The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 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, Latasha Griffin, Robert Charles Brown, and Isaiah Ross

Commissioners absent: Donald Frazier, Charles Vining and Harold Allen

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

Visitors: Jaime Webb (Terral) and Matt Prince (DSR)

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Brown, on the previous meeting minutes on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. The minutes were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps informed the board of the modifications of the budget report due to Legislative Auditors request.

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

Murphy discussed the land clearing proposal for the Port site. Informing the board of the cost of the required machinery and labor.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Griffin, to approve the proposal for the Land Clearing at the Port site. Motion carried unanimously

Roll Call was taken.

Yea-4

Nays -0

Absent-3

Abstain-0

Murphy informed the board that the roof of the Delta Southern building needs repairing due to prior damage and time. Murphy presented a cost estimate to the board members to have a coating put on the roof. Commissioner Tucker questioned the cost effectiveness of patching the roof versus replacing the roof. The Board suggested to the Director that he obtain additional estimates to replace the roof. Item C is tabled to the next scheduled meeting.

Murphy suggested to the board that the contract with GHD Engineering services be terminated and accept GIS as the Environmental Engineering Firm. The decision was made due to a change in staffing with GHD.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve GIS as the Environmental Engineering Firm and dissolve the contract with GHD. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call was taken.

Yea-4

Nays -0

Absent-3

Abstain-0

Murphy discussed the need for Natural Gas expansion at the Port. Murphy stated that prospects that are interested in the Port are questioning the natural gas amounts at the Port. Although this isn’t an urgent matter according to Murphy but, it is something we need to work at getting the required amounts to assist with current and future tenant.

 Public comments: Jaime Webb (Terral) stated that the dock is holding up for now. Matt Prince (Continental Rail) inform the board that Continental is working on several projects that would involve usage of the Port property. The projects will utilize both rail and trucking facilities that could produce jobs in the area.

Secretary Epps suggested striking item F from the agenda as there was no information to discuss.

On motion given by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Griffin, to remove item F from the agenda as there was no business to discuss. Motion carried unanimously.

Murphy gave a report on his travel to Washington, D.C. Murphy stated that he met with persons from the US Army Corps of Engineers, which was productive. He also informed the board on the potable water in the Tower at the Port.

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

Kimmeka Epps Isaiah Ross

Secretary/Treasurer Commissioner