**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIDALIA PORT COMMISSION**

**HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2022**

The Vidalia Port Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, 11 October 2022 at 8:30 A.M. in the Port Commission office at 1401 Carter Street.

Commissioners Randy Maxwell, President & Freddy Marks, Secretary-Treasurer were present along with Commissioners Steve Weeks, Brannon Arthur. Commissioner David Yates, Vice President Commissioners Richard Young & Catherine Cartwright were absent. Wyly Gilfoil, executive director, and Bryant Killen, deputy port director were also present.

Mr. Maxwell called the meeting to order. The minutes from the September meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Marks and second by Mr. Arthur.

Mr. Gilfoil presented a report on Slip & Bulk Pad-Public Notice Comment Period ended 3 Nov 2020, but LA Wildlife & Fisheries requested an extension for further review. Pending comments and responses, and proof of wetland credits purchased, the Permit will be issued. It was further stated that we are waiting on the USACOE to submit their reviewed decision document to us to proceed. Expanded discussion was made detailing the criteria of which the USACOE will approve the permit application. A seepage analysis, slope stability analysis, and an independent peer review will have to be all completed, and pass before approval. It was stated that the seepage analysis came back favorably. It is currently in the USACOE’s Jacksonville office for internal review. The USACOE is preparing preliminary guidelines for a Risk Based Analysis for the project which this project will be one of the if not first to adhere to such guideline. Further conversations regarding the bank stabilization project was had as security fencing was approved by Facility Planning to be added as an additional item. Quotes are being gathered for the work. The Commission approved the Project Report on a motion by Mr. Arthur and second by Mr. Marks.

In other business, an electrical repair update was given from the damages sustained by theft/vandalism event. An update was given regarding the MARAD grant application which VPC’s share if awarded would be around $4.5m. A motion was made by Mr. Marks and a second by Mr. Arthur to approve Other Business.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Arthur and a second my Mr. Weeks.

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Randy Maxwell President

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Freddy Marks

Secretary Treasurer