The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 11, 2017 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, Robert Charles Brown, and Isaiah Ross

Commissioners absent: Latasha Griffin and Harold Allen

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

Visitors: Marvin Collins (Terral), Matt Prince (DSR), Latrena Lewis (Madison Journal) and Jon Ryan (Continental Rail)

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Ross, on the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. The minutes were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps informed the board of the interest received on the CD.

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

Murphy discussed the Participation Agreement between the DRA and the Port. The Participation Agreement is a mandatory document required for the process of submitting or requesting a grant through Delta Regional Authority (DRA). The grant monies requested will be used for additional rail spur at the Port.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, to approve the Participation Agreement between the Delta Regional Authority and the Madison Parish Port. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call was taken.

Yea-5

Nays -0

Absent-2

Abstain-0

Murphy suggested to the board on moving forward with the roof repairs on the Delta Southern building since tabling at the last meeting. Murphy asked for permission to obtain additional bids and allow him to select the bid upon the amount agreed upon according to the board. Commissioner Ross questioned the warranty of the repairs. Murphy stated the warranty information will be viewed during the obtaining of the bids. Commissioners Vining and Tucker suggested companies and/or contractors to contact regarding roof repairs.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve the Executive Director to obtain three bids for the roof repairs on the Delta Southern building and select a contractor according to the ceiling amount set by the board. Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy provided information to the board on dual direction derails. The information contained eight dual direction derails at the wye via Complex Chemical. Matt Prince informed the board on the necessity of having the derails installed. The derails will be installed at every switch that the Port owns. The board suggested to the Executive Director to obtain two bids from additional contractors.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the Executive Director to obtain additional bids and select the least and best fit for the Madison Parish Port. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call was taken.

Yea-5

Nays -0

Absent-2

Abstain-0

Murphy discussed the Inland River Ports and Terminal annual conference. The conference provided several sessions on Container on Barge, river and rail transport, aggregate materials and crop storage. Several contacts were made to obtain additional tenant and services.

 Public comments: Marvin Collins reported that Terral will have 12 barges in tomorrow and unloading Saturday or Sunday. He also reported the river stages at the Port.

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

Roll call was taken.

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

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman