

The City of Tulsa-Rogers County Port Authority has voted to allow Cargill Inc. to transfer the land lease for its metal processing and distribution facility to PlatePlus Inc., a unit of a U.S. corporation owned by two Japanese companies. Cargill, a privately held Minneapolis-based company best known for its food and agriculture businesses, entered into an agreement in September to sell many of its steel facilities around the country. Cargill's lease at the port was for 7.8 acres of land for 20 years running until June 30, 2036, with two options for five-year renewals. PlatePlus is an affiliate of Metal One America Inc., the U.S.-based corporation created through a merger of the metal divisions of two Japanese companies – the Mitsubishi Corp. and the Sojitz Corp. During its recent meeting, the port authority also approved adding two 10-year options for 6.96 acres of land under lease to BTI Limited Partnership through May 31, 2024. The land for both PlatePlus and BTI is currently leased at the rate of \$5,000 per acre per year. In other business, the board:

- Awarded a contract to Grass Solutions, LLC for \$142,134 to plant more than 300 trees at port entrances and main streets. Four other firms sought the project, estimated at \$170,000.
- Approved spending up to \$50,000 to purchase and install rubber fenders to protect the refurbished low-water wharf from being damaged by barges. The present fenders have deteriorated. About 26 new rubber fenders – each 8½ feet long, 1 foot all and 11 inches thick – are similar to those installed recently on the main wharf and will be acquired from Viking Marine South Inc. of Delray Beach, Florida, for \$27,250. Mid-South Maintenance of Pryor will do the installation.
- Heard that shippers moved 256,080 tons of cargo through the port on 33 barges during November more than either the 216,298 tons and 113 barges a month earlier or the 221,884 tons 131 barges of year earlier. Outbound cargo totaled 195,080 tons on 93 barges with inbound traffic accounting for the balance of 51,100 tons on 40 barges. Port traffic accounted for 51 percent of the 628,184 tons moved along the Oklahoma portion of the Arkansas

Waterway during the month, and 23 percent of the 1.091 million tons moved along the entire two-state route. 918-581-8480