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

**HELD ON DECEMBER 21, 2023**

 The Northeast Louisiana Multimodal District met in regular session on Thursday, 21 December 2023 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, Jim Lensing, Russ Ratcliff, & Marshall Hardwick were present. Commissioners Teddy Oliver & Rogers Leonard were absent. Wyly Gilfoil, port/district director, Bryant Killen, deputy port/district director, Ben Guthrie, Frankie Burnside, Jay Hardwick, & David Dupree (LADOTD) were also present.

 Mr. Weeks called the meeting to order.

 Minutes from the board meeting held on November 6, 2023 were approved by a motion from Mr. Powell and second from Mr. Tucker.

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

In Other Business, A resolution authorizing Chairman Weeks to execute lease with LPPC was approved with a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Powell. A second resolution to do business as (DBA) the “Northeast Louisiana Multimodal District” was approved on a motion by Mr. Ratcliff and a second by Mr. Powell. Mr. Killen fielded questions from attendees regarding landowner concerns. Other business was approved on a motion by Mr. Lensing and second by Mr. Davis.

 The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Powell and a second my Mr. Tucker at 11:40. am.

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 President

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Secretary Treasurer