

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION
November 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. Zachary, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2022, and October 17, 2022, Commission meetings.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) over 527,000 tons of material have moved through the Port through the end of October; 2) he expects more aggregate to come through the Port this year; 3) he is still working with American Soda regarding a potential transload agreement; 4) He is moving forward with new Port Priority grant for an additional rail spur and additional warehouse space. The grant would cover 90% of the construction cost. The additional spur would hold a unit train. The Port would also need to mitigate certain wetlands; 5) Regarding the waterline relocation – the URAF application was denied, at least for payment in full. The Port may still be eligible for partial funding; 6) Project Green - the appraisal on the property was completed, but there have been no further developments since that time.

Also, as part of the Director's Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) he has received an additional call regarding Project Deuce (a CLECO based project); the Port is in the final two Louisiana sites at this time; 2) there is still potential for pipe being shipped through the Port; 3) a group from Canada is interested in purchasing the Port's truck dump, if it is declared surplus; 4) A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ingram and was unanimously approved that the Port's annual report and review presentation be held at Lasyone's on Tuesday, January 17, 2023; 5) after a presentation from the Natchitoches Economic Development Alliance was played and the

Commission held an extended discussion regarding the benefits of participating in the NEDA, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons and was unanimously approved that the Port participate in the NEDA at the Champion Level of \$5,000.00 per year. The Commission believes this will provide exposure and opportunities for the Port; 6) may have soybeans trucked in and shipped out by barge.

After reviewing the October 2022 Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly carried to accept the report, a copy of which was available for review.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) regarding elevation of the Northport tract, he is waiting on DEQ approval for the National Guard to construct the levee around the site; 2) regarding the rail spur on the Northport tract, the Port is moving forward with potential Port Priority funding and will try to have it submitted by the first quarter of 2023; and 3) he is also working on Port Priority finding for a 150,000 square foot warehouse on the Northport tract.

In New Business, Mr. Tyler presented a proposed budget for 2023.

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 performance matters.

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