

NATCHITOCHEs PARISH PORT COMMISSION
November 16, 2020, 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, Ronnie Blewer, and Mark A. Begnaud of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission.

Mr. Blewer was recognized as a guest. Mr. Brown made a request for public comment. No public comment was made.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Allen, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2020, Commission meeting.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) Over 370,000 tons have moved through the Port year to date. The full tonnage report was available for review; 2) aggregate tonnage is down slightly; 3) ADA continues to show interest in expanding to utilize additional rail siding; and 4) Custom Commodities may increase tonnage and request assistance from the Port with loading.

Also, as part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported that the Port has submitted material related to eight (8) projects this year including those discussed at previous meetings: 1) "Project Shine" – auto parts products – needs approximately 25 acres, has the potential to hire over 100 employees and an estimated capital expenditure of \$63 million; 2) "Project Beef" – renewable fuel – needs approximately 30-50 acres with access to rail, has the potential to hire over 32 employees and an estimated capital expenditure of \$400 million; 3) "Project Alouette" – relocation of an existing business which would primarily utilize the warehouse, has the potential to provide 150 – 200 jobs; 4) "Project Oleum" – renewable fuels – needs approximately 30-50 acres with access to rail, an estimated capital expenditure of \$120

million and would utilize barge and rail; 5) "Project Drill" – would bring in materials for the Haynesville Shale and utilize the warehouse and barges. Terral is currently working the company; 6) "Project "Milton" – representatives continue to express interest and is in contact with Port staff; 7) "Project Green" – the Port staff has contact with the Prospect several times a week and has a meeting with representatives scheduled for November 17, 2020.

After Commissioners reviewed the October 2020 Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Ingram and duly carried to accept the report, a copy of which was available for review. Cash balance is down from last year due to engineering and legal fees related to dock repairs and a decrease in revenue due to the warehouse vacancy.

In Old Business, Mr. Tyler reported the following: 1) there is no new information regarding capital improvements; 2) a Notice of Intention pursuant to La.R.S. 33:4717.2 was given to consider a Resolution to Approve a Lease Agreement with Custom Commodities Logistics, Inc. at the Port's meeting on December 21, 2020

In New Business, the 2021 Operating and Construction budget was presented for review. The 2021 amounts are similar to the 2020 budget amounts. Discussion was held regarding the budget items including repair/maintenance costs and insurance. A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ingram and duly passed approving the 2021 budget.

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 pending litigation.

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