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Governor Appoints Three to Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority Board

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has appointed three people to the Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority Board. The Port Authority is located on the Tennessee River and Tenn Tom Waterway. A nine-member board of the Yellow Creek Inland Port Authority, an executive director and staff manage the daily operations of the port and the Burnsville Industrial Park.

David Nichols of Iuka is representing Alcorn County and will serve the unexpired term of office of Dr. Randy Shadburn ending April 30, 2002. Stephen Stark of Corinth is representing Tishomingo County for a five-year term of office ending April 30, 2005, and James Shirley of Marietta is representing the at-large position on the board for a five-year term of office ending April 30, 2005.

“The Port has had success making contributions to the economic well being of the four county area,” said Governor Ronnie Musgrove. “Each of these new board members is knowledgeable of the Port area and will bring their individual leadership skills to continue the Port Authority’s success.”

The new members agreed that, “ports and water transportation systems have a great effect on the economy of our area and of the entire state. We appreciate the opportunity to establish development goals for new projects and support the ongoing projects of the Port Authority.”

Yellow Creek Port is one of two state-owned ports. The Port is governed by the Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority, which was created in the early 1970’s to further economic development in northeast Mississippi through the construction and operation of a general commodity public port.

The enabling legislation that created Yellow Creek Port authorized the Mississippi Development Authority, the Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District and the Tennessee River Valley Authority to participate in the planning acquisition, financing and construction of the port.

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