The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at the Madison Parish Port Office. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frazier and a roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioners present: Donald Frazier, Jim Tucker, Latasha Griffin, Robert Charles Brown, Harold Allen and Isaiah Ross

Commissioners absent: Charles Vining

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

Visitors: Marvin Collins (Terral) and Carl Thomas

On motion given by Commissioner Griffin and seconded by Commissioner Ross, on the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. The minutes were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy informed the board of the installation of the Port signs upon entering the Madison Parish Port Property.

Secretary Epps informed the board of the fiscal yearend numbers for 2016. Commissioner Tucker questioned the over budgeted item Maintenance and Repairs. Murphy explained that we requested additional assistance to obtain the pending funds from FP&C.

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

Murphy discussed the contents of the Water Tower repairs in the proposal provided by PMD. Murphy selected priority items from a previously prepared proposal. The items selected were the most important at this time. Commissioner Ross questioned the cost of the proposal. Murphy informed that for the items selected that is the projected cost. Commissioner Tucker questioned the status of the altitude valve. Murphy stated that the valve is in the ground and at this time it is being monitored by Carlton Whitaker. Commissioner Tucker stated that putting in an overflow and if it does overflow there will not be a problem because, the indicator gauge is fixed and if required the altitude valve can be adjusted.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioners Ross, to accept the proposal from PMD in the amount of $28,500.00 Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy discussed the clearing of the land at the Port on the river side. There is a need to clear the area for an Industrial site for potential tenants. A road will be built on the back side of the area for accessibility. Commissioner Ross questioned the amount of work that is required for that area. Murphy stated that the area will not take too much to build up. With the help of the Corps while they are dredging, hopefully they will pump the sand to the area in question.

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

A roll call was taken.

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

 Public comments: Carl Thomas asked what businesses will come to the area where the Port is clearing the land? Murphy stated most of the businesses will be agriculture related.

Marvin Collins informed the board that a protective plate was ordered for the dock, where the bucket sits.

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman