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

**HELD ON JULY 20, 2023**

The Tensas Port Commission met in regular session on Thursday, 20 July 2023 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 Todd Merriett, Thomas Crigler, & Elvadus Fields were present. Commissioners Scott Guthrie, Secretary/Treasurer, & James Frasier were absent. Wyly Gilfoil, port director, Bryant Killen, deputy port director, were also present.

Mr. Capdepon called the meeting to order.

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. An update was given on applications to be submitted to RAISE (2/28) & MARAD (4/28). 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. McDonald and a second by Mr. Crigler.

In Other Business, A resolution was passed by a motion from Mr. McDonald and a second from Mr. Merriett to approve an application to LADOTD Port Construction & Development Priority Program for rail reconstruction from Newellton to Waterproof. On a motion by Mr. McDonald and second by Mr. Capdepon, agenda item- approving Bryant Killen, deputy director, to execute intergovernmental replacement agreement with LADOTD. Resolution was approved on a motion by Mr. Merriett and a second by Mr. McDonald. Expanded discussion was given with regards to the pending MARAD grant application. 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. Merriett.

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Secretary Treasurer