

NATCHITOCHESES PARISH PORT COMMISSION
November 18, 2019, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, Dan Simmons, Ralph Ingram and K. David Zachary, Commissioners. Absent was William Allen. Also, present were Travis Tyler, Executive Director of the Port, Mark A. Begnaud of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission and Mark Skorupski of NULA Energy.

Mark Skorupski of NULA Energy visited with the Commission regarding potential interest in the Port as a location for development of marine fuels. The company would bring in feed stock by barge and then ship out by rail or truck and would want a 30-year lease with options. The company would make an approximate investment of \$48 million, provide 50-60 direct jobs and repurpose heavy residual oil. The company would need the Port to make some infrastructural improvements.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ingram, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2019, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) tonnage is approximately 460,000 tons at the end October. This amount is similar to the tonnage at this point in 2018. A tonnage report was available for review; 2) Fire District 6 still needs to move the training tower and a few additional items; 3) Terral is moving sand out of the warehouse, but now may have interest in keeping the lease until end of November and to extend the lease for additional an term; 4) Madden continues to bring in rock trains; 5) Kisatchie and ADA continue to operate much as they have in the past; and 6) the Port continues to have inquiries from potential prospects, including the potential of shipping product to the Port of New Orleans.

A motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Simmons and duly carried to accept the October 2019 Treasurer's Report, a copy of which was available for review.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) there is no change related to capital improvements; 2) there is no change related to the Northport expansion; 3) regarding Matriculated, Port is waiting on an appraisal of the scales before fully resolving rent issues.

In New Business, a motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ingram approving Terral's requested one-month extension of the warehouse lease.

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

After exiting executive session, a motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Zachary and duly carried that the meeting be adjourned.