The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 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, Jim Tucker, Isaiah Ross, Robert Charles Brown and Latasha Griffin

Commissioners absent: Harold Allen

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

Visitors: Jaime Webb & Fred Burkett (Terral River Service) and Greg Bates (Bunge)

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Ross, on the previous meeting minutes from the meeting Tuesday, May 24, 2016 the minutes were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy updated the board on the status on the water tower. Structurally the water tower is swaying a little, the altitude valve is the cause of the water leaking from the tower. A down spot is needed to regulate the water tower.

Secretary Epps informed the board of the millage information that was published in the Madison Journal and News-Star.

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

Murphy informed the board of an ongoing discussion of the lease between DSR and the Port. The lease was approved by the Port in February however, DSR has not signed the lease due to some line items they disagreed with.

Murphy informed the board of a lease agreement between MPPC & Geotechnical Construction. Geotechnical will be putting relief wells along the levees in which lead them to lease two buildings at the Northrup Grumman site until the job in completed.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve the lease between the Madison Parish Port and Geotechnical Construction. Motion carried unanimously.

A roll call was taken.

Secretary Epps informed the board of the changes in the insurance policy and the rate changes.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioners Ross & Tucker, accepting the modifications to the insurance policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy explained the importance of designing a brochure for the Port and updating the website. Murphy explained that the brochure will be used as a marketing tactic for the Port of Madison Parish.

On motion given by Commissioner Griffin and seconded by Commissioner Brown, to accept the proposal of building a new brochure for the Port. Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy presented information to the board concerning another DRA grant. Murphy asked the board for support on approval of a participation agreement between the Madison Parish Port and Delta Regional Authority. The participation agreement is required for the submission of the grant with Delta Regional Authority (DRA). Commissioner Ross and Griffin asked for further information about the participation agreement for this year vs the participation agreement that was approved last year. Murphy explained that the participation agreement must be done in order to apply for the grant. He also explain the contents of the grant of adding an additional rail spur.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Vining, to approve the participation agreement between Delta Regional Authority and Madison Parish Port. Motion carried unanimously.

A roll call was taken.

Murphy explained to the board that he is interested in acquiring additional property for future business prospects. Murphy met with Danny Terrell to consult about acquiring additional land.

Murphy explained the meeting with LED (Creed Romano). Creed is assisting the Port with marketing and getting the Port site certified for economic development.

Murphy informed the board of his attendance of the Cuba Summit Meeting. Louisiana is the largest trade partner that Cuba has.

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

A roll call was taken.

Commissioner Frazier asked for Public comment. No public comments.

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman