

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION
May 20, 2019, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, Ralph Ingram, Dan Simmons, and William Allen, Commissioners. K. David Zachary was absent at the start of the meeting, but arrived prior to its conclusion. Also, present were Travis Tyler, Executive Director of the Port, Mickey Chambers, Assistant to the Executive Director of the Port, Mark Mareno of Terral RiverServices, and Mark A. Begnaud of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ingram, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) over 161,000 tons moved through the Port through April 2019. The tonnage report was available for review; 2) wet weather has caused a slow down in the timber harvest and river activity. Aggregate trains continue to arrive at the Port; 3) ADA has been continuing standard operations and will also be unloading rail cars of coal for transport to its mill; 3) Custom Commodities is up and running again on the Matriculated site; 4) there are no updates on any potential projects; 5) the Port has obtained prices on putting a road adjacent to the warehouse rail spur, but will obtain additional estimates; and 6) Fire District 6 still has equipment that needs to be removed from the Port's property.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly carried to accept the April 2019 Treasurer's Report, a copy of which was available for review. The Port's financial position remains stable.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported that: 1) 2015 Flood – high water is causing issues ; 2) No developments in capital improvements. Projects will depend in a large part on demand for specific improvements; 3) litigation with Coastal Construction is proceeding regarding the repairs of Dock 3; and 4) the potential expansion of the Northport tract is being evaluated. The Port will

have two appraisals conducted to determine the potential land costs.

In New Business: 1) advertisements have run on the proposed Terral rock yard lease. The lease can be executed at the end of the week; 2) a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Simmons and unanimously passed approving a short term warehouse lease with Terral RiverService, Inc.; 3) a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously passed approving a short term extension of the lease with Terral RiverService, Inc. to store rubber chips on the chip pad; 4) a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly passed to renew Matriculated Services' lease and waiving the requirement of a year notice period related to exercising its option to extend lease; and 5) a motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ingram and duly passed authorizing the Port to purchase (at State pricing) a commercial grade 60 inch mower.

At this time, Mr. Zachary arrived at the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Allen, and after a unanimous roll call vote, the Board entered executive session to discuss potential and pending litigation.

After exiting the executive session, there being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly carried that the meeting be adjourned.