The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at the Madison Parish Port Office. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ross and a roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioners present: Jim Tucker, Isaiah Ross, Harold Allen and Latasha Griffin

Commissioners absent: Donald Frazier, Charles Vining and Robert Charles Brown

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

Visitors: PJ Tracy (Madison Journal)

On motion given by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, on the previous meeting minutes from the meeting Tuesday, August 30, 2016 the minutes were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Secretary Epps mentioned the interest received on the CDs. Secretary Epps also explained the over budgeted item in Maintenance and Repairs.

Murphy explained the active construction projects at the Port. Rail improvements of replacing ties, Rail Spur at Complex Chemical, construction on the Dock, Relief wells put in and locomotive stripping.

Commissioner Ross questioned the installation of relief wells. Murphy explained that the relief are installed to relief pressure off the levee. Commissioner Tucker explained that relief wells are Corp of Engineers Project.

Murphy explained that persons from Lansing had questions concerning the width of the road to their site. Murphy stated that he instructed an Engineer to inspect the road. The road is fine and will withstand the heavy traffic from the Lansing site.

Murphy informed the board members of an executed lease with Delta Southern Railroad. All parties agreed to the revision of the lease.

Murphy explained the handouts of the bids for the fencing project between Northrup Grumman site and the Lansing site. The Commissioners viewed the proposed bids.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve the bid from Delta Specialty Contractors to install a fence separating the Lansing Grain site and the Northrop Grumman site. Motion carried unanimously.

A roll call was taken.

Yea: 4

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3

Murphy discussed his attendance of the Union Pacific Short line Railroad & Port Conference. The railroad was officially opened from Kansas City Southern to Magee Arkansas on 15th of August.

Murphy provided reports on the Northrup Grumman roof and the water tower. The Commissioners reviewed both reports. The Northrup Grumman roof has several leaks in it. The contractor provided suggestions on fixing the roof. The water tower is overflowing. Causing issues with the tenants’ internet service providers. Carlton Whitaker is working on correcting the issues however, Murphy stated he contacted Denmon Engineering to discuss the issues with the tank. PJ Tracy questioned the use of the water tower. Murphy informed that the water tower is used for emergency water and fire protection at the Port.

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

No public comments.

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

Kimmeka Epps Isaiah Ross

Secretary/Treasurer Commissioner