## NATCHITOCHES PARISH PORT COMMISSION December 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, Mark A. Begnaud of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission and Mark Mareno of Terral RiverService, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Simmons, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) tonnage has surpassed 500,000 tons. This amount is slightly ahead of the tonnage at this point in 2018 and more aggregate trains should come in by the end of year. A tonnage report was available for review; 2) the sublessor of the Matriculated site will be expanding its operation; 3) Terral remains active and the rockyard is operational; 4) Fire District 6 has removed its training tower and has very little remaining on the Port's property; 5) the Port continues to work with NULA Energy and other prospects and parties with an interest in the Port; and 6) BioMass representatives are planning a visit to the Port in early January.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly carried to accept the November 2019 Treasurer's Report, a copy of which was available for review. The Port will end the year with an increase from 2018, including a reimbursement for dock repairs from FEMA.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) he met with CLECO regarding the North Port tract elevation issues; 2) there have been no developments regarding capital improvements; 3) the Port continues to work to determine the value of the scales Matriculated proposes to transfer; and 4) the Port continues to work with a claims adjuster regarding the repair of Dock 3.

In New Business, a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Allen approving Terral's request for an additional three months on the chip pad lease agreement on the same terms.

Also, in New Business, 1) a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Zachary and unanimously passed approving an amendment to the 2019 Budget; 2) a motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ingram and unanimously passed approving an increase in attorneys' fees to \$200.00 per hour beginning January 1, 2020; and 3) after discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Ingram and unanimously passed approving the 2020 budget after amending the "other income" category.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Zachary and duly carried that the meeting be adjourned.