The Madison Parish Port Commission met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at the Port Commission Office. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frazier and a roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioners present: Donald Frazier, Jim Tucker, Isaiah Ross, Charles Vining and Harold Allen

Commissioners absent: Latasha Griffin and Robert Charles Brown

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

Visitors: Jaime Webb (Terral River Service)

On motion given by Commissioner Ross and seconded by Commissioners Allen & Tucker, on the previous meeting minutes from the Tuesday, December 08, 2015 the minutes were approved with no necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Epps provided information to the 2016 fiscal budgeted items. The pending funds were received from the canceled insurance policy. She also announced the closing numbers for the fiscal yr. 2015. Epps reminded the board of the transfer of funds from the General fund to the Construction acct for business development.

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

Murphy reported to the board the contents of the lease with Delta Southern Railroad. Commissioner Vining questioned the knowledge of ownership of the building that DSR is occupying. Murphy stated that the ownership of the building is understood by DSR that the building owner is the Port. Commissioner Ross asked if the lease in hand is the final draft with pending wording corrections. Murphy informed that DSR is viewing the lease as well as the Port. If changes are requested Murphy informed he would bring the lease back to the board for approval.

On Motion given by Commissioner Vining and Seconded by Commissioner Ross, to enter into a lease agreement between Delta Southern Railroad and the Madison Parish Port Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll call was taken.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

Murphy informed the board of the Inholding Property of the Industrial Site. Murphy stated that he and the Port Attorney Edwin Moberley viewed the area in question for ownership of acreage. Moberley is researching the owner documents for clarification of acreage of the industrial site. Murphy stated that there are environmental concerns (sewer disposable), complaints from tenants of shots fired toward their property. Murphy also informed the board that he wants to widen the road where that property is for potential tenants. Murphy stated that the Port will make an offer for the property. Commissioner Vining stated that maybe the Port could switch out property with the property owner and the Port. If the property owner doesn’t want to sell.

Murphy informed the board of EDA bid selection results. Due to injuries that Mike Bonnette sustained the project has been on hold. Murphy stated that McHann Railroad received the bid. We are now underway and the information was sent to Capital Outlay for continuation of the EDA Project.

Murphy updated the board on the progress of DSR. DSR is working on railcar storage in our area and are working on occupying the Northrop Grumman building. A bid was awarded for bridge construction along the railroad. DSR is working diligently to meet their April 1st deadline.

Murphy provided updates from a continuation meeting with GHD Engineering Firm. The Madison Port is in line to receive the monies available. The process will take a bit longer than which GHD expected.

On motion given by Commissioner Vining and seconded by Commissioners Tucker and Ross, the board voted to enter into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

A roll call was taken.

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

A roll call was taken.

Commissioner Vining asked for Public comment. Jaime Webb (Terral) asked for the status on the dock repairs. Murphy advise that he is working with Moffatt and Nichol on the work of the dock. Jaime informed that there is additional movement on the concrete along the dock. Jaime stated that with the water levels of the dock it is dangerous. Chairman Frazier stated that the most important thing is to get the dock back up to standard working conditions.

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

Kimmeka Epps Donald Frazier

Secretary/Treasurer Chairman