

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION  
December 21, 2020, Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Blewer was recognized as a guest. Mr. Brown made a request for public comment. No public comment was made.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Allen, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) Over 388,000 tons have moved through the Port year to date. The full tonnage report was available for review; 2) aggregate tonnage is down from 2019, primarily due to COVID-19; 3) Madden has several projects that should move forward in 2021; 4) ADA may expand its footprint at the Port and may also want to utilize at least a portion of the warehouse; and 5) he has been approved for the "Leadership Natchitoches" course and will be attending.

Also, as part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported that of the eight (8) projects mentioned at the November regular meeting, two (2) have been in further contact with the Port: 1) "Project Drill" continues to express interest in the Port; and 2) "Project Green" continues to express interest in the Port and is working with bond attorneys.

After Commissioners reviewed the November 2020 Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Ingram and duly carried to accept the report, a copy of which was available for review. Income is down from last year primarily due to COVID-19. The Port is looking at risk analysis for insurance purposes in an attempt to reduce costs.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) there are no changes regarding capital improvements. Any improvements at the Port will be dependent on which projects locate at the Port has not yet been filed; 2) regarding the suit filed against Matriculated, an Answer to the Port's Petition; and 3) a Notice of Intention pursuant to La.R.S. 33:4717.2 was given to consider a Resolution to Approve a Lease Agreement with Custom Commodities Logistics, Inc. at the Port's meeting on January 18, 2021.

In New Business, 1) after discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly passed accepting amendments to the Port's 2020 Budget, which were available for review; 2) Discussion was held regarding the 2021 Budget; 3) a Notice of Intention pursuant to La.R.S. 33:4717.2 was given to consider a Resolution to Approve a Lease Agreement with ADA Carbon Solutions at the Port's meeting on January 18, 2021.

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

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