

NATCHITOCHESES PARISH PORT COMMISSION
November 20, 2023, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, K. David Zachary and Mary Ann Motter, Commissioners. Absent was William Allen and 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 Ms. Motter, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) approximately 542,000 tons of material moved through the Port through the end of October; 2) Mats should continue to arrive through the end of the year; 3) aggregate continues to arrive at the Port; 4) Barge companies have shown interest in using the Port to transload super sacks of cement from barge to rail; 5) Weyerhaeuser is looking for temporary storage; and 6) it appears ADA is moving forward with its plans to utilize the Port's warehouse.

Also, as part of the Director's Report, Mr. Tyler reported that: 1) he has received the appraisal of the BPCC CDL training pad, which appraised at \$4,000.00 to \$4,800.00 per acre. Lease agreement should be for \$10,000.00 +/- per year. The lease terms will need to be negotiated; 2) he continues to work with the prospect on Project Red River, including issues related to necessary water supply; 3) a water treatment pressure test / water analysis was supposed to be done in October, but has been delayed; and 4) he continues to explore potential for acquisition of additional acreage.

After the Commissioners reviewed the November 2023 Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Mr. Zachary, seconded by Ms. Motter and duly carried to accept the report, a copy of which was available for review. The Commissioners also reviewed a report regarding the LAMP account.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) he has a meeting scheduled with the Red River Parish Port regarding changes to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement; 2) he met with various parties regarding potential rail spur development on the North Port tract; 3) he received approval by the National Guard to levee the North Port tract, which will be a continuous project versus a weekend training activity and is scheduled to begin in 2025. The Port continues to work with Corps of Engineers regarding the Section 404 permit.

In New Business: 1) the 2024 Budget is available for review and will be on next month's agenda for approval; and 2) A motion was made by Mr. Zachary, seconded by Ms. Motter and duly passed approving changes to the Port's policy and procedure regarding open meetings via electronic means to allow participation by disabled individuals, as required by applicable law.

A motion was made by Ms. Motter, seconded by Mr. Zachary, and after a unanimous roll call vote, the Board entered executive session to discuss Dock 3 litigation.

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