Greater Ouachita Port Commission Minutes

Meeting – August 9, 2023– Tower Place

Commissioners Present: Ricky Guillot (Contacted immediately following meeting), Terri Odom, Sue Nicholson and Roland Charles

Commissioners Absent: James Lee, James Jones, and Bobby Manning

Guests: Paul Trichel and Josh Hays

Call to Order

Commissioner Odom called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Minutes

The minutes for the July 12th, 2023, meeting were read. Commissioner Charles made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Nicholson seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report

The financial report as of August 9, 2023, was reviewed by Commissioner Odom. The balance in the accounts is as follows:

GOA $233,972.20

 PPA $139.45

 EDA $92.00

FPC 

Commissioner Nicholson moved to approve the financial report. Commissioner Charles seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioner Odom reviewed the checks to be paid. They included a check to Cameron Hartt and Hines for $225 and a check for Tower Place for $31.50 for the room rental for our meeting and a check for $124.05 to Sue Nicholson to reimburse for lunch. In addition, she had a check for Johnson, Perry and Johnson for $5,750.00 for the annual audit and a check for $2763.00 to Thomas & Farr for the crime insurance policy. Commissioner Odom asked for a motion to approve paying the bills. Commissioner Charles made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Nicholson. Motion Passed. Chairman Guillot was contacted immediately following the meeting and approved the motion.

Construction Report

No report at this time.

Operations Report

Paul Trichel reported that he met with Matt White at DRAX and had a very positive meeting. Paul recently attended the Louisiana Port Association meeting. He suggested GOPC make a capital outlay application in 2024 for a container handler. Several Ports received Capital Outlay this year.

Other Business/ Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for September 6th, 2023, at 12:00 noon. We will meet at Tower Place.

\_\_\_Sue Nicholson\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ August 9, 2023

Sue Nicholson Date