The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at the Madison Parish Port Office. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Vining and a roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioners present: Charles Vining, Robert Charles Brown, Jim Tucker and Latasha Griffin

Commissioners absent: Harold Allen, Isaiah Ross and Donald Frazier

Other members present: Mr. Terry Murphy, Director and Kimmeka Epps, Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors: Jaime Webb (Terral River Service) and Matt Prince (Continental Rail)

Murphy reported on old business discussed with the Department of transportation and the Police Jury to assist with the road conditions at the Port. Complex Chemical was experiencing seep water. Murphy contacted the Police Jury to clean the culverts out so, that the water could flow properly. State will take over a road if the Parish would swap out a road. Matt Prince added that if the Jury would help out with the crossing, Delta Southern would assist with the labor. Vice-Chair Vining notated that comment from Prince.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Brown, on approving the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. The minutes were approved with no necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps stated that no interest accrued for the CDs but, the next couple of months the matured interest should be available. Epps also noted the fee cost for Denmon Engineering. Commissioner Tucker questioned budget item Legal and Professional and stated it is near the budgeted amount.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the financial reports were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps informed the board of a request for a resolution giving the Executive Director authority to sign off on any and all documents for DRA Grant. The resolution was read aloud. Document attached!

Roll Call was taken.

YEA: 4

NAYS: 0

OBTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 3

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Brown, on giving the Executive Director the authority to sign any and all documents associated with the Delta Regional Authority Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy discussed the contents of the memorandum of understanding between Madison Parish Port and Delta Southern Railroad. Contents allows the Lessee DSR to add Transportation Management Services as a subsidiary to their lease. Matt Prince explains the operation of TMS. TMS will load product onto railcars and ship accordingly. The MOU is for 3 months only with an understanding that if additional time is required outside of the MOU, the two companies will then decide on lease options for TMS.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the MOU between the MPP and DSR to add TMS as a subsidiary to the DSR lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy inform the board on lease updates on the Bunge lease. The lease was modified to remove the 2 acres in the previous lease and all other items remain.

On motion given by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, on approving the modifications to the Bunge lease. The lease was approved with no necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call was taken.

YEA: 4

NAYS: 0

OBTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 3

Murphy reported that GIS contacted him inquiring about vacant land for a business prospect. The company is interested in all modes of transportation. Murphy contacted Chip Sullivan to give him the information.

Commissioner Allen arrived on Item F.

Murphy reported on the PAL Conference. The Commissioners and the Executive Director toured the Port of Lake Charles. Murphy reported that tons of aluminum comes through the Port of Lake Charles. Overall it was a good conference according to Murphy.

 **Public comments**: Jaime Webb reported that rock is the only item loaded at this time. The river is still up.

Commissioner Griffin informed Matt Prince that at the expiration of the MOU, leases monies are expected with the continuation of business.

On motion given by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, to enter into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion given by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, to enter back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business brought before the board, Vice-Chairman Vining declared the meeting adjourned.

Kimmeka Epps Charles Vining

Secretary/Treasurer Vice-Chairman