The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at the Madison Parish Port Commission Office. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Frazier and a roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioners present: Donald Frazier, Charles Vining, Jim Tucker, Latasha Griffin

and Isaiah Ross

Commissioners absent: Harold Allen and Robert Charles Brown

Other members present: Patrick Terry Murphy, Executive Director &

Kimmeka Epps, Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors: None

Public meeting held to discuss the 2022 Fiscal year budget(s).

Secretary Epps informed the board of the budgeted items that increased and decreased due to the reevaluations of items.

Public meeting adjourned.

Regular meeting opened.

Director Murphy informed the board on old business topic. Rail Vehicle services were approved by the City of Minneapolis on a project that will directly assist the location at the Port.

On motion given by Vice Chairman Vining and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, on approving the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. The minutes were approved with no necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Vining questioned the dates of the CD(s) for renewal. Epps explained that the CD(s) are 6 months and annually. Vice-Chairman Vining suggest finding out the rates of CD(s) at different banks for more interest on accounts. Commissioner Tucker questioned whether all past dues invoices were current. Epps explained that all past dues invoices are now current. Vice-Chairman Vining questioned if Complex Chemical is receiving all the natural gas required for the entity. Director Murphy answered that the entity is receiving the proper gas for the location and that gas is available for all entities at the Port now.

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

On motion given by Vice Chairman Vining and seconded by Commissioner Ross, on approving the Fiscal year budgets of 2022. The budgets were approved with no necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call

YEAS: 5

NAYS:0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT:2

Murphy discussed the Smart Port Funding meeting. Louisiana has established a water institute which created technology to place on tug boats to determine sound in the Mississippi river and it will also show where sand bars are and that shouldn’t be. Funding is available for Port improvements. Chairman Frazier question if this entity would have a cost for the Port or will the state take care of the cost. Murphy added that there was no discussion of a cost match for either entity. Although that could change has meetings progress.

Director Murphy provided an update on the InFra-Grant status. As of today the project is underway in Magee, Arkansas. Hopefully the project will begin in mid- July for the Port of Madison which is the last phase of the project.

Murphy discussed future activities with tenant Consolidate Grain &Barge (CGB).The entity is looking to put several millions into the operation at the Madison Parish Port. In talks of adding an additional conveyor and more employees.

Murphy updated the board on Simplot operations. The entity has place a new line in from the tank farm. Murphy discussed more land options with the entity. Simplot operations has expanded greatly.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Ross, to move into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Griffin, to end the executive session and return to regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Griffin, to give 10% increment increases to the Director and Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2  
**Public comments: N/A**

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman