CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 17, 2026

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:00 AM, August 17, 2026, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Present were: Paul Coreil, Mike Grant, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill, John L. VanMol, Jr.

Absent: Brannin Leglue, Larry Turner

Also Present: Ben Russo, CLRP Executive Director; 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 Basil Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance was 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 M. Grant seconded by Commissioner J. VanMol, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on July 22, 2026; motion carried.

c) Motion by Commissioner J. Scott seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil, to approve **RESOLUTION 2026-15** acknowledging the Central Louisiana Regional High-Water Hardstand 36-P36-22-01 Capital Outlay Project that CLRP will cover all expenses associated with the project over the amount that the State of Louisiana Capital Outlay pays.

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

d) Motion by Commissioner J. Scott seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil to approve **RESOLUTION 2026-16** to solicit bids for the Marine Highway Program.

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

e) Motion by Commissioner J. Scott was seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve the executive director to enter into a CEA with the Red River Waterway Commission relative to material handling equipment; motion carried.

f) Motion by Commissioner J. Scott was seconded by Commissioner G. McKee, to approve **RESOLUTION 2026-17 t**o request proposals/bids for professional services to assist with the BUILD Grant.

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

g) Motion by Commissioner G. McKee seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to authorize the MMLH Task Order 2026-02 for the MARAD Marine Highway Program; motion carried.

h) Motion by Commissioner B. Smith seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to authorize hire Foley & Judell (bond council) and Government Consultants for work associated with Port Priority projects H.015981 and H.015970; motion carried.

i) Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil seconded by Commissioner J. VanMol, to authorize the Engineer to advertise and accept bids for the Central Louisiana Regional Port's High-Water Hardstand 36-P36-22-01 Capital Outlay Project contingent upon approval of Facility, Planning, and Control; motion carried.

VVII. Comments:

a. Comments by Executive Director:
    - This meeting was rescheduled to avoid delaying Port business, as Ben was invited to serve as a panelist at the **National Waterways Conference on the Strategic Marine Highway**, which is being held on the originally scheduled August meeting date.
    - Project updates were provided.

b. Legal Counsel – absent

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 G. McKee, motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner J. VanMol. This meeting of August 17, 2026, was adjourned by President T. Spruill at 8:38 AM.

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Terry Spruill, President