

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION

February 20, 2023, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, William Allen, Dan Simmons and K. David Zachary, Commissioners. Absent was Ralph Ingram. Also, present were Travis Tyler, Executive Director of the Port, Mickey Chambers, Assistant to the Executive Director of the Port, Ronnie Blewer and Mark L. Roberts 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 16, 2023, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) approximately 36,000 tons of material moved through the Port in January; 2) oil and gas activity in the area still has rock moving through the Port; 3) ADA and Kisatchie Chips have been busy; 4) the Port has received feedback on Project Milton, Project Deuce, Project Bighorn, Project Green and Project Southport; 5) the Port has been shortlisted for Project Southport, which project is related to the wood industry needing to construct a 200 to 250 square foot facility, providing 300 to 330 permanent jobs and capital investment of \$200 to \$250 million; 6) Prospect for importing mats used in the wood industry with subcontract the unloading. KNH will temporarily store the mats and is asking for a six-month agreement with an option to extend another six months; and 7) there is another prospect interested in exporting mats used in the wood industry.

Also, as part of the Director's Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) there is a potential prospect bringing slag through the Port by barge and/or rail; 2) Mr. Tyler put the prospect wanting to ship barite in contact with shippers in South Louisiana who would put the barite on a barge, ship to the Port and crush the barite on site. The barite can be stored outside in raw form but must be stored inside after crushing; and 3) Mr. Tyler attended the Port Association meeting earlier this month.

After reviewing the December 2022 and January 2023 Treasurer's Reports, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly carried to accept the reports, a copy of

which were available for review.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) the Port has received approval from the National Guard regarding elevation leveeing of the Northport tract and hopes the project will start this summer; 2) the rail spur on the Northport tract, additional warehouse storage and a proposed water treatment facility may be pursued with a potential Port Priority Project grant together as one grant; and 3) the change order in the final settlement regarding the stabilization of Dock 3 has been sent to the attorneys for review.

In New Business, 1) the grazing rights lease is expiring and will need to advertise for the new lease. The current lease was for 3 year term with a 3 year option. A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons, and duly passed approving the grazing rights lease to be advertised at a term of 5 years with a 5 year option; 2) The Port has received some estimates for the feasibility studies for a water treatment facility. A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Zachary, and duly passed authorizing Mr. Tyler to continue exploring the options.

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