The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 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, Harold Allen and

 Robert Charles Brown

Commissioners absent: Charles Vining and Latasha Griffin

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

Visitors: Marvin Collins (Terral)

On motion given by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, on the previous meeting minutes from the February 26, 2015 meeting were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps reported the final registry for Capital one Bank with the closing figures. Chairman Frazier reported it’s good to see under budgeted numbers in some areas.

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

Mr. Murphy reported information on the infrastructure development of scrap removal. Murphy reported he spoke with Chip Sullivan and once the river recedes again Chip will look into clearing the land. Murphy reported that he has scheduled a meeting with the CORPS to come and inspect the area. Murphy stated he would like the area to look more like an Industrial site. Murphy stated that he will get Mike Bonnette over to tentatively layout of the road on the backside of the Port to set up potential occupants. Murphy also reported that scrap metal and trees are in the lower area of the Northrup Grumman area of the Port needs to be cleaned also. Murphy suggest that Phil Henson clean the area and have the scrap metal picked up and hauled off. He also would like to give Phil half of the value of the scrap metal and the Port get the remaining value of the scrap metal. Murphy informed that the Port would have to request a permit to cut the trees and have them removed but you just can’t disturb the stumps. Murphy asked the visitor Marvin Collins about the process of tree removal. Marvin Collins responded by saying “do not disturb the soil.”

Mr. Murphy also discussed the PAL Board Meeting/PAL Annual Conference meeting he attended. Meet with the Vice-President of DJ Construction. Murphy will work with him on the pipeline upgraded. Murphy reported that the gubernatorial candidates attended the PAL meeting. A law was passed that supposedly the intermodal section of the Department of Transportation where the next Governor will appoint the first person over that office within the Department of Transportation. Murphy reported that all monies will go to railroads and ports section of the department of transportation. Murphy reported that the state of Louisiana generates 20 million dollars to the Ports in Louisiana, but the state taxes generated a half of a billion dollars as a result of Port businesses. Although the Ports don’t get their share as others do.

Secretary Epps made notations of Commissioner Ross attending the meeting during the discussion of PAL Board & PAL Conference meeting.

Mr. Murphy reported information from the LIDEA Spring Conference. Murphy reported the information given by the persons from Barksdale Air force Base and La Tech on the cyber-attacks of not only Ports but all over the world. Murphy also reported a trip to Mexico on the international trade. Murphy also reported information of the opening of the Gulf of Mexico to do business in the United States. Which could possibly open up a lot of Maritime to New Orleans to Mexico. Murphy informed Marvin Collins of the information on the Mexico trip. Murphy also spoke with a person from Union Pacific about the issues with the railroad at the Port. Murphy reported that he will set up a meeting with the person(s) at Union Pacific to possibly get some ideas about the rail.

Murphy informed the board of Port Executive certifications courses. In which the courses will cover operations of the Ports and lots of other business items. Murphy reported that he will get more information on the subject and revisit with the board for approval.

Murphy reported information about the Foreign Trade Zone. Murphy reported that it’s several advantages for the Port to take part in. Murphy reported also that he and Willey Gilfoil could go in together to create a foreign trade zone from the Delta to the Arkansas line along the river. Murphy reported that in order to do that the Tax Accessor would have to give up some property taxes. The process is lengthy. Murphy reported that he doesn’t think he would get much opposition with the possibility of creating jobs in Tallulah or East Carroll.

Murphy informed the board of the next scheduled Northern Exposure Legislative Forum to be held in Baton Rouge, La. Murphy suggest that the board members attend if it permits in they’re schedule. Secretary Epps asked the board to notice the deadline for registration.

Murphy informed the board of the scheduled IRPT Annual Conference. The meeting will be held in Shreveport. Murphy suggested the attendance of the board members if possible.

Murphy suggested to the board members that he would like to have a Resolution for a $500,000 Capital Outlay/Infrastructure development dock upgrades for the Madison Parish Port. The resolution will be sent to the legislative delegates and to Monroe Chamber of Commerce for listing the Capital outlay as a priority.

On motion given by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Allen, to pass a Resolution of $500,000 Capital Outlay/Infrastructure development dock upgrades for the Madison Parish Port submitted to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce agenda during the Northern Exposure Legislative Forum. Motion carried unanimously.

The roll was called:

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 2

At the regular meeting of the board of commissioners of the Madison Parish Port Commission, held at its office in Tallulah, Madison Parish, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 30, 2015, at which a quorum was present and voting, the following resolution was duly passed and adopted to wit:

**WHEREAS,** the Executive Director Patrick Murphy requested to have $500,000 Capital Outlay/ Infrastructure development for the Dock upgrade of the Madison Parish Port placed on Priorities listing for Madison Parish during the Northern Exposure Legislative Appreciation Forum and Reception.

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce will collaborate with the Madison Parish Port Commission by placing the priority listing of $500,000 Capital Outlay/ Infrastructure development for the Dock upgrade of the Madison Parish Port during the Northern Exposure Legislative Appreciation Forum and Reception.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Commissioners of the Madison Parish Port Commission, which the board does hereby authorize the Executive Director Patrick Murphy requested to have $500,000 Capital Outlay/ Infrastructure development for the Dock upgrade of the Madison Parish Port placed on Priorities listing for Madison Parish during the Northern Exposure Legislative Appreciation Forum and Reception.

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

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 2

**MADISON PARISH PORT COMMISSION**

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By: Donald Frazier, Chairman

Murphy explained the lease updates for Complex Chemical. Murphy and Jerry Melton (Complex Chemical) met concerning the lease updates. Melton talked about a train car maintenance fee that should be charged by the Port of $10-$15 dollars per railcar. Which those monies will be used for maintenance and infrastructure development. Murphy informed that a through-put fee will be added to Complex Chemical lease.

Murphy explained the lease updates for Mike Foster. Pending lease due to a family deal, waiting on the finalization of the leases.

Murphy explained the lease updates for Jimmy Sanders. Murphy suggested that a through-put fee be added to the Jimmy Sanders lease. Murphy is working with Attorney Edwin Moberley for the legal information on adding to renewable leases. Marvin Collins stated he would like to check on the fees between Jimmy Sanders and Terral River Service. He stated that Jimmy Sanders may possibly be paying them to unload product. Marvin Collins will contact Murphy with the information concerning the unloading fees between Terral River Service and Jimmy Sanders.

Murphy also informed the board that a through-put fee should be added to all renewed leases if the leases are negotiable.

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

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

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman