The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Thursday, October 26, 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, Isaiah Ross, Robert Charles Brown

 And Charles Vining

Commissioners absent: Jim Tucker, Harold Allen and Latasha Griffin

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

Visitors: Jaime Webb (Terral)

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Ross, on the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. The minutes were approved with no necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Murphy explained that the final payment from the EDA Grant was received. He also added that the Port was awarded another grant from Delta Regional Authority (DRA). Secretary Epps provided the board with the closing amounts of the EDA Grant and the restitution amounts year to date.

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

Murphy discussed the property holding project with GIS. GIS is working on the designing and engineering process on the river bank. Where several barges will be able to pull in at the Port. Madison Parish Port was named as a sub Port for distribution for products coming off the river. GIS hosted a meeting with business developers and/or aspects for the Port.

Murphy provided information about the land clearing progression at the Port. Trees will be removed and the ground will be leveled. Hopefully B&B Construction will be able to clear the wetlands area after the permit is received. Murphy stated that the island has increased in the last three years. Commissioner Vining stated if the CORP would remove the weir the island would decrease in size.

Murphy updated the board on infrastructure grant. Four entities have submitted support letters from different agencies to aid in the process of the grant. The process is underway and the submission of the finalized product will follow shortly.

 Public comments: Jaime Webb (Terral) commented on dredging issues. Suction dredging does not work because the suction cannot get close to the pilings. A long reach track hoe will get the job done according to Webb. Jaime Webb stated that the bank slides each time digging occurs and the dirt has to be removed from the banks. Web informed the board on the current river stages and predicted stages.

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

Roll call was taken.

Yea-4

Nays -0

Absent-3

Abstain-0

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Ross, 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