

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION
August 15, 2022, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, Ralph Ingram, William Allen and K. David Zachary Commissioners. Absent was Dan Simmons. Also, present were Travis Tyler, Executive Director of the Port, Mickey Chambers, Assistant to the Executive Director of the Port, Ronnie Blewer, Alayna Huckaby and Taylor Wall of Kenneth D. Folden & Company, and Erika F. Cedars of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission.

After a request for public comments, of which there were none, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) over 382,000 tons of material have moved through the Port through the end of July, mainly aggregate and wood chips. The Port is expecting wood chip shipments to slow by rail; 2) the Port met with representatives of Project Green who are still interested in the property at the Port; 3) the Port had some rail and tractor issues this past month but have been resolved; 4) the truck scales were purchased from Terral River Service; 5) a sewer pump was repaired by Posten Plumbing; 6) there has been positive interest on the State level related to the need for a reliable water source. The Port has not received a response regarding the URAF grant the Port applied for, but has been contacted by the State regarding other opportunities.

Also, as part of the Director's Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) there has been interest in frac sand from Wisconsin, St. Francisville and Missouri utilizing barge, rail and trucking; 2) a company is interested in bringing in pipe by barge and utilizing approximately 30 acres; 3) he is looking at silos, new and used; 4) he met with NLEP (North Louisiana Economic Partnership) which thinks the Northport tract has good potential; 5) Great Lakes Grain wants to come back to

transload grain utilizing 6 to 8 railcars; 6) a cement group is interested in silos, they cannot keep up with demand; and 7) he met with Matrix Engineering regarding the issues with the oxbow and potentially getting the revetment raised.

After reviewing the June and July 2022 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.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) the Port continues to work with the National Guard on a training project for construction of a levee on the Northport tract and is waiting on approval from DEQ; 2) he spoke with KCS and they are willing to submit a letter of support regarding an additional tract and rail spur for the Northport tract; 3) he met with a company interested in a long term deal for enclosed storage facility; 4) issues with Dock 3 have been stagnant with no new developments; 5) he is still working with various groups regarding website proposals.

Alayna Huckaby of Kenneth D. Folden & Company presented the audit report completed June 2022, in which there were no findings.

Mr. Zachary left the meeting during the audit report.

In New Business, 1) a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly passed for a resolution to approve a Short Term Lease Agreement with KNH Trucking & Contracting; 2) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Ingram and duly passed for a resolution to approve a Short Term Lease Agreement with Custom Commodities Logistics, LLC; 3) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Ingram and duly passed for a resolution to approve a Short Term Lease Agreement with MFT Port Services, LLC; 4) a Notice of Intention pursuant to La.R.S. 33:4717.2 was given to consider a Resolution to Approve a Lease Agreement with MFT Port Services, LLC at the Port's meeting on September 19, 2022.

Also in New Business, a motion to amend the agenda to include approval for purchase of silos was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Ingram, and after a unanimous roll call vote, was added to the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Ingram and was duly passed authorizing Mr. Tyler to purchase silos.

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

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