

## **MERMENTAU RIVER HARBOR TERMINAL DISTRICT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 11, 2022**

### **CALLED TO ORDER**

- A meeting of the Mermentau River Harbor Terminal District was called to order by President Mr. Dale Thibodeaux at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Mr. Keith Henry, Mr. Karlon Thibodeaux, and Mr. Bart Savant. Also present were Mr. John Craton and Mr. Jonas Harrington.

### **MINUTES**

- On a motion duly made by Mr. Bart Savant seconded by Mr. Karlon Thibodeaux was approved to accept the minutes from the meeting held on December 13, 2021.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- On a motion duly made by Mr. Bart Savant seconded by Mr. Karlon Thibodeaux, all financial reports were approved and ratified.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A report on the Chaff Pile was made by Mr. John Craton. It was unanimously agreed upon that we want to sell the Chaff Pile rather than lease the Chaff Pile. Papers will be changed in order to reflect a sale. Mr. John Craton will get with the attorney for the Rice Mill to get everything back on track for this transaction.
- It was discussed that Maggie has been handling the bookkeeping and other clerical duties for the port for quite a number of years, believed to be at least 15, without ever having received a raise. A cost of living raise of 3 percent was proposed. The motion further proposed to make this an annual increase. The raise will be retroactive to January 1, 2022. On a motion by Mr. Karlon Thibodeaux, and seconded by Mr. Keith Henry, it was passed unanimously.
- The bids for the clearing of the vegetation were reviewed. It was learned that for each of the three bids that we had, their figure only included the annual maintenance once the initial cleanup was performed. It was determined to go back to the bidders and have them amend their proposals to include the cost of the initial cleanup in addition to the annual maintenance costs. The amount falls under the threshold for the public bid laws, so we are able to avoid having to advertise.
- The millage rates proposed by the assessor were discussed and approved and passed unanimously on a motion by Mr. Karlon Thibodeaux, seconded by Mr. Keith Henry.
- On a motion that passed unanimously made by Mr. Karlon Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Bart Savant, any officer of the board is authorized to sign the

contract with the CPA on an annual basis, allowing for the engagement to perform the review services required by the state. This motion was made retroactive to cover any previous signing of these contracts.

- A discussion was held regarding contacting Consolidated Grain and Barge to discuss purchasing the property needed for the slip improvements. Mr. John Craton will be discussing this with Stephen Broussard to see if he has had any contact with Consolidated.

There being no further business to come before the board on a Motion by Mr. Keith Henry seconded by Mr. Karlon Thibodeaux, the meeting was adjourned.