

NATCHITOCHES PARISH PORT COMMISSION
April 20, 2026, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, William Allen, K. David Zachary, Mary Ann Motter and J.W. Scarborough, Commissioners. 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 March 16, 2026.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) approximately 106,000 tons have moved through the Port through the end of March; 2) Kisatchie Chips had to replace a part on its crane, so it was down for a short period. It has over 20 rail cars in the Port going to Oklahoma and still has an option to ship bark to the Ohio River. The Ohio River has been shut down and will be closed much of May; 3) the Port is expecting rock shipments; 4) he met with representatives of ARQ interested in additional rail siding/storage; 5) ARQ says the CPKC has agreed to expand storage capacity; 6) ARQ appears interested in pursuing its own storage track and will need 2 +/- miles of storage track and would utilize part of the Northport tract; 7) he met with representatives of Entergy last week, which provides power to the Northport tract. Entergy indicated it could provide power to service PalmStar, if necessary.

Also as part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) there was a good turnout in Baton Rouge for Natchitoches day at the Capital; 2) he is waiting on a cooperative endeavor agreement regarding Fast Sites project for expending the existing warehouse; 3) there are two potential tenants in the plastics industry interested in sites at the Port; 4) he met with potential biofuel tenant that would have synergy with other potential tenants; 5) cement and barite companies continue to show interest in the Port; 6) Bio char groups continue to show interest in

the Port sites; 6) the National Guard still expected to begin work this summer; and 7) the funds for the water treatment facility may be available from the federal government.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary, and duly passed approving the 2025 End of Year and the January, February and March of 2026 Treasurer's Reports, which were received last week from the accountants and were available for review.

In Old Business, 1) the National Guard is expected to improve the Northport tract this summer; and 2) ARQ may contribute to the rail spur.

In New Business: 1) PalmStar has a potential co-locator and would like to consider a lease for that co-locator; 2) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary and duly passed approving a notice of intention pursuant to La. R.S. 33:4717.2 to consider a lease agreement with PERRB, LLC at the next scheduled meeting of the Commission; and 3) a notice regarding renewal of grazing lease on the Northport tract will be given to the grazing tenant in light of the upcoming lease to PalmStar.

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