COLUMBIA PORT COMMISSION September ,2021 MINUTES

PRESENT AT MEETING:

COMMISSIONERS: DARRON MCGUFFEE, MONTY ADAMS, JR, BRUCE FRAZIER, JOHN COOKSEY AND CHARLES HEARNS

DIRECTOR: GREG RICHARDSON

Meeting was called to order by Darron McGuffee, Port President in the Police Jury Board Room

READING OF THE MINUTES AND BANK STATEMENTS, **motion was made by Bruce Frazier and Second by John Cooksey to accept documents motion passed**

ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING MEETING

The Port Commission received a Report from its director pertaining to work performed on their behalf to secure grants for infrastructure improvements to the Port. The Port submitted its Port Priority Grant Application by the September deadline to submit the LADOTD Port Priority. The finish document was complete and is anticipated to have no problems with the application process. Greg submitted the invoices associated with this application and our lease with LGF: Harper Wilkins attorney invoice of $2400 for legal services,

BHA invoices for engineering work on the grant application $8422.50 and $8818 which covered the services provided for the entire grant and work to date at the port. Gary Lagrange and Associates invoice of $3,000 for consulting services in assisting Greg with the application process and identification of other funding sources.

**The motion was made by Monty Adams, Jr to pay the outstanding invoices associated with the grant application and seconded by Charles Hearns, motion passed. The out of house cost for the $15 million dollar grant to LADOTD Port Priority was a total of $22,640.50 which is well below the average cost for grant applications.**

Greg then addressed the issues with the existing lease with LGF, Greg meet with LGF to discuss the existing lease pertaining to modifications requested by LGF with the initial payment. After discussing the language in the lease it was agreed upon by LGF to pay the Columbia Port Commission $80000 the First of October and another $80000 before the first of the year, which would fulfill LGF obligations of the lease. LGF initially wanted to postpone the initial payment, but after Greg explained to them that to keep the project on schedule the port need to eliminate outstanding debit on the property to facilitate our ability to secure a bond for the upcoming proposed infrastructure improvements.

Greg informed port commission that LGF has secured the rights to purchase property north of the existing port. The LGF rights can be transferred to the port for purchase and then leased to LGF under the same terms as our existing lease.

Greg discussed meeting he held with both the east side water district, east side sewage district as well as talking with Homeland security office about fencing and fire protection.

**Motion was made by Monty Adams jr to adjourn the meeting second by Bruce Frazier motion LG**