

NATCHITOCHE PARISH PORT COMMISSION
April 15, 2019, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, Ralph Ingram, 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, and Mark A. Begnaud of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Allen, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) the Port had over 130,000 tons moved through the Port through March 2019. The tonnage report was available for review; 2) the Port submitted on "Project Heather", a biofuel production company, needing 100 – 150 acres, would create an estimated 100 jobs and have a capital investment estimated at \$400 million; and 3) the Port submitted on "Project Frozen" that would need 8 – 10 acres, provide an estimated 25 jobs and a capital investment of approximately \$25 million. The prospect may use an existing building or build its own and would require access to the rail and barge.

Mr. Tyler further reported: 1) Fire District 6 has begun to move equipment off the Port's property; 2) he is still working with the prospect that may export containers of lumber from the Port; 3) the batteries in the locomotive have been changed; 4) the Port's lawnmower is experiencing problems and he will look into a replacement; and 5) Matriculated Services' ground lease is expiring and it will be billed for the shortfall in tonnage. Matriculated indicated that it wished to renew the lease; and 6) the Port is working putting a road next to the warehouse rail spur.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly carried to accept the March 2019 Treasurer's Report, a copy of which was available for review. The Port is operating at near budget.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported that: 1) the Port continues to work on flood mediation issues; 2) the Port continues to investigate prices related to various potential improvements; and 3) issues regarding the Dock #3 litigation will be discussed in executive session.

In New Business: 1) a motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ingram and unanimously passed approving a Ground Lease with Terral RiverService, Inc.; 2) there was discussion related to the viability of Northport Tract expansion and Mr. Tyler was instructed to move forward with obtaining materials necessary for the evaluation.; and 3) a Notice of Intention pursuant to La. R.S. 33:4717.2 was given to consider a Resolution to Approve a Warehouse Lease Agreement with Terral RiverService, Inc. at the Port's meeting on May 20, 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Allen, after a unanimous roll call vote, the Board entered executive session to discuss potential and pending litigation.

After exiting the executive session, there being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Zachary and duly carried that the meeting be adjourned.