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

**HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

The Tensas Port Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, 17 September 2024 at 9:30 A.M. in the Port Commission office at 212 Hancock Street.

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

Mr. Capdepon called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the April 30st 2024 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, in which LADOTD adjusted the state share of the project from $7.8m to $9.1m. 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 have been fully donated to the port from The Andersons. Ms. Pauline Doyle, with TPPJ, stated that the grain tank facility would be covered under the jury’s liability policy. With regards to the high-speed bulk loading facility project-BH&A has completed the survey of the site, and has contracted a soils consultant. A permit application with the USACE was submitted in February in regards to soil borings at the port site. Further discussion was made regarding receiving quotes to clean up the grain tanks in town. Project Reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Merriett and a second by Mr. Crigler.

In Other Business, a resolution to authorize a reimbursement agreement with LADOTD was passed on a motion by Mr. Fields, and a second by Mr. McDonald. Discussion was made regarding a contract to lease with a terminal operation, which the commission selected to review prior to passing. A resolution to submit a Louisiana Capital Outlay request was passed on a motion by Mr. Crigler and a second by Mr. Merriett. A resolution to enter a revenue sharing agreement with the Northeast Louisiana Multimodal District, Lake Providence Port, & Vidalia Port was passed on a motion by Mr. McDonald and a second by Mr. Merriett. Expanded discussion was given with regards to the pending MARAD earmark request as well as CRISI grant application & earmark request. Mr. Killen also spoke regarding bonding out the LADOTD funds with State Bond Commission approval. Other Business was approved with a motion by Mr. Merriett and a second by Mr. McDonald.

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

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