

NATCHITOCHES PARISH PORT COMMISSION
January 27, 2026, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, William Allen, K. David Zachary and J.W. Scarborough (entered meeting at 8:40 a.m.), 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, Luke Miller of Meyer Meyer LaCroix & Hixson and Suzanne Bolton of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Zachary, seconded by Mr. Allen, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting on December 15, 2025.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) approximately 500,000 tons has passed through the Port through the end of 2025; 2) Kisatchie Chips has had 60 to 70 railcars and another 25 are in the Port now; 3) the new conveyor system is having some issues that are being repaired today; 4) there are delays in receiving reports for chips being sent by rail from the receiving end; 5) ARQ has ramped up activity but is still shut down as of yesterday due to freezing temperatures; 6) the DRA did not approve the \$2 million application for the water treatment plant. The Port will resubmit an application; and 7) he met with the National Guard regarding the levee with the he North Port tract. The Commissioners discussed different plans regarding the elevation of the North Port tract, constructing a levee and/or elevating a portion of the property; and 8) Mr. Miller with Meyer & Meyer presented an updated Master Plan on the North Port Tract.

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

After exiting the executive session, Luke Miller and the Commission continued discussions regarding the Port's Master Plan. As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1)

revetment is needed to save banks from erosion, which is causing loss of the Port's land; 2) two plastic pyrolysis companies and three biofuel companies are still interested in the Port; 3) PalmStar has signed a lease with Port and stated the engineer should have design plans by the end of the first quarter of 2026; 4) International Paper is planning to potentially ship bark by barge and the wench system's brakes locked up. Discussion was made regarding replacement and/or repairs. The brakes alone are obsolete, Mr. Tyler is awaiting other quotes for new motors and gear boxes; and 5) representatives of a biochar company visited the Port last week and are interested in the Port for blending compost for agriculture purposes. They gathered samples around the area to test the time of composition.

There were no financial reports.

In Old Business, discussion regarding the status of elevating of the North Port Tract, rail spur on the North Port Tract and additional enclosed storage were discussed during the presentation by Mr. Miller during the activity report.

In New Business: 1) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary and duly passed approving the engagement letters to Kenneth D. Folden & Company to perform a regular audit and a special audit; and 2) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary and duly passed approving the Port pay the increased dues and continue to be member of the Ports Association of Louisiana.

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