The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 27, 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, Jim Tucker, Latasha Griffin and Isaiah Ross

Commissioners absent: Charles Vining, Robert Charles Brown and Harold Allen

Other members present: Patrick Terry Murphy, Executive Director &

Kimmeka Epps, Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors: Brian Killen (Lake Providence Port)

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Ross, on approving the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, June 22, 2021. The minutes were approved with a correction notated by Commissioner Griffin, the necessary corrections were made. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps informed the board of an outstanding invoice that is pending due to damages to one of the facilities at the Port.

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

Epps presented before the board the lease renewal option for The Anderson’s formerly Lansing Grain. Modifications included but not limited to rental increase, name changes, etc.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve the lease option and the language within the lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call:

YEA: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

ABSTAIN: 0

Epps discussed the buyout with Bunge with limited details on Consolidated Grain and Barge Company which is now the lessee.

Murphy discussed the progression of Rail Vehicle Services.

**Public comments: Brian Killen stated that the service transportation board suggested that the two entities go into mediation, Lake Providence Port declined the offer. A rail district could possibly be in the near future. Creating a rail district could increase the efforts at the Ports along the Mississippi River.**

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

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

The board suggested that the Secretary & Director work in debt on bringing the delinquent invoices to current status.

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman