

NATCHITOCHES PARISH PORT COMMISSION
October 20, 2025, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, William Allen and Mary Ann Motter, Commissioners. Absent were K. David Zachary and J.W. Scarborough. Also, present were Travis Tyler, Executive Director of the Port, Mickey Chambers, Assistant to the Executive Director of the Port, Tiffany Mitchell, Regan Hale, Katrice Below and Reba Phelps of the BOM Bank, Alayna C. Huckaby of Kenneth D. Folden & Co., CPAs, Heath McGuffee of Meyer Meyer LaCroix & Hixson, and Mark L. Roberts of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission.

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

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) approximately 400,000 tons passed through the Port through the end of September; 2) Madden continues to work on road projects and receive rock via trains; 3) the conveyor was installed for the expansion of Kisatchie Chips but is not connected to electricity at this time; 4) Biochar and Biofuel companies are showing interest in the Port; 5) Aglime, fertilizer and cement could be brought in bulk by different groups, potentially using rail and barge; 6) the Port submitted applications for funding on a number of projects, including a water facility, but has not heard back on any; 7) he has not heard back from the DOTD regarding the waterline; and 8) the proposed millage did not pass in October.

BOM Bank guests presented information seeking the LAMP funds and other banking services.

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

In Old Business, there was no new information regarding the elevation of and the rail spur on the North Port Tract. Arq has shown interest in additional enclosed storage.

In New Business: 1) Alayna Huckaby of Kenneth D. Folden & Company presented the audit report for 2024, in which there were no findings and the Port has responded to the exceptions; 2) a discussion was had regarding health insurance for employees and their spouses, which ended with Mr. Tyler stating he will gather more information on costs; 3) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Ms. Motter and after roll call, unanimously passed approving the lease agreement with PERBB, LLC; 4) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Ms. Motter and unanimously passed approving the bid for electrical repairs to the chip pad conveyor system to be awarded to the lowest bidder, Feazel Electrical Contracting

; 5) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Ms. Motter and unanimously passed approving the State of Louisiana Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, Act 461; 6) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Ms. Motter and unanimously passed approving funds for the development of a masterplan for the Port; and 7) a discussion was held regarding a marketing agreement with PalmStar Holdings, LLC.

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