**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TENSAS PARISH PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT**

**HELD ON JANURARY 31, 2024**

 The Tensas Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, 31 January 2024 at 9:30 A.M. in the Port Commission office at 212 Hancock Street.

 Commissioners Paul Capdepon, President, William McDonald, Vice President, & Scott Guthrie, Secretary/Treasurer were present. Commissioners James Frasier, Thomas Crigler, & Elvadus Fields were present. Commissioner Todd Merriett was absent. Wyly Gilfoil, port director, Bryant Killen, deputy port director, & Steve Weeks were also present.

 Mr. Capdepon called the meeting to order.

 Minutes from the July 20th 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. McDonald and a second by Mr. Crigler.

Mr. Killen presented a report on Port Priority status of the High-Speed Bulk Loading Facility as well as the Capital Outlay funds that are in priority 1. A reevaluation letter was sent in to LADOTD in regards to the state’s share of the bulk loading facility. Mr. Killen gave an overview of Senate Bill 166, in which projects do not need matching funds for capital outlay if the jurisdiction lies in an area with a population under 7500. A report was given with regards to the grain tanks in St. Joseph that are owned by The Andersons. Mr. Killen started a dialogue in May requesting that the company donate the tanks to the port commission. Negotiations are ongoing. Project Reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Fields and a second by Mr. Crigler.

In Other Business, A resolution was passed by a motion from Mr. McDonald and a second from Mr. Guthrie to approve President Capdepon to execute the donation agreement between the port and the Andersons for the grain storage donation. Discussion was made regarding a “Contract to Lease” with Terral River Service. On a motion by Mr. Frazier and second by Mr. McDonald, a resolution was passed to approve President Capdepon to execute a contract to lease with Terral River Service for terminal operations. Expanded discussion was given with regards to the pending MARAD earmark request as well as CRISI grant application & earmark request. Other Business was approved with a motion by Mr. McDonald and a second by Mr. Crigler.

 The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Crigler and a second my Mr. Guthrie.

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Secretary Treasurer