

NATCHITOCHE PARISH PORT COMMISSION
October 16, 2023, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, William Allen, K. David Zachary and Mary Ann Motter, 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 A. Begnaud of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Zachary, seconded by Mr. Allen, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) approximately 491,000 tons of material moved through the Port through the end of September; 2) ADA has had a management change; 3) logistics related to KCS delivery and pickups have been a challenge; 4) Master Flow has begun operations at the Port; 5) KNH Trucking and Contracting, LLC's mat side of the business may decrease toward the end of the year due to a decrease in pipeline activity; 6) a report to the Red River Waterway Commission is in the development stage; and 7) Water Treatment facility – the well on the Northport Tract will be pressure tested in late October.

Also, as part of the Director's Report, Mr. Tyler reported that: 1) he is meeting with grant writers who have express and interest in assisting the Port; 2) one of the sewage treatment facility pumps has experienced an issue and may need to be repaired; 3) he is waiting on an appraisal from Mike Bordelon for the CDL training pad for BPCC; 4) Project Red River, which would have an approximate capital investment of \$1 billion and provide approximately 200 positions has a meeting scheduled for Thursday; 5) the Port continues to have conversations with representatives of Project Osborn, but no site visit is scheduled; 6) representatives of Project Rio Dois have contacted the Port, but have not scheduled a site visit; and 7) representatives of Project Milton continue to show interest in the Port.

After the Commissioners reviewed the September 2023 Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary 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 Red River Parish Port proposed Cooperative Agreement has been drafted and will be presented to the RRPPC at its next meeting; 2) the elevation/leveeing of the North Port tract is still waiting on the Corps of Engineers to issue a 404 permit; 3) received an updated estimate of the probable cost for the Dock 3 repairs, with mitigation features; and 4) FEMA indicated additional funds for mitigation may be approved.

In New Business: 1) after discussion was made regarding interest bearing account plans and a proposed LAMP account, a motion was made by Mr. Zachary, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to put funds in a LAMP account; and 2) Ralph Ingram needs to be removed as authorized signatory on the Port's checking account; and 3) add K. David Zachary and Mary Ann Motter as authorized signatories on the Port's checking account.

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