

NATCHITOCHESES PARISH PORT COMMISSION
March 16, 2020, 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, Mickey Chambers, Assistant to the Executive Director of the Port, Ronnie Blewer and Mark A. Begnaud of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Mark Mareno of Terral RiverService.

Mr. Blewer was recognized as a guest. Mr. Nettles made a request for public comment. No public comments were made.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ingram, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2020, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) tonnage is just under 100,000 tons through February and the Port is expecting more aggregate; 2) a tonnage report was available for review; 3) Custom Commodities' business should increase after the CLECO shutdown is over; 4) Terral is moving some rock and has removed most of the rubber chips from the chip pad; 5) there have been no additional developments with ADA regarding potentially expanding its operations.

Also as part of the Director's Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) the Port applied for Project "Ocean Wave" – a chemical manufacturing company needing approximately 50 acres, having the potential of hiring 30-55 employees and an estimated capital investment of \$255 million; 2) biofuel prospects continue to express interest in the Port; 3) another pellet mill prospect has expressed interest in the Port; 4) a prospect for a rail wash facility for rail tank car clean out has

expressed interest in the Northport tract; 5) the Port has procured a new banner for the Northport tract; and 6) the Port continues to work on elevation map issues with the Northport tract.

After Commissioners reviewed the February 2020 Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Simmons 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 Port continues to evaluate potential capital improvements, primarily as related to the Northport tract; 2) the Port continues analysis of potential additional rail spur additions; 3) no additional developments related to Dock 3 - the Port is waiting on Infinity's cost analysis; 4) the Port determined the scales which Matriculated has proposed to transfer to the Port in lieu of rent owed were not installed correctly and there has been build up under the scales which has impacted their usefulness and value. A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ingram and duly carried not to move forward with the transfer from Matriculated in lieu of rent; and 5) a motion was made by Mr. Zachary, seconded by Mr. Ingram, and duly carried adopting the Railroad Operating Rules presented to the Commissioner at the February 2020 meeting.

Also in Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) the Port will continue to work with KCS related to track usage; and 2) the Port is looking at rehabilitating its large locomotive, which primarily needs body work and painting.

In New Business, a motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ingram and duly carried approving a three (3) month extension on the Chip Pad Agreement with Terral RiverService, Inc.

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