

# West Calcasieu Port Board Meeting Minutes

200 Old Ferry Road, Sulphur, Louisiana 70665

May 2, 2023

**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 May 2, 2023.

**2. Invocation**

Dick Kennison 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  
Tim Dougherty  
Jennifer Mabou  
Buddy Reams

Also present were Oliver Schrupf, Joanne Coleman, Chuck Stutes, and Port Director Lynn Hohensee.

**5. Approval of minutes of the April 4, 2023 regular monthly**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Tim Dougherty to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 regular monthly meeting, 2nd by Buddy Reams. No opposition. Motion carried.

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

No amendments, additions, or deletions at this time.

**7. Discuss and take action on recommendation for appointee to West Calcasieu Airport Board**

Dick Kennison stated that Chad Guidry was offered to Dalton Langford as the Port Board's appointee to the West Calcasieu Airport Board. Mr. Langford met with him and was happy with the recommendation.

A motion was by Buddy Reams to appoint Chad Guidry to the West Calcasieu Airport Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Dougherty. No opposition. Motion carried.

**8. Review any recommended actions to proceed with Capital Improvements**

There were no Capital Improvements to discuss at this time.

**9. Committee Reports**

There are no Committee Reports at this time.

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

- a. **Port Director:** Port Director Lynn Hohensee stated that GES has done a considerable job on clearing their property. He recommends reducing their rent for May from 3 acres to 2 acres. Everything apart from the concrete, which will be used by Keiland Construction, is set to be removed within two weeks.

Angelico continues working on the STAR building. As their materials come in, they are putting them in the old Orion building.

Mr. Hohensee reported that he has been involved with discussions regarding upcoming legislation through the Port Associations regarding the creation of a Louisiana Port Authority. The other Bill in the Senate is taking Port Priority Program out of DOTD, creating a Department of Commerce out of the old LED, and moving the Port Priority Program under the new DOC. There was a brief discussion regarding the legislation affecting the Port, including that there would be no funding for smaller ports without the Port Priority Program.

- b. **Legal:** Oliver Schrupf stated that it sounds like GES is doing what they need to, so he has nothing to report at this time.
- c. **Financial:** There was no financial report at this time.
- d. **Engineer:** Chuck Stutes reported that the STAR building is in construction. They have mainly done some demo on the inside. All the offices have been taken out and the flooring has been removed. They have also sanded and painted the entire frame. They are starting to acquire building materials and will start taking off the roofing and siding once they have the new materials.

The VLS building is in design. After the last meeting, the Geotechnical report was distributed to everyone, so now the architect can get his foundation work done. They had their second programming meeting two weeks ago where they focused on finishes. They are wrapping up the plans and hopefully will have something by the end of the month.

Lynn will be transmitting the dredging plans by hand to the DOTD Port Priority Program this week for their review and comments.

Mr. Stutes also reported that the bulkhead and crane project is in the contract phase. The construction contracts have been executed by the contractor. There were some issues with the insurance form, so they are in the process of working that out. Once the insurance form is complete, they will be sent to the EDA for their concurrence. At the same time, they will send the contract to Mr. Schrupf for his review. It's a little slower than normal because there are two funding agencies, but it is moving forward.

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

**11. Public Comments**

There are no public comments at this time.

**12. Adjournment**

President Dick Kennison adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:48 p.m.



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President



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Secretary