COLUMBIA PORT COMMISSION October ,2021 MINUTES MEETING:

COMMISSIONERS: DARRON MCGUFFEE, BRUCE FRAZIER, JOHN COOKSEY

DIRECTOR: GREG RICHARDSON

Meeting was called to order by Darron McGuffee, Port President in the Police Jury Board Room

READING OF THE MINUTES AND BANK STATEMENTS, **motion was made by Bruce Frazier and Second by John Cooksey to accept documents motion passed**

ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING MEETING

The Port Commission received a Report from its director pertaining to work performed on their behalf to secure grants for infrastructure improvements to the Port to LADOTD Port Priority as well as ongoing grant applications. We discussed signing of renewed lease as well as payment by LGF. LGF agreed to pay $80,000 in two payment, one at the time of signing the other in November. The first check was used to retire the outstanding debit on the port property. While we had used the debit as main reason for LGF payment in October, the commissioners requested a motion to do so.

**The motion was made by Bruce Frazier and seconded by John Cooksey to used the initial rent payment to retire the debit owed on the port property. Motion passed.**

Greg recommended that we move forward with engineering design of Riverton Campground Road and the RailRoad Spur to remain on schedule.

**The motion was made by John Cooksey to authorized Brian Hammitt and Associates to perform the necessary engineering required with a initial budget of $185,000 and seconded by Bruce Frazier, motion passed.**

Greg had talked with Eastside water District about the application of grant for an elevated water tank, the application was developed by mmLH and submitted on behalf of the east side water district. The District ask for a commitment letter from the Port of Columbia for the required match $415,000.

**The motion was made by Bruce Frazier and seconded by John Cooksey to provide the requested commitment letter to Columbia Eastside Water District, motion passed.**

The commissioners then discussed a variety of issues ranging from existing tenants to other items in the community the port could provide assistance as well as impact of LGF facility. The tone of the meeting was one of excitement and anticipation of the potential of this projects impact on our community as we move a step closer to securing LGF.

**Motion was made by Monty Adams jr to adjourn the meeting second by Bruce Frazier motion LG**