

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION  
July 20, 2020, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, Ralph Ingram, William Allen, K. David Zachary and Dan Simmons, Commissioners. Also, present were Travis Tyler, Executive Director of the Port, Mickey Chambers, Assistant to the Executive Director of the Port, Ronnie Blewer, Mark A. Begnaud of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission and Johnny Combs and Barry Wallis, representatives from "Project Green".

Mr. Blewer was recognized as a guest. Mr. Nettles made a request for public comment. No public comments were made

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020, Commission meeting.

Johnny Combs and Barry Wallis made a presentation to the Board regarding "Project Green".

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) the Port continues to negotiate with potential fuel terminal for diesel and/or gas; 2) the Port continues to negotiate with representatives of Project Milton; 3) the NULA and the tank wash project have cooled down a little; 3) Project Green negotiations continue; 4) ADA has increased locomotive usage; and 5) Madden appears to have increased activity.

After Commissioners reviewed the June 2020 Treasurer's Reports, a motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly carried to accept the reports, copies of which were available for review. Mr. Tyler reported most of the shortfall will be recouped for when FEMA reimburses the Port for engineering costs related to Dock 3 repairs and insurance rates are increasing.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) related to Capital Improvements, a

preliminary design for a levee on the Northport tract, if needed, was received; 2) the Port is looking at partnering with CLECO related to a right-of-way for rail and electricity; and 3) the Port continues to look at the Northport expansion.

In New Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) the Port can utilize the Red River Waterway Commission's facility for meetings until the COVID-19 risk subsides; and 2) the Port will follow all state guidelines related to COVID operations.

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: 1) a motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Zachary, and after a unanimous vote, to approve the Port accepting the Builder's Risk settlement offer as recommended by counsel representing the Port in this matter; and 2) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons, and after a unanimous vote, to approve the Port proceeding with the eviction of Matriculated Services and collection of past due rent.

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