

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION  
March 21, 2022, 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 and Mark A. Begnaud of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Allen, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) over 134,000 tons of material have moved through the Port through the end of February; 2) approximately one rock train per week is being unloaded; 3) ADA and other tenants have been active; 4) the Port is waiting on additional information it requested from Project Green regarding its project; 4) the cement group continues to move forward and has received barge rates from different entities. The group would employ approximately six people but would lead to indirect employment in excess of that; 5) the Port's test of delivery of grain to rail cars went smoothly; and 6) additional interest being shown by other grain facilities.

Also, as part of the Director's Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) there has been additional contact with FEMA regarding the revetment issue. Senator Bill Cassidy has become involved; 2) a group proposing bringing in rock by barge has shown interest in the Port; 3) the Port submitted a letter in support of a project by the City of Natchitoches for an additional water treatment facility; 4) no new information regarding the waterline relocation; 5) additional interest has been shown by a prospect regarding unloading center beam rail cars; 6) KCS will be replacing rail ties on the rail spur; 7) the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce is doing away with its economic development project and is moving that function back to the Chamber; and 8) the Port has submitted on a couple

of new small projects.

After reviewing the December 2021, January 2022 and February 2022 Treasurer's Reports, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly carried to accept the reports, copies of which were available for review.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) the Port is still working with the National Guard on a training project for construction of a levee on the Northport tract; and 2) no new information related to a rail spur extension to the Northport tract; 3) there remains a need for increased storage; 4) the Port will investigate the expansion of warehouse space; 5) FEMA has approved an extension through May for the Dock 3 repairs and the Port is working on engineering plans; and 6) Terral is willing to sell its truck scale for appraised value of \$40,000 to \$45,000. Currently three groups are utilizing the scale at the Port. The Port will need to put out a bid for scales. A motion was made by Mr. Zachary, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly passed approving advertising for bids.

In New Business, 1) A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons, and was duly approved to amend the agenda presentation of a resolution to enter into short term lease with Custom Commodities; 2) a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly passed authorizing a Resolution to Approve a Short Term Lease Agreement with Custom Commodities Logistics, LLC; and 3) a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly passed authorizing for an agriculture lease being put out for bid if the property is, in fact, available.

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