The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at the Port Commission Office. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frazier and a roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioners present: Donald Frazier, Jim Tucker, Isaiah Ross, Charles Vining and Robert Charles Brown

Commissioners absent: Latasha Griffin and Harold Allen

Other members present: Mr. Terry Murphy, Director; Edwin Moberley, Port Attorney and Kimmeka Epps, Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors: Jaime Webb (Terral River Service), Alvin Bagby

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Ross, on the previous meeting minutes from the meeting Tuesday, January 26, 2016 the minutes were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Executive Director Murphy suggested to move item B. (Lease approval for new tenant) to executive session due to confidentiality agreements.

On Motion given by Commissioner Vining and Seconded by Commissioner Ross, to move item B. (Lease approval for new tenant) to be discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call was taken.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

Murphy reported to the board information from the Western Ms. Maritime Security Committee meeting. Murphy stated that the CORP projected 20 inches of rain and the potential flooding in the area. The CORP are managing the water levels at the levees.

Murphy informed the board of a meeting with Randy Denmon (Denmon Engineering) concerning the DRA grant. Murphy had concerns about the area in which to be developed for the additional rail. Randy assured him that the needed space is available for the additional rail.

Murphy informed the board of additional information about the land acquisition adjacent to the Industrial site. Murphy made an offer to the property owner to acquire the property. Murphy stated that the idea is to obtain the property and clean the property up and make it look like an industrial site again.

Murphy provided updates from a continuation meeting with GHD Engineering Firm. GHD will work with the Madison Port in obtaining monies for the area.

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

A roll call was taken.

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

A roll call was taken.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the board approved the lease with the recommend changes from the attorney in executive session and submit to the potential tenants for approval.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

Commissioner Frazier asked for Public comment. Alvin Bagby stated that the truck driving school is still in the works.

There being no further business brought before the board, Commissioner Frazier declared the meeting adjourned.

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman