The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 24, 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, Harold Allen, Robert Charles Brown and Latasha Griffin

Commissioners absent: Isaiah Ross

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

Visitors: Jaime Webb (Terral River Service), Greg Bates and Kevin Glaver (Bunge)

On motion given by Commissioner Griffin and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, on the previous meeting minutes from the meeting Tuesday, April 26, 2016 the minutes were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps informed the board of the decision on an audit issues from the Attorney General’s office. Which concluded not to be an audit finding with the lease term agreement.

Murphy informed the board of the first lease payment received from a new tenant at the Port.

Secretary Epps provided information to the board of the interest earned on CD#2.

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

Murphy informed the board of ongoing discussions with GHD to acquire funds for security and infrastructure. The monies are there but the CORP cannot release the monies to this organization. GHD is also working on an Economic Impact study of the area.

Murphy informed the board of the necessity for Port Security. Murphy stated that persons are entering the property going to the river and disturbing the barges. Murphy informed the board that he is in the process of posting the area with signs of unauthorized entry.

Murphy provided information for the inspection of the Water tower. Issues with the water tower is ongoing. PMD will inspect the water tank and provide the findings to the Port.

On motion given by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, accepting the proposal of the inspection of the water tank. Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy is requesting support from the board on fencing the Northrup Grumman Facility. Murphy informed the board that he has a contractor working on a proposal for the specs for the fencing of the facility.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Griffin, for the Executive Director to proceed with the proposal/bids of the fencing of the Northrup facility. Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy informed the board of his attendance of the IRPT annual meeting and Northern Exposure events. Murphy reported that he and Craig Huff both made contacts during the events to help with the success of the railroad.

Murphy provided information from his attendance of the PAL board meeting. He spoke with persons wanting offloading sites up the Mississippi River.

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

A roll call was taken.

Commissioner Frazier asked for Public comment. Greg Bates reported on corn crop production. Jamie provided pictures of the deterioration of the dock. Greg requested grading of the road near the entrance of Bunge. Murphy suggested placing rock in the low area of the road until the Parish can grade the area.

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman