

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION
September 16, 2019, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, Dan Simmons, Ralph Ingram, William Allen and K. David Zachary, Commissioners. Also, present were Travis Tyler, Executive Director of the Port and Mark A. Begnaud of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Zachary, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) tonnage is approximately 350,000 tons year to date. A tonnage report was available for review; 2) Madden continues to bring in rock trains; 3) Terral has filled the warehouse with frac sand; 4) a road adjacent the rail spur to service Custom Commodities is still under construction; and 5) Fire District 6 continues to remove its materials from the Port's property.

Also, as part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) He has nothing further to report regarding the biofuel refining company that showed interest in the Port; 2) he continues discussions with other potential tenants; 3) Terral is preparing the move of rubber pellets from the Port; and 3) he was offered a scholarship to attend an executive training course in St. Louis, Missouri, and the entity providing the scholarship will assist with a Strategic Plan for the Port.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly carried to accept the August 2019 Treasurer's Report, a copy of which was available for review.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) the Port is applying for an improvement grant which would assist with rail and other infrastructure of the Port; 2) repairs of the locomotives continue; and 3) regarding Northport expansion, landowners are obtaining appraisals and the Port will continue to work toward an amicable resolution.

In New Business, Mr. Tyler reported Matriculated has not paid its overdue tonnage fee, for which a demand letter was sent. This places them in default. Mr. Travis continues to be in contact with its principals. A motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly carried authorizing Mr. Tyler to work toward potentially having Matriculated transfer its scales to the Port with credit for their value. The Port will also have to determine whether there are any liens encumbering the scales.

Also, in New Business, Mr. Tyler reported Terral's chip pad agreement is expiring. A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly carried authorizing Mr. Tyler to renew the short agreement with Terral for an additional three (3) months.

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

After exiting executive session, a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly carried that the meeting be adjourned.