The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at the Madison Parish Port Commission Office. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Vining and a roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioners present: Donald Frazier, Charles Vining, Jim Tucker, David Williams and Latasha Griffin

Commissioners absent: Isaiah Ross and Robert Charles Brown

Other members present: Patrick Terry Murphy, Executive Director &

Kimmeka Epps, Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors: Neal Martin, Terral River Service & Jaime Davis

On motion given by Commissioner Griffin and Commissioner Tucker on approving the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. The minutes were approved with no necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion given by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Frazier, to adopt the millage rates presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call

Yea: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

Abstain: 0

Secretary Epps discussed the budgeted items that requires attention.

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

Executive Director Murphy provided information on the Port Road Project. The road should be complete within a 10 day operation without weather being an issue.

Secretary Epps discussed the insurance renewal proposal for this fiscal year. Epps indicated the increase in coverages and rate increases.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Frazier, to accept the bid proposal for the Port’s property insurance renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call

Yea: 5

Nay: 0

Absent: 2

Abstain: 0

**Public comments: Neal Martin (Terral RiverService) discussed the dredging of the river and how Terral is impacted when the river stages are low. He reported that the CORP of Engineers stated that they are schedule to arrival at the Port of Madison in September. In addition, Martin informed the board that Terral would like to acquire additional property at the Port to assist with barge loading and unloading. He provided a diagram showing the river stages, the dock and rock barge loading to give the board a general idea of what’s required of Terral to operate without opposition.**

**PC: James “Jamie” Davis introduced himself to the board as a candidate for the State House.**

On motion given by President Frazier and seconded by Commissioners Tucker & Williams, to move into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion given by Commissioners Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Williams, to end the executive session and return to regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Williams, to increase the employee rate of pay by 5% for a one year period expiring 8/01/24). **Motion wasn’t carried unanimously.**

Roll Call

Yea: 3

Nay: 2

Absent: 2

Abstain: 0

There being no further business brought before the board, Vice-Chairman Vining declared the meeting adjourned.

Kimmeka Epps Charles Vining

Secretary/Treasurer Vice-Chairman