CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 22, 2026

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:00 AM, July 22, 2026, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Present were: Paul Coreil, Mike Grant, Brannin Leglue, Gil McKee, John Scott, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner, John Louis VanMol, Jr.

Absent: Basil Smith

Also Present: Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; John Ryland, Attorney; Luke Miller, MMLH; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP.

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

Upon establishing a quorum, the meeting was called to order by President Terry Spruill.

The invocation was given by Commissioner

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Terry Spruill

President Spruill offered a Public Comment Period Pursuant to LRS 42:14; there were none.

VI. Action Items:

a) Agenda - Motion by Commissioner G. McKee seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve the agenda as proposed; motion carried.

b) Minutes - Motion by Commissioner B. Leglue seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on May 27, 2026; motion carried.

c) Motion by Commissioner G. McKee seconded by Commissioner J. VanMol, to approve financial statements for May 2026; motion carried.

d) Motion by Commissioner L. Turner seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil, to approve financial statements for June 2026; motion carried

e) Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve **RESOLUTION 2026-13 13** in support of the Multi-State Future Interstate Highway Formula Funding Program.

   ROLL CALL VOTE was held for the approved motion with the following unanimous results:
   Yays – Paul Coreil, Brannin Leglue, Gil McKee, John Scott, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner, John Louis VanMol, Jr.
   Nays – none
   Absent – Basil Smith
   Abstain – none

f) Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil seconded by Commissioner B. Leglue to approve **RESOLUTION 2026-14** authorizing the Executive Director, Ben Russo, to submit an application with DRA for 2026 grant.

   ROLL CALL VOTE was held for the approved motion with the following unanimous results:
   Yays – Paul Coreil, Brannin Leglue, Gil McKee, John Scott, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner, John Louis VanMol, Jr.
   Nays – none
   Absent – Basil Smith
   Abstain – none

g) Motion by Commissioner G. McKee seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to authorize the executive director to execute a Landlord Subordination Agreement pending approval from legal; motion carried.

h) Motion by Commissioner M. Grant seconded by Commissioner B. Leglue, to approve Change Order No. 3 to the Electrical Substation Manufacturing Facility, Mfg. and Assembly Buildings, Phase 1 of SPN H.015981 (321) under the Port Priority Program, conditional of DOTD concurrence; motion carried.

- **Purpose of Change Order:** To fund the difference in distance for the underground electrical, which will go from overhead (tapping into a dual circuit) to underground to the building.
- **Benefits:** Avoids overhead lines across the parking lot (addressing potential height issues) and improves reliability (underground is preferred due to lightning susceptibility). The Executive Director is exploring grants for better resiliency to put more infrastructure underground.

i) Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil seconded by Commissioner L. Turner, to approved Partial Substantial Completion for Milestone No. 1 of Phase 3 of SPN H.015981 (323) under the Port Priority Program; motion carried.

- The Phase 3 bid included an initial 4-acre section and a 6-acre addendum. The state approved partial substantial completion for the 4-acre section.
- Construction on two other approved buildings will start next month, with an estimated completion by April 2027. The 80,000 sq ft building and much of the hard stand area are expected to be finished this year.

VVII. Comments:

a. Comments by Executive Director:

- **Build Grant (formerly Raise Grant):**
  - Awarded $722,400. This was one of approximately 120 awards out of 1200 applications nationwide.
  - Senator Cassidy's group confirmed the award and indicated a related community funding operation, which had previously put the port's name down for $1.7 million.
  - **Port 2.0 Initiative:** These grant funds will contribute to this initiative, which will be used to assess existing buildings, docks, and other infrastructure; explore options for purchasing additional property; identify suitable industries and necessary facilities; and help develop a 20-year capital plan. The goal is to "get us to where we're not reactionary on projects and be more thoughtful on the projects."
- **Capital Outlay Grant:**
  - Awarded $800,000 in one-time funding which will be used to build more hard-stand area for military rotations and other uses.
    Working on a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Red River Waterway Commission.

b. Legal Counsel – none

c. Comments by Economic Development – none

d. Comments from Elected Officials – none

e. Comments by public– none

f. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – none

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner L. Turner, motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee. This meeting of July 22, 2026, was adjourned by President T. Spruill at 8:40 AM.

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Terry Spruill, President