COLUMBIA PORT COMMISSION July 21, 2022

MINUTES MEETING:

COMMISSIONERS: DARRON MCGUFFEE, President; Charles Hearns, Secretary/Treasurer; Bruce Frazier Guest: Mark McKee DIRECTOR: GREG RICHARDSON

Meeting was called to order by Darron McGuffee, Port President at the Police Jury Meeting Room in the Caldwell Parish Courthouse. READING OF THE MINUTES AND BANK STATEMENTS, **motion was made by Charles Hearns and seconded by Bruce Frazier to adopt the minutes and bank statements motion passed.** ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING MEETING Greg informed the Commission of activities since last port meeting:

* Greg discussed the Economic Recovery Fellows Grant he is currently working on with the Commissioners. The motion was made by Charles Hearns and seconded by Bruce F. to allow Greg to submit the EDA grant application, motion passed.
* Greg discussed the next phase of the Port Priority Program – Land purchase. Greg said he plans to meet with LGF to discuss outstanding issues as well as check on Greg Wilbanks on appraisal.
* Greg informed Commission of LGF request for assistance with paying Entergy $200,000 for a study to determine the cost of installing transmission lines for the proposed plant. Greg stated he would evaluate every opportunity for the Port to assist LGF with securing these funds.
* Greg Reviewed status of grant applications. Informed Port Commission of being awarded $184,000 from USDA Rural Development to assist with the Project.
* Greg informed the Port Commission that the Road Design of Riverton Campground Road is being completed and should be submitted for DOTD approval. The project is currently 21 days behind our proposed scheduled. Riverton Campground Road construction is currently anticipated to commence by October 15, 2022.
* Greg installed barriers to the old dock as per the request of the commissioners.
* Greg gave report of his meetings held with potential candidates for the vacant Police Jury position on the Columbia Port Commission. The report indicated in accordance with the agreed upon procedures that the commission had developed a list of three names Pam Kelly , Roland Garcia, and Jimmy Kenney that would be willing to serve if selected. In addition to the Report, Greg asked the commission to include Mark McKee name to the final candidate’s list for subsequent submittal to the Police Jury for selection. Mark addressed the board and after a brief discussion Greg was instructed by the Commissioners to include Mark McKee’s name to the Letter for submittal to the Police Jury at tonight’s meeting.
* General discussion about port activities as well as internal issues with employee status.
* Motion was made by Charles Hearns and seconded by Bruce F. to pay outstanding Port Invoices.

**Motion was made by Bruce Frazier to adjourn the meeting second by Charles Hearns motion passed meeting was adjouned.**