 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, Latasha Griffin

 and Isaiah Ross

Commissioners absent: Harold Allen and Robert Charles Brown

Other members present: Patrick Terry Murphy, Executive Director &

 Kimmeka Epps, Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors: None

Director Murphy informed the board on old business topic. Simplot placed a fertilizer line on their property which the project is near completion. However there are some problems with the crews cleaning the area and leveling the location of the project.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Vice-Chairman Vining on approving the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. The minutes were approved with no necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps explained the year end fiscal numbers provided to the board. Trial balances were explained by each line items.

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 on the status of the SEADD project nearing the Madison Port. The project is moving faster than expected. Bid projection time is June 2022. Murphy informed the board that he is looking for another Grant Writer for the Port. Vice-Chairman Vining suggest finding someone that has a Maritime background and/or Port background. Chairman Frazier questioned the person(s) that the board approved previously as the Grant Writer. Murphy reminded the board that the previous person is deceased.

Secretary Epps explained to the board that the documents required to move forward on the Cooperative Endeavor between to the Bear Lake Fire district and the Port of Madison, wasn’t complete at the time of the board meeting. She requested that the board table the item until the following meeting.

On motion given by Vice- Chairman Vining and seconded by Commissioner Ross, on tabling item C. until the Port has received the requested information. The tabling was approved for next month’s meeting date. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

Murphy discussed the operations at Consolidated Grain & Barge (CGB). The sand bar is creating havoc for the entity. CGB questioned whether the Port would assist with the cost of dredging to help resolve the issue. At this time Murphy declined assisting the entity with the cost but will schedule a meeting with the CORP to ask for assistance with dredging the location in question.

Director Murphy explained the need for a culvert installation at the wye. The board agreed to have the culvert installed or place rock to build the area up for adequate rail usage.

On motion given by Vice-Chairman Vining and seconded by Commissioner Ross, allowing the Director to move forward with the project at the Wye. Motion carried unanimously

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

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

Roll Call

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2
**Public comments: N/A**

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman