

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION
June 20, 2022, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, Ralph Ingram, William Allen, Dan Simmons 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 Erika F. Cedars of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) approximately 309,000 tons of material have moved through the Port year to date; 2) at least four prospects have shown interest in the Port regarding frac sand via rail and barge; 3) oil and gas drilling is moving south into the Marthaville area and southern Red River Parish; 4) Weyerhaeuser is still interested in long term agreement for unloading plywood and OSB at the Port; 5) a company wants to start exporting grain via rail beginning in August/September. The Port is working on a transloading agreement using a per bushel charge (approximately 30,000 – 35,000 bushels); 6) Roy O. Martin has shown interest in utilizing KCS and inquired about rail availability but cannot find boxcars; and 7) a container group is still interested in utilizing the KNH yard and stated it is looking at the 4th quarter to bring in the 20-foot containers.

Also, as part of the Director's Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) the Port met virtually with new investors of a prospect and contiguous landowners.; 2) Lamar, a billboard company, has requested to lease property on Highway 6; and 3) he spoke to DOTD regarding the waterline and it stated it has submitted the project for a grant and are waiting for a response.

After reviewing the May 2022 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.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) the Port continues to work with the National Guard on a training project for construction of a levee on the Northport tract and is waiting on approval from DEQ; 2) he met with KCS and it is willing to submit a letter of support regarding an additional tract and rail spur for the Northport tract; 3) he met with vendors regarding options for an additional storage facility but none are willing to commit.

In New Business, 1) the Port received a proposal from a company to update the Port's website. Mr. Tyler will seek additional proposals; and 2) a Notice of Intent was given pursuant to LA R.S.33:4717.2 to consider a Resolution to Approve a Lease Agreement with KNH Trucking & Contracting, LLC; and 3) a motion was made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly carried approving the proposed Harassment Policy.

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

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