

NATCHITOCHES PARISH PORT COMMISSION

September 15, 2025, Regular Meeting

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

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Scarborough, and after roll call, unanimously passed to amend agenda to include personnel matter in regular meeting instead of executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Ms. Motter, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting on July 21, 2025.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) approximately 350,000 tons passed through the Port through the end of August; 2) Madden is working on road projects and receiving rock via trains; 3) Kisatchie Chips will be receiving chips from other companies; 4) the conveyor contract was awarded last meeting and Mr. Tyler will be obtaining proposals for the electrical portion of the project. IP is projecting around a hundred thousand tons per year and will be taking residual chips to rail and bark may be loaded to barges; 5) the final concrete pour has been done on reconstruction of Dock 3 and initial tests are looking good; 6) Mr. Tyler is waiting on a cooperative endeavor regarding the chip pad expansion; 7) the Port submitted an application to Delta Regional Authority for a grant for the water treatment facility and submitted a request to Cleo Fields' office for assistance.

Also, as part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported he met with several representatives from: 1) a plastic paralysis group; 2) a biochar project; 3) wood cutlery

manufacturer; 4) two database centers that want to locate with other facilities; 5) two biofuel facilities, one of which would provide 45-50 permanent jobs; 6) North Port Tract was submitted to Project Rice, which came through the state and is looking for a site in the region and would bring 100 +/- jobs; and 6) a group looking to export frac sand.

After the Commissioners reviewed Treasurer's Reports for July and August, 2025, which included a budget-to-actual comparison, a motion was made by Mr. Scarborough, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly carried to accept the reports. Copies of the Treasurer's Reports were available for review.

In Old Business, the National Guard project to elevate the North Port Tract has been delayed and still needs approval from Corps of Engineers.

In New Business: 1) 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 PERBB, LLC at the next scheduled meeting of the Commission; 2) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Scarborough and unanimously passed approving Meyer Meyer LaCroix & Hixson for engineering services related State Project #H.013124 Conveyors, Tank and Warehousing; 3) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Scarborough and duly passed approving the entry in negotiations with PalmStar Holdings, LLC, related to a potential exclusive negotiation agreement regarding a portion of remaining acreage on North Port Tract; 4) a motion was made by Mr. Scarborough, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly passed approving a wetland delineation study for the North Port Tract; and 5) after discussion regarding a masterplan for the Port, a motion was made by Mr. Scarborough, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously passed approving the use of remainder of the funds from the State for the wetland delineation study, rail expansion, roads and other needs on both the main Port tract

and the North Port Tract.

Also in New Business: 1) Discussion was held regarding Ms. Chambers Medicare insurance costs and was tabled while waiting for clarifications; and 2) Discussions were held regarding the upcoming election for millage to support the Port.

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