**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIDALIA PORT COMMISSION**

**HELD ON NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

The Vidalia Port Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, 13 November 2022 at 8:30 A.M. in the Port Commission office at 1401 Carter Street.

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

Mr. Maxwell called the meeting to order. The minutes from the October meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Weeks and second by Mr. Yates.

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. Camo Construction was the winning bid. The Commission approved the Project Report on a motion by Mr. Arthur and second by Mr. Yates.

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. Yates and a second by Mr. Weeks to approve Other Business.

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

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Randy Maxwell President

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Freddy Marks

Secretary Treasurer