The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 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, Robert Charles Brown, Isaiah Ross and Jim Tucker

Commissioners absent: Harold Allen, Charles Vining and Latasha Griffin

Other members present: Patrick Terry Murphy, Executive Director & Kimmeka Epps, Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors: Carl Thomas(Citizen) & Kevin Allen(Terral River Service)

On motion given by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Ross, on approving the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. The minutes were approved with no necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps provided the year-end closing and the start of the fiscal year 2020. Epps informed the board that monies approved for the gas line will be deposited into the Construction account. In addition, to the transfer of funds from both CD’s to pay the Port’s part of the project.

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 that Steel City Construction made a proposal to inspection the rail owned by the Port. Murphy stated that he will allow them to inspect the rail once and allow them to report on the issues or non-issues with the rail. Ties still remain on Port’s property.

Murphy discussed the progression of Rail Vehicle Service. Several participates are scheduled to arrive at the Port late Thursday evening. The main objective is to get the required amount of electricity needed to support the operation.

Murphy provided updates on the USDA grant. Preconstruction meeting was held. February 3, 2020 is the scheduled start date. However, the parties are concerned about the river stages.

Easement concerns for CenterPoint are underway. CenterPoint made changes to where the line was expected to be installed. Murphy & Jerry Melton(Complex Chemical) informed CenterPoint that the lines are near water and fertilizer lines.

Commissioner Allen arrived during Item E.

**Public comments: Kevin Allen(Terral River Service) questioned the absence of the Manager of Delta Southern Railroad. Dino Trevino is still the manager.**

Commissioner Harold Allen(Fire Chief) discussed the lighting at the entrance of Port Road. Allen stated that lighting is needed and at this point it is a necessity. Secretary Epps stated that she has spoken with the Police Jury concerning the lighting and will follow up.

On motion given by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Ross to enter into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman