**GREATER KROTZ SPRINGS PORT COMMISSION**

 **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

 **OCTOBER 05, 2020**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Greater Krotz Springs Port Commission was held on Monday, October 05, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the office of the Greater Krotz Springs Port Commission in Krotz Springs, Louisiana. The following Commissioners were present, which constituted a quorum:

 **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Batiste, Carter, Cornelius, DiCapo, Haynes, Leger, Reed, Soileau, Thibodeaux, Thompson, and Vidrine.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** E. Lynn Lejeune, Cindy Stelly, Jacque Pucheu, Jr., Paul Wiltz, Daniel Wiltz, and Jody Fontenot with Midwest Cooling Towers, and Chad LaComb with Acadiana Planning Commission.

Commissioner Senic Batiste called the meeting to order. Commissioner Monita Reed led the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020:**

**MOTION:** REED **SECOND:** CARTER

A motion was made by Monita Reed and seconded by Cheryl Carter to approve and accept the SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. All Commissioners present agreed unanimously.

**INDUSTRIAL INDUCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:**

 **MOTION:** VIDRINE **SECOND:** DICAPO

A motion was made by Ken Vidrine and seconded by Paul DiCapo to approve and accept the SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 Industrial Inducement Committee Meeting minutes as written. All Commissioners present agreed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

 **MOTION:** REED **SECOND:** VIDRINE

A motion was made by Monita Reed and seconded by Ken Vidrine to approve and **OCTOBER 05, 2020 – MINUTES**

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accept the SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written. All

Commissioners present agreed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S CONTRACT:**

 **MOTION:** VIDRINE **SECOND:** DICAPO

 A motion was made by Ken Vidrine and seconded by Paul DiCapo authorizing President Senic Batiste to sign, on behalf of the Port Board, the renewed contract of Executive Director E. Lynn Lejeune. All Commissioners agreed unanimously.

**MIDWEST COOLING TOWERS:**

President Paul Wiltz, with Midwest Cooling Towers, addressed the Board with information on possibly leasing property from the Port. They are looking into being a distribution hub for a product made in North Carolina. It would be transported in and unloaded onto 18 wheeler cargo vans. Their idea is to lease the 5.5 acres of riverfront property from the Port with the intent to sublease some of that to a company that is interested in coming in. They would also like to lease 9 acres of the 11 acres currently being leased by Delek and build an identical warehouse like the one that is presently on the property. Midwest has a need of about 20% of the new warehouse. Delek may have a need for additional warehouse space too. If not, Midwest would like to have the option to sublease that to a third party as well. Mr. Wiltz said they estimate the cost of the warehouse to be about $500,000.00 and the same cost for the stabilization of about 4 acres. He also expressed that if they made that large of an investment in the property, the longevity of the lease would be something in the excess of 25 years.

**LEGISLATION:**

There were 8 bills on the floor pertaining to capital outlay monies for ports across Louisiana. Two of the three bills by Phillip Devillier were deferred and 5 of them by Jerome Zerangue are being closely watched. These bills do not appear to be advantageous to ports.

**RAILROAD:**

The railroad left a piece of equipment on Port property when they leased it for that month or so. They will be coming in to pick that up.

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**ENVIRO CLEAN:**

Congressman Ralph Abraham has now been brought on board in discussions with Defense Energy and Delek on the blending of the Enviro Clean product.

**DOCK #1 & DOCK #3 SWAP:**

All Commissioners were given a copy of a letter that Port Attorney Jacque Pucheu sent to Blair Briggs, one of the Port’s insurance agents, to inquire about information on bonding and pollution on property that the Port acquires. Mr. Briggs referred him to Insurance Agent James Wallace. Once Mr. Pucheu hears back from the agent, he will meet with the Port committee that was appointed to work on this issue and invite Mr. Wallace to attend the meeting as well.

The next meeting date was scheduled for November 02, 2020. There being no

further business, Commissioner Monita Reed motioned for the meeting to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Clovis Cornelius.

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 **CINDY STELLY, SECRETARY**