The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on December 16, 2014, at the Port Commission Office. The meeting was called to order by Chairman 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: Todd Nealy (Moffatt & Nichol)

On motion given by Commissioner Griffin and seconded by Commissioner Ross, the previous meeting minutes from the November 18, 2014 meeting were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy informed the board of the increase in income by 22% and expenses down 8%. Chairman Frazier reminded the board that the switching of the banks are underway.

On motion given by Commissioner Ross and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the financial reports were approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy informed the board of his attendance of the PAL meeting. Updating everyone on the intermodal and meet with Don Pierson to help us promote the Port. Murphy and Pierson are working together on the pipeline and other projects that will take place in the future.

Commissioner Ross asked what’s in our area that would complement the lower end versus the northern end of Michigan or Missouri? Is there anything in our area that is going back and forth; east and west or north and south of the interstate that could drop in here (Tallulah) and support our location?

Murphy informed Commissioner Ross that he is working on something that falls in that catergory of the nature of projects that will take place in other areas, which will be discussed later. Murphy also informed that the visitor (Todd Nealy) will discuss some of the concerns in which Commissioner Ross is inquiring of.

Murphy informed the board of the meeting with the FEDs to discuss the terms and conditions of the EDA grant. Murphy also informed the board of the participates of the meeting and what their roles are concerning the EDA grant. Murphy asked the Secretary to inform the board of her role with the EDA Grant. Secretary Epps informed the board of the payment transactions and how the information will be tracked. Bids will be obtained for the process(s) of the grant for the railroad pending work. Murphy stated that this project will place the rail in good shape.

Murphy informed the board of his attendance of the North Delta Regional Planning & District meeting. North Delta Regional Planning & District meeting helped the Port obtain the EDA grant.

Murphy asked the board to approve the Gold Membership Sponsorship Registration for the 32nd Annual PAL Conference. Due to the significant amount of information received from the PAL, Murphy said he felt it beneficial to support at that level. Chairman Frazier asked if the Port would set up a booth.? The determining factor of the booth will be discussed later. Commissioner Ross commented by saying he thinks it’s good to be connected and network with the persons in the event of help and/or questions that may come about.

On motion given by Commissioner Griffin and seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the Gold Membership Sponsorship Registration for the 32nd Annual PAL Conference .Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy expressed how important he felt it is to attend the Crude-By-Water North meeting. Chairman Frazier advised that he doesn’t think that attending the meeting will impact our Port. Commissioner Tucker agreed with Chairman Frazier. Commissioner Tucker suggest that if the Port Director feels strongly about attending the meeting, he would approve of it.

On motion given by Commissioner Ross and seconded by Commissioner Griffin, to authorize the Crude-By-Water North America Registration. .Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy informed the board of infrastructure development at the Port. Murphy suggest that the board will have to spend money on the dock to bring it up to code. The Port will also have to build a road down the backside of the levy. The area needs to be developed for plots and potential clients. The bar pit will also need to be filled in for an industrial site. The CORPS dreg at least two or three times a year, the sand that they remove from the river can be placed in the bar pit to fill in that area. Commissioner Tucker informed that yes it can be done, however it’s more expensive to have them to place the sand in the area required.

Murphy informed the board of the surveying of the Port. Frazier asked if Demon Engineering can do a plat while surveying the area of the Port? Murphy said he will discuss that with Randy Denmon (Denmon Engineering).

Murphy presented our visitor of Moffat & Nichol representative (Todd Nealy). Todd makes his presentation of the work his company is doing to assist the Port on the surveying & upgrading of the dock site. The divers are set for early January to start surveying the dock.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Griffin, to approve the FY 2015 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

The foregoing FY Budget was reviewed, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the budget was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 2

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

A roll call was taken to enter into executive session.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Ross, the board voted to enter into regular session.

On motion given by Commissioner Griffin and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the board adopted a new Personnel Policy Manual (Executive Order BJ 08-64 for the MPPC retroactive 9/16/2014). Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy gave his report on the events of the Railroad and Northrop Grumman building.

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman