

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION
April 17, 2023, 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 and Mark L. Roberts of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Ingram, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) approximately 133,000 tons of material moved through the Port through March; 2) the Port hasn't had additional correspondence with the groups for Project Duece, Project Green, Project Bighorn, Project Leopard and Project Southport since submitting on the projects; 3) the Port has submitted for Project Sherwood, which prospect is a manufacturing company using pulp for production of a natural fiber and needs a building that is approximately 40,000 square foot in size. A final decision regarding Project Sherwood will be made at the end of the year; 4) the Port has submitted for Project Glow, which is a company planning to produce sodium nitrite and nitrate and would provide approximately 125 jobs, needing approximately 20 acres, have a capital investment of \$80 million and be rail served; and 7) the Port is considering submitting on Project Angus which will need approximately 200 acres and have a capital investment of approximately \$500 million and provide approximately 400 full time jobs.

Also, as part of the Director's Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) a conveyor to move slag from rail to a truck was found; 2) there is potential for OSB coming through the Port this summer; 3) there is a prospect involving at loading material to container and wood chips loading to barge; 4) mats are now moving through the Port and may continue through 2025; 5) cost for extending the rail 250 feet is estimated at \$100,000.00; 6) a feed packaging plant has shown interest in the Port;

6) the Port is looking at a potential lease of a 1,000 horsepower locomotive engine and is waiting for a price; and 7) KNH is looking at leasing an office space and would clean up the space to be used (the old Fire Protection District site). Mr. Tyler is waiting on appraisal.

After the Commissioners reviewed the April 2023 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 is moving forward with the National Guard leveeing the North port tract. The US Army Corps of Engineers needs to make a determination of where the wetlands terminates. The Port expects to receive the report this week; and 2) he received the conceptual design for the rail spur on the North port tract and is now waiting on price/cost of production.

In New Business, the Port advertised for grazing leases and received one bid, a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Allen, and duly passed accepting the one bid in the amount of \$14,840.00 subject to the approval from the ethics commission.

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 matters.

After exiting the executive session, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly passed approving the submission of the plan deviation of the repairs to the Dock 3 site to FEMA.

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