The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at the Madison Parish Port Office. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Frazier and a roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioners present: Donald Frazier, Jim Tucker, Isaiah Ross, Robert Charles Brown and Latasha Griffin

Commissioners absent: Charles Vining and Harold Allen

Other members present: Mr. Terry Murphy, Director; and Kimmeka Epps, Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors: Marvin Collins (Terral) and Greg Bates (Bunge)

Commissioner Frazier opened the Public Hearing/Meeting by asking the public for comments on the 2016 Millage and adoption of the rates.

No public comments on the millage rates from the public

There being no discussions from the public concerning the millage brought before the board, Commissioner Frazier declared the public hearing/ meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned.

On motion given by Commissioner Griffin and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, on the previous meeting minutes from the meeting Tuesday, August 30, 2016 the minutes were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion given by Commissioner Griffin and seconded by Commissioner Ross, the adoption of the adjusted millage rate was approved. Motion carried unanimously. Roll call was taken.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

RESOLUTION NO. 1

BE IT RESOLVED, by the **Madison Parish Port Commission** of the Parish of **Madison**\_\_\_, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on **September 27**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20**16**\_\_, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 20**16**\_\_, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

**Madison Parish Port Commission** **2.81** mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of **Madison**\_\_\_\_\_, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 20**16**\_\_\_ the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

ABSENT: 2

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the meeting held on **Tuesday, September 27**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20**16**\_\_, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

\_**Tallulah,**  Louisiana, this **27th**\_\_\_\_ day of **September**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20**16**\_\_\_.

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(Signature of authorized person of the taxing district)

On motion given by Commissioner Ross and seconded by Commissioner Griffin, to set forth the adjusted millage rate and roll forward to millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized rates was approved. Motion carried unanimously. Roll call was taken.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

RESOLUTION NO. 2

BE IT RESOLVED, by the **Madison Parish Port Commission**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Parish of **Madison**\_\_, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on **Tuesday, September 27th**\_\_, 20**16**\_, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 20**16**, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

Adjusted Rate 20 Levy

**Madison Parish Port Commission** **2.80** mills **2.81**\_ mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of **Madison**\_\_, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 20**16**\_\_\_ the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

ABSENT: 2

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the meeting held on **Tuesday, September 27th**\_\_, 20**16**\_, at which meeting at least two-thirds of the total membership was present and voting.

\_**Tallulah**\_\_\_\_\_\_, Louisiana, this \_**27th**\_\_\_ day of \_**September**\_\_\_, 20**16**\_\_\_.

(City, Town, Village)

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Secretary Epps explained the contents of the Construction budget.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioners Brown & Griffin, to approve the adoption of the 2016 Construction Budget with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Brown, to amend the agenda to add the financial reports on line item #4. Motion was carried unanimously.

Roll call.

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

Murphy informed the board of his attendance of the MRCTI in Natchez. Murphy stated that he was moved by the information received during the meeting. The MRCTI is calling on the Federal Emergency Management Agency to improve its grants and assistance programs and supporting a return of barge container shipping on the Mississippi River.

Murphy explained his meeting with Cheryl Garner. The meeting included DSR, Lake Providence Port and the Port of Arkansas. The source of the meeting was to attempt the submission of a Tiger Grant with multiply entities. Garner will compiled all the information disclosed from the entities to create a proposal for a Tiger grant with all entities.

Murphy explained the rail spur completion. The Spur is done. Complex Chemical is utilizing the spur.

Murphy informed the board of the derailment at the Port. While running the train the derailment occurred at the curb of the track on the levy. The rail was fixed in the area of the derailment.

Commissioner Ross questioned how many areas of the track in that area needs repairs? Murphy stated that the area of the derailment is the only bad spot that needs repairing.

Murphy updated the board on the EDA project. The project is nearing its end of completion.

Murphy gave an update on the status of the brochure. Additional ariel photos were taken of the Port and submitted to Marketing Alliance. There are a few additions to be added to the finalization of the brochure.

On motion given by Commissioner Ross and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the board voted to enter into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

A roll call was taken.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the board voted to enter back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion given by Commissioner Griffin and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, to approve the merit increments of 10% for the Executive Director and 15% for the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

During public comments, Murphy provided information on the construction of the dock to Marvin Collins as Marvin informed the board of the progress of loading and unloading on the dock. Commissioner Tucker question Greg Bates of the lowest river stages that puts Bunge at risk for loading and unloading? Greg stated that elevation trouble is at about 10 feet. Marvin Collins (Terral) stated that Terral can operate at a little less than 10 feet. Bunge has an emergency dredging permit for the next 5 years. Greg Bates (Bunge) requested a concrete boat ramp. Murphy advised that he is working on that.

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Commissioner