COLUMBIA PORT COMMISSION May 18,2023`

May MINUTES MEETING:

COMMISSIONERS: Bruce Frazier, Monty Adams Jr, Mark McKee and Charles Hearns

GUESTS: Richard Smith

PORT DIRECTOR: GREG RICHARDSON

Meeting was called to order by Bruce Frazier at the Police Jury Meeting Room in the Caldwell Parish Courthouse.

READING OF THE MINUTES, **motion was made by Charles Hearns, and seconded by Mark Mckee to adopt the minutes**

**Reading Bank Statements, motion was made by Charles Hearns, and seconded by Mark McKee to accept the bank statements motion passed.**

ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING MEETING Greg informed the Commission of activities since last port meeting:

* Greg informed commissioners of grant opportunity for Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities and the need to submit a DRA grant application for the Railspur Construction Project. Greg gave an update on status of grant application for Strategic Plan for the Entire Ouachita River. Greg informed Commission about upcoming meeting with LGF to discuss Grant Plan for FY2023.
* Greg informed commissioners of activities with USDA, DRA and DHS pertaining to awarded grants as well as discussed submittals of quarterly reports and requested reimbursements.
* Greg is submitting change orders and reimbursement request to LaDOTD monthly; however, no payments will be received prior to October 2023.
* Progress report on RC Road Improvements, Progressive Construction and discussed payments.
* Greg has completed and provided all audit information to our accountant for submittal to the auditors, currently waiting on a response from them.
* Greg presented information about a section of RC ROAD which has developed cracks. The cracks were identified by Progressive as Wind Blistering however over the course of couple of weeks the cracks have grown in size and number. After discussion with Engineers and LaDOTD the Port is recommending that cores be taken to determine additional information about the Cracks. Greg recommends withholding the payment of the concrete for the area in questions. Results of testing will determine if the panels will have to be removed or repaired. (Richard Smith with Terral suggested that the cracks had increased in the panels due to loads from their aggregate operation). Greg said we will monitor the situation and allow the engineers and contractors to develop a plan to address the issue. General consensus is that
* Greg encouraged those that did not complete ethic Training course at the library, to please complete as soon as possible. The link to the sexual harassment class was corrected and provided [www.lma.teachable.com](http://www.lma.teachable.com)
* Greg discussed negative impacts of SB214, the bill as written would remove Port Priority Program from DOTD and place into a new department of commerce as well as change the way the projects are ranked. This is a bad bill which will have an adverse impact on our port and the LGF Project.
* **Motion made by Charles Hearns and seconded by Mark McKee to oppose SB214 as written, motion passed.**
* **Motion made by Bruce Frazier and seconded by Mark Mckee to pay all outstanding bills presented to the board motion passed.**

**Motion was made by Bruce Frazier to adjourn the meeting second by Mark McKee motion passed meeting was adjourned.**