**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTHEAST LOUISIANA MULTIMODAL DISTRICT**

**HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2024**

 The Northeast Louisiana Multimodal District met in regular session on Wednesday, 31 January 2024 at 11:00 A.M. in the Police Jury office at 212 Hancock Street.

 Commissioners Steve Weeks, President, Karvan Powell, Vice President, Jamie Davis, Secretary/Treasurer, Taft Tucker, Teddy Oliver, Russ Ratcliff, & Rogers Leonard were present. Commissioners Jim Lensing & Marshall Hardwick were absent. Wyly Gilfoil, port/district director, Bryant Killen, deputy port/district director were also present.

 Mr. Weeks called the meeting to order.

 Minutes from the board meeting held on December 21, 2023 were approved by a motion from Mr. Oliver and second from Mr. Leonard.

 Mr. Killen gave a financial statement to the board, which was approved on a motion by Mr. Powell and a second by Mr. Tucker.

Mr. Killen gave a broad overview regarding the goals and objectives of the District. Mr. Killen reviewed the Capital Outlay request that has been made for FY24/25-$3,000,000 in priority 1 & $7,000,000 in priority 5. Mr. Killen presented an update to the board regarding Lake Providence Port Commission’s Port Priority application to reconstruct the railroad south from Tallulah to Newellton, which was submitted on December 1 2022. Mr. Killen also updated the board regarding Tensas Parish Port, Harbor & Terminal District’s Port Priority application (Newellton-Waterproof) as well as the Vidalia Port Commission’s application (Waterproof-Vidalia) which were both turned in on 12/1/23. Mr. Killen reviewed the plan regarding federal earmark requests, which will be jointly applied for. Mr. Killen gave an overview of the CRISI grant application (DeltaLink)that will be jointly applied for between Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Northeast Louisiana Multimodal District, Lake Providence Port, Harbor & Terminal District, Vidalia Port Commission, & Yellow Bend Port. Project Reports were approved by a motion from Mr. Ratcliff and a second by Mr. Oliver.

In Other Business, discussion was made with regards to funding and letters of support from agricultural organizations in LA & AR. Other business was approved on a motion by Mr. Tucker and second by Mr. Davis.

 The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Powell and a second my Mr. Ratcliff at 11:17 am.

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 President

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Secretary Treasurer