

NATCHITOCHES PARISH PORT COMMISSION
March 16, 2026, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, William Allen, K. David Zachary and J.W. Scarborough, Commissioners. Absent were 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. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of February 17, 2026.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) approximately 83,000 tons have moved through the Port through the end of February; 2) Martco has been shipping chips via rail; 3) ARQ is operating under standard procedures and would like additional rail spur storage space; 3) Fast Sites has approved requested loan for the warehouse expansion. The loan would be a no-interest loan on five (5) year term could be applied to a variety of projects. The Port is waiting on a cooperative endeavor agreement; 4) ARQ remains interested in additional space; 5) Madden remains steady and is moving at least one rock train through the Port every two weeks; 6) the Port continues to have conversations with a potential biofuel tenant, which is looking at bonds versus commercial loan.

Also as part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) a couple of plastic groups continue to look at potential sites; 2) berite groups, lime product companies and three (3) different groups that are exploring cement product shipping are looking at the Port; 3) a bio char company continues to look at the Port; 4) interest in leasing the remainder of North Port tract remains steady; and 5) the Port will participate in the Day at the Capital for Natchitoches Parish on March 25th.

There was no Treasurer's Report, as the accountants are waiting for corrected bank

statements.

In Old Business, 1) Mr. Tyler met with the National Guard on March 7th and looked at access road and laydown yard possibilities, which may be done in phases with these done first and a berm completed later; 2) no update on the rail spur; 3) met with engineer and PalmStar regarding additional enclosed storage. PalmStar is moving forward with a geotechnical and layout and hopes to have a design by mid-year; 3) regarding the Master Plan – silos may become a need if cement/barite move through the Port. Material would come in by barge and users would prefer individual silos with individual scales, which would increase expenses.

In New Business, a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary and unanimously passed approving the purchase of an air conditioner unit from Brad Vascocu for the Port offices. There were four quotes reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary, and after a unanimous vote by roll call, the Board entered executive session to discuss litigation matters.

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