Greater Ouachita Port Commission Minutes

April 7th, 2021

In person Meeting

Commissioners Present: Ricky Guillot, Terri Odom, James Lee, and Sue Nicholson

Commissioners Absent: James Jones, Bobby Manning, Roland Charles

Guests:

Paul Trichel

Josh Hays

DJ Fortenberry

# Call to Order

Chairman Guillot called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

## Minutes

The minutes for the March 10, 2021 meeting were read. Commissioner Nicholson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Lee seconded. Motion passed.

## Financial Report

The financial report as of April 6th was reviewed by Commissioner Odom. The balance in the accounts is as follows:

GOA $208,142

 PPA $139.45

 EDA $92.00

FPC 

Commissioner Lee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Construction Report

No report

Paul Trichel mentioned that the port needs rolling stock. If the federal infrastructure bill or the American Rescue Plan passes, there may be funding for equipment at ports. The cost for the equipment is in the neighborhood of $650,000 to $700,000. Graphic Packaging may be willing to participate financially, too, because it would help them, as well.

Operations Report

Paul Trichel reported that KCS was bought by Canadian Pacific. Their US office will remain in Kansas City. KCS used to host an annual meeting with all their partners to discuss future plans. Paul is hopeful that they will continue to host that meeting.

Paul is also working on a new rate for the port. They want to move from a per lift rate to a monthly rate.

Other Business

No other business

## Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for May 12. We will meet in person at Tower Place, however, if necessary, we will meet by Zoom.