

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION  
August 21, 2023, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, Dan Simmons, William Allen 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, Dr. A. Thorn LaCaze of Bossier Parish Community College (“BPCC”) and Mark A. Begnaud of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission.

After asking for public comment, a motion to amend the agenda to add a Notice of Intent to lease a training pad to BPCC for its CDL Program was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Simmons and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Dr. LaCaze addressed the Commission regarding the BPCC CDL Program and presented materials related to the program. BPCC needs a 300’ x 300’ training pad that allows CDL instructors to simulate semi-truck conditions and want to lease property for this purpose. A Notice of Intention pursuant to La. R.S. 33:4717.2 was given to consider a Resolution to Approve a long-term Lease Agreement with BPCC at the Port’s meeting on September 18, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2023, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director’s Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) approximately 400,000 tons of material moved through the Port through the end of July; 2) mats and rocks continue to be brought in the Port; 3) ADA, the Trona Group and Kisatchie Chips continue moving tonnage; and 4) other mat companies are showing interest in utilizing the Port.

Also, as part of the Director’s Report, Mr. Tyler reported that: 1) Project Red River – CLECO continues to work with the prospect and appears to be moving forward; 2) Project Red River Waste – the prospect continues to conduct due diligence; 3) he has submitted on Project Recycle –which would have a capital investment of approximately \$300 million and providing

approximately 200 jobs; 4) one entity contacted indicated the cost for a water pump test on the Northport Tract would cost approximately \$28,000. Mr. Tyler is working on getting other bids; and 5) there are no developments on the other projects.

After the Commissioners reviewed the July 2023 Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly carried to accept the reports, copies of which were available for review.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) an engineer is looking at the rail spur design; 2) no new developments related to the addition enclosed storage; 3) the Port is waiting on a 404 permit from the Corps of Engineers related to the elevating the North Port Tract; and 4) regarding the Dock 3 repairs, FEMA has approved an extension through the end of 2023.

In New Business: 1) a motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly carried approving a short-term lease agreement with WC Trucking; 2) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly passed approving a short-term lease with Masterflow Technologies for the Port's chip pad; and 3) in relation to the Red River Parish Port Agreement, the Red River Parish Port purchased 75 additional acres and will be receiving RFI's from the State. The Red River Port has requested assistance from the Natchitoches Port Staff related to the utilization of the additional acreage. The Natchitoches Parish Port may assist, but will need to ensure there are no submissions on projects other than presenting a package with standard information. Port Staff should not negotiate any agreement on which the Natchitoches Port has also submitted. Mr. Tyler will work on an amendment to the Agreement.

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