The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 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 Harold Allen

Commissioners absent: Charles Vining, Jim Tucker and Latasha Griffin

Other members present: Patrick Terry Murphy, Executive Director &

Kimmeka Epps, Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors: Kevin Allen, Terral River Service

Secretary Epps requested an amendment to the agenda, to cancel the public hearing for millage discussions due to lack of a quorum and to remove items #2 & #3 from the agenda. To which the millage topic is scheduled for October 25, 2022 next board meeting.

On motion given by Commissioner Allen and Commissioner Ross on approving the amendment to the agenda and table the millage items until October 25, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion given by Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Ross on approving the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. The minutes were approved with no necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Murphy asked Kevin Allen to give the board an update on the river conditions.

**Kevin Allen(TRS) stated that as of today the river is at 6 feet and in the morning it may drop another couple of tenths. Allen stated that when it gets that low the conditions are really bad. Terral can barely load barges at minimal capacity. The operations along the river at the Port could shut down(halt operations on the river). The CORP of Engineers are adding more dykes along the river on the Port side according to Allen.**

Secretary Epps stated that CD# 2 was closed at Delta Bank and the entity opened a CD at another bank. Epps provided the rate of the buy in of CD #2 and disclosed the 1st invoice from the rail project at RailCar Co.

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

Director Murphy stated that a tenant questioned the 30 year lease terms for their lease renewal. Murphy stated should that occur the lease amounts would increase every 10 years. He added that the Port is still in the running for a new tenant as of now.

Director Murphy stated that Volkert would go out for bids on the Port Road Project. Murphy and Randy (Volkert) discuss adding a wider turning lane into the entities.

Executive Director Murphy provided information on RailCar Co. stating that the entity is hiring personnel. RailCar Co has a transportation car and a Chernobyl car that the entity is working on upgrading. Commissioner Ross questioned has RailCar started advertising for the positions that are available? Murphy stated that he has not. Commissioner Allen stated that with advertising he would get a vast majority of persons to select from.

Executive Director Murphy provided an update on infrastructure grants. Madison Port’s portion of the grant work should start in March.

**Public comments: Kevin Allen stated that the board members are welcome to give the person(s) his contact info and he will direct those persons seeking employment.**

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman