

# West Calcasieu Port Board Meeting Minutes

200 Old Ferry Road, Sulphur, Louisiana 70665  
October 4, 2022

**1. Call to order**

President Dick Kennison called to order the regular meeting of the West Calcasieu Port at approximately 3:00 p.m. on October 4, 2022.

**2. Invocation**

Buddy Reams led the invocation.

**3. Pledge of allegiance**

Dick Kennison led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Roll call**

Tim Dougherty conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Dick Kennison  
Wilmer Dugas  
Tim Dougherty  
Buddy Reams

Also present were Port Director Lynn Hohensee, Darla Perry, Oliver Schrupf, Chuck Stutes, and Penny Bellow, and Elizabeth McLaughlin, Field Representative for Congressman Clay Higgins.

**5. Approval of minutes of the September 13, 2022 regular monthly**

A motion was made by Wilmer Dugas to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 regular monthly meeting, 2nd by Tim Dougherty. No opposition. Motion carried.

**6. Amendments, additions, and deletions to the proposed agenda**

No amendments, additions, or deletions at this time.

**7. Approve RFP for inspector for FEMA large projects**

Darla reported that the CSRS stated that FEMA would determine it was a conflict of interest to amend the Meyer & Associates contract to include the project inspection fees, and that the board needs to do an RFP to get an independent project construction inspector for the STAR building and VLS building replacement.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Tim Dougherty to approve the RFP for inspector for FEMA large projects, 2nd by Tim Dougherty. No opposition. Motion carried.

**8. Committee Reports**

There are no Committee Reports at this time.

**9. Port Director Report; Announcements/Reports (Legal, Financial, Engineer)**

- a. **Port Director:** Port Director Lynn Hohensee reported that William Fincher is working on a path forward to better handle the vegetation on the levee.

He also stated that he spoke with Atlantic and their business is slower, but going well; and GES is in the process of moving additional materials onto their lease, but in the last few years things have been slowing. He also reported that they have had some use of the waterfront by L S Womack out of Port Allen.

Mr. Hohensee stated that they had a crane inspector come out to inspect the cranes that were damaged by Hurricane Laura to satisfy a FEMA request.

He reported that Driftwood is expected to continue with their dredging project.

There was a brief discussion about a potential 23 acre barge fleeting base to be built to the west of us near Vinton on Lawton property.

- b. **Legal:** Jackson Schrupf had nothing to report at this time.
- c. **Financial:** Darla Perry stated that the port started the is 282 barge days ahead of where they were last year. She also reported that the Port took in a little over \$117K for the month of August and expended \$41K, leaving a net cash flow of \$76,625.
- d. **Engineer:** Chuck Stutes reported that his assistant has put together a draft set of plans and specs for him to review on the dredging project to send to DOTD.

He also reported that the architect is going to make the final submittal on the STAR building this week.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Wilmer Dugas to accept the Port Director, Legal, Financial, and Engineer reports presented above, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Dougherty. No opposition. Motion carried.

**10. Public Comments**

Elizabeth McLaughlin, Field Representative for Congressman Clay Higgins stated that it was very eye opening for the congressman to come to the port. President Dick Kennison thanked her, and the congressman's office for their involvement.

**11. Adjournment**

President Dick Kennison adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:36 p.m.

  
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