The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 26, 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, Harold Allen and Latasha Griffin

Commissioners absent: Robert Charles Brown

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

Visitors: Jaime Webb (Terral River Service) and Carl Thomas

Secretary Epps asked for a motion to amend the agenda removing item B (Port Security issues) and replace with Resolution approval for Capital Outlay Projects.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, to allow the Secretary to amend the agenda by removing item B(Port Security Issues) and replace it with Resolution approval for Capital Outlay Projects. Motion carried unanimously.

A roll call was taken.

Yea: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Ross, on the previous meeting minutes from the meeting Tuesday, June 28, 2016 the minutes were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps explained monies received from State Treasury Department. Secretary Epps also explained the excessive monies used for maintenance and repairs. She stated that due to the additional projects and potential projects, the Port spent more monies on engineering fees this fiscal year than expected.

 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 requested the approval of a resolution for proof of matched monies on Capital Outlay Project number 36-P14-16-01. Murphy explained the why the resolution was required.

On motion given by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve the resolution for proof of matched monies for Capital Outlay Project number 36-P14-16-01. . Motion carried unanimously.

A roll call was taken.

Yea: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1

**RESOLUTION**

 At the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Madison Parish Port Commission, held at its office in Tallulah, Madison Parish, Louisiana, on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at which a quorum was present and voting, the following resolution was duly passed and adopted to wit:

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners of the Madison Parish Port Commission agreed to the local match funding of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000.00) for the Capital Outlay Project #36-P14-16-01.

**WHEREAS**, the Madison Parish Port, 1603 Felicia Drive, PO Box 591, Tallulah, Louisiana 71282 will match funding on the Capital Outlay Project #36-P14-16-01.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Commissioners of the Madison Parish Port Commission, that the board does authorize the matching of the local funds in the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000.00) to support Capital Outlay Project #36-P14-16-01.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1

**MADISON PARISH PORT COMMISSION**

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By: Donald Frazier, Chairman

Murphy informed the board of the completion of the DRA Grant Submission. All contents required for the grant submission were received and the grant was submitted for approval. Murphy is optimistic about the grant approval.

Murphy provided information to the board on the Stakeholder meeting that was held in Lake Village, AR. The name of the organization will be the Arklamec Economic Council. The areas will cover Little Rock to I-20.

Murphy provided information on the meeting with GHD and also asked the board to approve GHD as an additional engineering firm to assist the Port with its’ various projects.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, to approve entering into a working relationship with GHD as a potential engineering firm for the Port. Motion carried unanimously.

A roll call was taken.

Yea: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1

Murphy informed the board on his attendance of the PAL Board meeting. Louisiana received 60 million for projects in Department of Transportation. Barksdale Airforce base will receive a direct entrance from I-20.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, 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.

A roll call was taken.

Commissioner Frazier asked for Public comment. Carl Thomas asked if the Port had any affiliation with Kendall Morgan. Secretary Epps informed that Kendall Morgan is a private entity that will operate on it’s on for hiring, etc.

Jaime Webb questioned the start date on the construction of the Dock. The bid for the dock was awarded. Additional time was allocated due to harvest during construction.

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman