The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at the Madison Parish Port Commission Office. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Donald Frazier and a roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioners present: Donald Frazier, Robert Charles Brown, Latasha Griffin, David Williams, Curt Collins and Luther Love

Commissioners absent: Isaiah Ross

Other members present Kimmeka Epps, Secretary/Treasurer &Asst. Director

Visitors: Neil Martin, Terral River Service

Asst. Director Epps requested an amendment to the agenda to add item G. discussions of SEADD required resolutions for the rail project.

On motion given by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Williams, to approve the amendment to the agenda by adding item G. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion given by Commissioner Collins and Commissioner Williams approving the previous meeting minutes for Tuesday December 17, 2024, the minutes were approved with the necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Epps reported no changes to the financial report. She did inform the board that CD#3 interest will be applied later this week.

On motion given by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the financial reports were approved with no necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Epps informed the board that Complex Chemical leasing terms are expiring on 12/31/2024. The request for the lease extension is to work with the current lease for 90 days or when the CPI rates are available. Chairman Frazier questioned the decision of renewing due to the CPI rates? Epps stated that he will sign the lease for 10 years, but he would like to see what the rates are. Commissioner Collins questioned the computation from previous years. Epps was unaware of that decision as well as Commissioner Brown & Chairman Frazier. Epps requested an extension for 90 days of the current lease starting on 12/31/2024. Should the CPI rates be presented before 90 days the leasing decisions will be brought before the board to decide on the leasing rates.

On motion given by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve an extension for 90 days of the current lease for Complex Chemical starting on 12/31/2024. Should the CPI rates be presented before 90 days the leasing decisions will be brought before the board to decide on the leasing rates. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call

Yeas:6

Nays:0

Abstain:0

Absent:1

Epps informed the board of the status SEADD Grant. 30% of the plans are complete. The remaining funds will be requested through Delta Regional Authority to help offset the cost of the project.

Epps informed the board on the status of repairs at RailCar Co. Epps stated that the tenant was concerned about the demolition of the project and the removal of some items. Epps informed the tenant of the contractual agreement of removed items. For assurance Epps contacted the engineer and contract awardee about the concerns of the tenant. All parties met and had a mutual understanding about their concerns.

Epps stated that there is a lot of interest at the Port for loading and unloading of materials to support the project at Holly Ridge. Chairman Frazier stated that he is in hopes that the Port of Madison would be included.

**Neil Martin added that some products are moving from Vicksburg. He added that TRS has partnered with some companies, and they are continuing to work towards getting those contracts.**

Epps provided the list of scheduled board for 2025. She added that the dates are not in stone.

Epps read a resolution to the board for SEADD projects for signatory purposes. She made the board aware of the necessary paperwork for that project.

**Public comments: N/A**

 There being no further business brought before the board; Chairperson Frazier declared the meeting adjourned.

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer President