

NATCHITOCHES PARISH PORT COMMISSION
June 16, 2025, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, William Allen, K. David Zachary and J.W. Scarborough, Commissioners. Absent was Mary Ann Motter. Also, present were Travis Tyler, Executive Director of the Port, Mickey Chambers, Assistant to the Executive Director of the Port and Mark A. Begnaud of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Zachary, seconded by Mr. Scarborough, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting on May 19, 2025.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) approximately 230,000 tons passed through the Port through the end of May; 2) progress on Dock 3 repairs has been impacted by the high river levels. Contractor is still working on areas it can, given the high water. Much of the project is complete and the rip rap is in. Concrete will be poured when the river recedes. The Port has a time extension request in to FEMA due to the high water. There have been some delays on payments from FEMA; 3) information was provided to the State regarding the need for the water treatment facility; and 4) the National Guard has picked up some of its equipment from the North Port Tract. The increased costs and permit requirements have delayed the levee project, and additional evaluation will be required. The Corps of Engineers' initial indication may make dealing with wetland issues somewhat less difficult.

Also, part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) he has had conversations regarding Project Green Waste Energy regarding development in the area; 2) Project Milton is still working on obtaining funding; 3) the Port has been approached by a group that has an interest in an injection well; 4) PalmStar remains in contact regarding its project; 5) he continues to have conversations with a solar farm group; 6) representatives of Project New Hope continue to show some interest in the Port; 7) the Port received funding from capital outlay for chip pad/conveyor

facility and rail access for the Kisatchie Chips Expansion; 8) Leadership Natchitoches Group visited the Port; and 9) the Port has been involved with the City's business development analysis group.

After the Commissioners reviewed the May, 2025, Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary and duly carried to accept the reports. Copies of the Treasurer's Reports were available for review.

In Old Business: 1) elevating the North Port Tract has been delayed due to permitting and levee certification; and 2) the Port continues to evaluate options, including rights of way, for the rail spur; 3) the Port is working on repurposing Port Priority funding for additional enclosed storage.

In New Business: 1) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary and duly passed to extend the ARQ warehouse lease for six months; 2) after review of the updated railroad policies and procedures, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary and duly passed to accept the updated manual, which is the same used by CPKC; 3) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Scarborough and duly passed approving a notice of intention pursuant to La. R.S. 33:4717.2 to consider a resolution to approve a lease agreement with PalmStar Holdings, LLC at the next scheduled meeting of the Commission; 4) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Scarborough and duly passed approving a lease extension for six months with KNH Trucking and Contracting, LLC for a break room area; and 5) a motion was made by Mr. Scarborough, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly passed authorizing Travis Tyler to execute a Port Priority Agreement (State Project No. H.013124).

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Scarborough and duly carried that the meeting be adjourned.