The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 01, 2016 at the Madison Parish Port Office. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frazier and a roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioners present: Donald Frazier, Charles Vining, Jim Tucker, Isaiah Ross,

Commissioners absent: Harold Allen, Latasha Griffin and Robert Charles Brown

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

Visitors: Matt Prince (DSR) and Greg Bates (Bunge)

Matt Prince introduced his self to the board and gave a brief discussion of what his job entails with Continental Rail via Delta Southern Railroad. Matt inform the board that rail cars are operational heading north.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Ross, on the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 the minutes were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps explained the delay in requested monies from EDA and DRA. CD #2 is has changed to a year on interest instead of 6 months.

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

Murphy explained the proposal for the water tower. The proposal included adding a safe ladder, altitude valve, and adjust the windage rods and riser stay rods. Murphy stated that we doesn’t want to make a decision on the proposal at this point but, in the near future he would like to work on the tank in stages.

Commissioners Ross and Vining asked question on the verbiage of non-removal of items and draining of the tank and/or owner obligations in the contract. Murphy explained that he hasn’t asked why that verbiage was stated in the contract but he will clear everything up before agreeing to the terms.

Murphy explained the status of the brochures. The brochures are being printed and should be here within 5 to 10 days.

Murphy informed the board of the status on the dock repairs. The construction was halted until the river went down. The work on the dock should be completed by the end of the week.

Murphy informed the board on the EDA construction projects. The projects are nearing its end.

Murphy discussed his attendance of the AAPA Conference. The conference was very informative. Murphy scheduled meeting with GHD Engineering firm during the conference.

Murphy explained the Public Private Corporate partnership that would benefit the Port if and when the obtaining of additional properties come to play.

Secretary Epps suggested a date to schedule the next meeting due to scheduling conflicts. The meeting is scheduled for the 13th of December.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Ross, the board voted to enter into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

A roll call was taken.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Ross, the board voted to enter back into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comments.

There being no further business brought before the board, Chairman Frazier declared the meeting adjourned.

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman