The Vidalia Port Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, 14 February 2023 at 8:30 A.M. in the Port Commission office at 1401 Carter Street.

Commissioners Randy Maxwell, President & David Yates, Vice President were present along with Commissioners Steve Weeks, Helen Wyatt, Brannon Arthur, & Tanya Richardson. Commissioner Richard Young was absent. Wyly Gilfoil, executive director, and Bryant Killen, deputy port director were also present along with Joey Booth (Assistant DA), Ian Richie, & Miana Chancy(both ADM).

Mr. Maxwell called the meeting to order. The minutes from the November meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Yates and second by Mr. Weeks.

Mr. Booth gave a brief update on the case involving the vandalism/theft of electrical wire at the port in the fall of 2022. Mr. Gilfoil presented a report on Slip & Bulk Pad-Public Notice Comment Period ended 3 Nov 2020, but LA Wildlife & Fisheries requested an extension for further review. Pending comments and responses, and proof of wetland credits purchased, the Permit will be issued. It was further stated that we are waiting on the USACOE to submit their reviewed decision document to us to proceed. Expanded discussion was made detailing the criteria of which the USACOE will approve the permit application. A seepage analysis, slope stability analysis, and an independent peer review will have to be all completed, and pass before approval. It was stated that the seepage analysis came back favorably. It is currently in the USACOE’s Jacksonville office for internal review. The USACOE is preparing preliminary guidelines for a Risk Based Analysis for the project which this project will be one of the if not first to adhere to such guideline. Further conversations regarding the bank stabilization project were had as security fencing was approved by Facility Planning to be added as an additional item. Camo Construction was the winning bid. The Commission approved the Project Report on a motion by Mr. Arthur and second by Mr. Yates.

In other business, Tanya Richardson was elected Secretary/Treasurer to replace Mr. Freddy Marks. A resolution to reapprove financial institutions was made by Mrs. Wyatt and second by Mr. Weeks. The commission will have 2 accounts at Delta Bank (M&O, Revenue) and 1 account at Concordia Bank (Construction). A second resolution was passed to approve signature card designees with a motion by Mr. Weeks and a second by Mr. Yates. Checks will require 2 signatures. Signature card designees are President Maxwell, Secretary/Treasurer Tanya Richardson, and Deputy Director Bryant Killen. Updates were given on grant applications that are planning to be submitted on VPC’s behalf. RAISE application is due at the end of February, and PIDP is due in April. A motion was made by Mr. Arthur and a second by Mr. Weeks to approve Other Business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 on a motion by Mr. Weeks and a second my Mr. Yates.

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Randy Maxwell President

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Tanya Richardson

Secretary/Treasurer