The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at the Madison Parish Port Office. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frazier and a roll call was taken as follows:

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

Commissioners absent: None

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

Visitors: Carl Thomas (citizen), Matt Prince (Continental Rail)

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, on the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, July 25, 2017. The minutes were approved with no necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps informed the board of the Millage rates for this fiscal year. The levied amount is 2.81mills for 2017.

 On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Ross, to adopt the millage rate of 2.81 mills. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call was taken.

Yea-7

Nays -0

Absent-0

Abstain-0

RESOLUTION

 BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2017 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Madison Parish Port Commission:

 MILLAGE

 Madison Parish Port Commission2.81mills

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Madison, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2017, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by 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:7

 NAYS:0

 ABSTAINED:0

 ABSENT:0

CERTIFICATE

 I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on August 22, 2017, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

 Tallulah, Louisiana, this 22nd day of August 22, 2017.

Kimmeka Epps\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Epps discussed the income vs expense with the board. Informing them of the certain budgeted items that are at budget or over budget.

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

Murphy discussed the appraisal for the Cherene property and acquiring the property based on the information provided. The property owners accepted the appraised value.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Allen, to authorize the purchase of the land acquisition at the value of $26,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call was taken.

Yea-7

Nays -0

Absent-0

Abstain-0

Murphy discussed the need for upgrades on the Northrup Grumman facility. The foundation is good. The plumbing is an issue however according to Murphy he is working to get that resolved.

Murphy informed the board on the land clearing process. The contractor signed the contract. We are waiting on proof of insurance from the contractor. The process is also on hold for the permit on the river bank.

Murphy discussed entering into an agreement with a financial consultant (John Holt) to assist with possible loans needed to acquire land, etc.

 Public comments: Commissioner Ross questioned Matt Prince on the rail at Bobby Street he stated there is quite a bit of traffic and could possibly become a liability. Commissioner Vining asked if a non-trespassing sign could be placed in the area. Prince stated that was a good idea and would look into placing signage in the area. Commissioner Allen stated placing a sign there will not stop the traffic but adding the signage is good for liability situations.

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

Roll call was taken.

Yea-7

Nays -0

Absent-0

Abstain-0

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

Murphy suggested

merit increments for the Secretary and Executive Director.

On motion given by Commissioner Griffin and seconded by Commissioner Allen, the board approved 10% merit increments for the Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Director. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman