

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION

September 19, 2022, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, Ralph Ingram, William Allen and Dan Simmons Commissioners. Absent was K. David Zachary (listened by phone). 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.

After a request for public comments, of which there were none, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) over 422,000 tons of material have moved through the Port through the end of August; 2) Tenants continue to run at capacity; 3) Several tenants may be picking up additional work and may need additional property; 4) Coastal Marine Contractors may bring pipe into the Port in 2023; 5) frac sand interest seems to be returning; 6) no new information regarding Project Green; and 7) the Port has been in conversation with a potential additional wood chip mill tenant.

Also, as part of the Director's Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) the Port submitted on a project with approximately \$700 to \$800 million in capital investment and providing approximately 50 to 100 jobs; 2) the Port also submitted on Project Paper which would potentially infuse \$110 million in capital investment and provide 45 to 110 jobs; 3) the Port is working to engage engineers. Other than that, there is no new information on the grant to move the waterline; 4) there is a potential tenant looking to import salt; 5) a potential tenant is interested in importing barite and crushing it; 6) he met with DOTD in early September regarding potential ADA increased business; 7) He is working on a port priority grant related to rail increase and will try to submit by the end of

the year, but may need to withdraw the conveyer grant first; 8) the Port continues to look into silos, although interest has slowed somewhat; 9) Custom Commodities is utilizing the Port's scales under a new agreement; and 10) he is still working on master plan for the Natchitoches Parish economic development.

After reviewing the August 2022 Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Allen 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 National Guard has completed the survey on the Northport tract; 2) he is looking at a port priority opportunity regarding the rail spur for the Northport tract; and 3) he continues to evaluate the Port's need for additional storage / warehouse space.

In New Business, a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly passed for a resolution to approve a Great Lakes Grain Transload Agreement.

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