The Vidalia Port Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, 14 March 2023 at 8:30 A.M. in the Port Commission office at 112 Front Street Suite B, Vidalia Convention Center.

Commissioners Randy Maxwell, President & David Yates, Vice President were present along with Commissioners Steve Weeks, Helen Wyatt, Brannon Arthur. Commissioner Tanya Richardson, Secretary/Treasurer & Commissioner Richard Young were absent. Wyly Gilfoil, executive director, and Bryant Killen, deputy port director were also present along with Mayor Buz Craft(TOV) & Neil Martin (Terral River Service).

Mr. Maxwell called the meeting to order. The minutes from the February meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Yates and second by Mr. Arthur.

Mr. Killen presented a report on Slip & Bulk Pad-Public Notice Comment Period ended 3 Nov 2020, but LA Wildlife & Fisheries requested an extension for further review. Pending comments and responses, and proof of wetland credits purchased, the Permit will be issued. It was further stated that we are waiting on the USACOE to submit their reviewed decision document to us to proceed. Expanded discussion was made detailing the criteria of which the USACOE will approve the permit application. A seepage analysis, slope stability analysis, and an independent peer review will have to be all completed, and pass before approval. It was stated that the seepage analysis came back favorably. It is currently in the USACOE’s Jacksonville office for internal review. The USACOE is preparing preliminary guidelines for a Risk Based Analysis for the project which this project will be one of the if not first to adhere to such guideline. The USACE has determined our slope to be 5.8:1. We are now working through required rip rap specs to take the project to full design. Further conversations regarding the bank stabilization project were had as security fencing was approved by Facility Planning to be added as an additional item. Camo Construction was the winning bid. Mr. Killen discussed the need to acquire an option on the property south of the eventual slack water slip for future development. The Commission approved the Project Report on a motion by Mr. Arthur and second by Mr. Yates.

In other business, Updates were given on grant applications that are planning to be submitted on VPC’s behalf. RAISE application is due at the end of February has been submitted, and PIDP is due on April 28th. Mayor Craft gave a brief update regarding town business as it relates to the port commission. A motion was made by Mr. Weeks and a second by Mr. Arthur to approve Other Business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 on a motion by Mr. Arthur and a second my Mr. Weeks.

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Randy Maxwell President

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Tanya Richardson

Secretary/Treasurer