

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION
December 18, 2023, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, K. David Zachary, Mary Ann Motter, William Allen and Dan Simmons, Commissioners. 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 Ms. Motter, seconded by Mr. Allen, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2023, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) update on water treatment facility – well sampling has been done, but no pressure testing has been done yet; 2) approximately 581,000 tons of material moved through the Port through the end of November; 3) received more mats through the Port, and will continue but not as large of a quantity; 4) starting next month, the Port will need a new agreement with Battle Lumber; 5) Mike Bordelon will provide an appraisal on 150 acres in connection with Project Red River. Project Red River is interested in a 3-year term for the developmental stage and a 20-year primary term.

After the Commissioners reviewed the December 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. The Commissioners also discussed issues with BOM Bank.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) he has a meeting scheduled tomorrow with the Red River Parish Port regarding changes to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement; 2) he is waiting on a letter from the Corps of Engineers regarding elevating the North Port tract; 3) there are no updates regarding the rail spur on the North Port tract or additional enclosed storage; and 4) the Port is waiting on FEMA for approval of the Dock 3 repairs and will an extension past December 31, 2023.

In New Business: 1) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Zachary and duly

passed approving the 2024 Operating Budget. 1) after discussion regarding the 20024 Construction Budget, a motion was made by Mr. Zachary, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly passed approving the 2024 Construction Budget; and 2) after discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Motter, seconded by Mr. Allen and was duly passed approving the 2023 budget amendments; and 3) a motion was made by Mr. Zachary, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly passed approving the Act 397 Cooperative Endeavor with the State of Louisiana, in which the Port will receive \$100,000 to purchase a tractor and implements.

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