

NATCHITOCHES PARISH PORT COMMISSION
February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, William Allen and K. David Zachary, Commissioners. Absent were Mary Ann Motter and J.W. Scarborough. 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 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 on January 27, 2026.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) there may be an opportunity to ship bark by barge. The Port is working on the loadout for the barges and the brakes on the motor for the winch system were replaced for less than expected. The chip pad is working well; 2) companies continue to look at the Port to import products by barge, one of which has a visit scheduled; 3) Many of the companies' operations are subject to the availability of federal subsidies; 4) the Louisiana Fast Sites application report indicates the warehouse looks positive, but the water treatment application is still under evaluation. It may be helpful to break down the plans for the water treatment facility into phases; 5) he met with the National Guard and representatives will be at the Port to look at a laydown yard and access road issues. The cost share for aggregate and other material could be \$500,000.00, plus or minus; 6) the National Guard could start the project as early as May of this year; and 7) the Port continues to work with PalmStar on site considerations.

After the Commissioners reviewed and discussed the Treasurer's Report for January, 2026, which included a budget-to-actual comparison, 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) regarding elevating of the North Port Tract, the Port continues to work with the National Guard and on funding issues. It still appears beneficial to work with the National Guard; 2) the Port met with its rail provider regarding possibility of a spur off the main line and continues to evaluate possibilities. The warehouse expansion could include rail access; 3) the Port continues to work with Fast Sites regarding additional enclosed storage. The application for funds is moving through the process; and 8) the Port is going forward with Master Plan presented by Meyer Meyer LaCroix & Hixson, but it will be structured around demand.

In New Business: 1) a motion was made by Mr. Zachary, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly passed approving a \$3,000.00 sponsorship to attend Natchitoches Day at the Capitol; and 2) a motion was made by Mr. Zachary, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly passed accepting Option 1 the property and casualty insurance proposed by Brown & Brown and to obtain another proposal.

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