

# West Calcasieu Port Board Meeting Minutes

200 Old Ferry Road, Sulphur, Louisiana 70665  
July 12, 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 July 12, 2022.

## 2. **Invocation**

Wilmer Dugas led the invocation.

## 3. **Pledge of allegiance**

Lynn Hohensee 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 Schruppf, Chuck Stutes, and Joanne Coleman.

## 5. **Approval of minutes of the June 7, 2022 regular monthly**

President Dick Kennison entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022 regular monthly meeting. A motion was made by Wilmer Dugas to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022 regular monthly meeting, 2nd by Tim Dougherty. No opposition. Motion carried.

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

There were no amendments, additions, or deletions to the proposed agenda.

## 7. **Review and adopt Resolution authorizing replacement agreement for DOTD funding under the Port Priority Program for port improvements**

Chuck Stutes stated that this resolution deals with state funding for bulkhead and crane pad project. The DOTD updated the amounts that they will fund for this year and adoption of this resolution is a requirement of the Port Priority Program to receive the additional funds. Dick Kennison read the resolution to the Board.

President Dick Kennison entertained a motion adopt a resolution authorizing replacement agreement for DOTD funding under the Port Priority Program for port improvements. A motion was made by Wilmer Dugas to approve resolution authorizing replacement agreement for DOTD funding under the Port Priority Program for port improvements, 2nd by Tim Dougherty. No opposition. Motion carried.

## 8. **Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports given at this time.

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

- a. **Port Director:** Port Director Lynn Hohensee reported that he is working with Glenn Fincher and Devall to secure a contractor to help with levee maintenance on the levee between the spoils area and barge basin.

He also reported that he has had preliminary conversations with several companies regarding interest in coming to the port.

Mr. Hohensee reported that he delivered all the Port Priority Program paperwork to the DOTD last week.

They are still waiting for confirmation from the contractor for the green light to pursue the amended right of way area, once they decide how they want to approach the dredging activity.

The invoice for the Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning Commission dues of \$3,000 has been given to Darla. The benefit of which is they would be administrator of future Federal grants. There was a brief discussion about the Port's membership.

It was also reported that the port will have an ad in the West Cal Chamber Directory.

VLS purchased the Plaquemine Shipyard by Baton Rouge further establishing them in maritime environmental services.

- b. **Legal:** There was no legal report at this time.
- c. **Financial:** Darla Perry reported that the May barge days are up. The Port took in \$55,955 from FEMA. There are still eight projects with FEMA who has approved so far \$1.1M and Ms. Perry thinks there will be an additional \$2.5M in FEMA reimbursement. It was also reported that the Port took in \$275K on insurance from the appeal for the VLS building damages. There were no unusual expenditures this month and \$388K in cash flow.

Fincher has requested a 10% increase in service rates due to his increased expenses.

Scott Foreman relocated to Lake Charles, and she is verifying that the Port may need a replacement member.

- d. **Engineer:** Chuck Stutes reported that they have full EDA approval for the new crane pad and bulkhead project. They now have submitted the package to the DOTD for their approval for the project to be bid.

Mr. Stutes also reported that they have made a submittal to CSRS for the STAR building project, which was approved by CSRS. They have one additional submittal of plans and specs from the architect to make to CSRS before the project can be bid.

FEMA is still questioning everything with regard to the VLS building, including whether it was damaged by more than 50%. The insurance company did declare it a total loss.

He additionally reported they were wrapping up plans on the maintenance dredging.

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

**10. Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this time.

**11. Adjournment**

President Dick Kennison adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:45 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary