

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION  
October 18, 2021, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, Ralph Ingram and Dan Simmons, Commissioners. Absent were William Allen and K. David Zachary. Also, present were Travis Tyler, Executive Director of the Port, Mickey Chambers, Assistant to the Executive Director of the Port, Rhonda Reap-Curiel, Interim Director of NCA dba Natchitoches Economic Development Alliance (“NEDA”), Wendell Luneau, Corporate Sales Executive with Brown & Brown of Louisiana, LLC and Mark A. Begnaud of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ingram, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director’s Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) over 400,000 tons of material have moved through the Port year to date (through September); 2) Madden and ADA remain active; 3) Kisatchie Chips is running at full capacity. It may be increasing operations to increase the available chips and may be interested in the Port’s truck dump; 4) Custom Commodities continues to unload approximately one (1) rail car per day; 5) he should be meeting with Project Green representatives within the next two weeks regarding moving forward with the project; and 6) representatives for Project Milton remain in contact with the Port and are still hopeful the project will be fully funded by the end of the year.

Also, as part of the Director’s Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) he met with representatives of Project Legacy, a new biofuel prospect which would infuse approximately \$500 million in initial capital investment and would need the entire Northport tract; 2) no updates on other prospects; 3) he spoke to a representative of the National Guard who stated they are still interested in working on the Northport tract for training purposes; 4) there is a valve leaking under the Grand Ecore bridge. Rutledge can replace valve for \$2,300.00; and 5) the new employee is providing a

benefit to the remaining staff.

After reviewing the September 2021 Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ingram and duly carried to accept the report, a copy of which was available for review. The Port had engineering expense this year related to the Dock 3 repairs for which it hopes to receive reimbursement from FEMA.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) Elevating and protecting the Northport tract remains at top of the list of potential capital improvements; and 2) the rail spur, repairs to Dock 3 and the expansion of the North port tract also remain possibilities.

Also in Old Business: 1) Mr. Luneau made a presentation regarding insurance for the Port. A motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Zachary, and duly carried authorizing acceptance of the proposal of Brown & Brown of Louisiana, LLC as presented by Mr. Luneau; and 2) A motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Simmons, duly carried approving the purchase of truck scales after requesting bids pursuant to Louisiana law.

In New Business, 1) the Board was presented an Engagement Letter from Kenneth D. Folden & Company to perform as the Natchitoches Parish Port Commission's auditor. A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ingram, and duly carried to approve Kenneth D. Folden & Company as the Port's auditor; 2) Ms. Reap-Curiel of NEDA made a presentation regarding the restructuring the association and plans for an economic development action plan.

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

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