The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 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, Jim Tucker, Latasha Griffin, Robert Charles Brown, Charles Vining and Isaiah Ross

Commissioners absent: Harold Allen

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

Visitors: Jaime Webb (Terral) and Matt Prince (DSR)

On motion given by Commissioner Griffin and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, on the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. The minutes were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps informed the board of the maturity of the CDs are yearly accrued instead of the previous 6- month accrual. Epps stated that federal funds were received from EDA.

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

Murphy discussed the repairs of the dock. The repairs are complete. Jaime (Terral) questioned the wrapping of the pilings. Murphy explained that Waskey came out and checked the status of the pilings and stated that everything looks good.

Murphy discussed the work completed on the water tower. The repairs are completed per the proposal. Additional items are required on the water tower, but Murphy stated that he will discuss that later.

Murphy informed the board of the status of the Capital Outlay funding. Murphy involved Senator Thompson for assistance with the pending funds from FP&C. Hopefully the funds will be released soon.

Matt Prince informed the board of the work that DSR has done to assist the Port with the grass cutting. He also updated the board on the derailment that occurred in Monroe. Everything was cleaned up and repaired. No injuries to report. Continental is looking to set up a Trans loading facility that ships by rail, truck and barge.

Murphy informed that Item E will be deleted due to the customer withdrawing the proposal presented. Murphy stated that he will continue to look for someone to clear the land in question.

 Public comments: No public comments

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

Roll call was taken.

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

The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the Madison Parish Port Office. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ross and a roll call was taken as follows:

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

Commissioners absent: Donald Frazier, Charles Vining and Harold Allen

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

Visitors: Jaime Webb (Terral) and Matt Prince (DSR)

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Brown, on the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. The minutes were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps informed the board of the modifications of the budget report due to Legislative Auditors request.

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

Murphy discussed the land clearing proposal for the Port site. Informing the board of the cost of the required machinery and labor.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Griffin, to approve the proposal for the Land Clearing at the Port site. Motion carried unanimously

Roll Call was taken.

Yea-4

Nays -0

Absent-3

Abstain-0

Murphy informed the board that the roof of the Delta Southern building needs repairing due to prior damage and time. Murphy presented a cost estimate to the board members to have a coating put on the roof. Commissioner Tucker questioned the cost effectiveness of patching the roof versus replacing the roof. The Board suggested to the Director that he obtain additional estimates to replace the roof. Item C is tabled to the next scheduled meeting.

Murphy suggested to the board that the contract with GHD Engineering services be terminated and accept GIS as the Environmental Engineering Firm. The decision was made due to a change in staffing with GHD.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve GIS as the Environmental Engineering Firm and dissolve the contract with GHD. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call was taken.

Yea-4

Nays -0

Absent-3

Abstain-0

Murphy discussed the need for Natural Gas expansion at the Port. Murphy stated that prospects that are interested in the Port are questioning the natural gas amounts at the Port. Although this isn’t an urgent matter according to Murphy but, it is something we need to work at getting the required amounts to assist with current and future tenant.

 Public comments: Jaime Webb (Terral) stated that the dock is holding up for now. Matt Prince (Continental Rail) inform the board that Continental is working on several projects that would involve usage of the Port property. The projects will utilize both rail and trucking facilities that could produce jobs in the area.

Secretary Epps suggested striking item F from the agenda as there was no information to discuss.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Griffin, to remove item F from the agenda as there was no business to discuss. Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy gave a report on his travel to Washington, D.C. Murphy stated that he met with persons from the US Army Corps of Engineers, which was productive. He also informed the board on the potable water in the Tower at the Port.

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

Kimmeka Epps Isaiah Ross

Secretary/Treasurer Commissioner