REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE PROVIDENCE PORT COMMISSION
HELD ON JANUARY 15, 2025

The Lake Providence Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, 15 January 2025 at 8:00 a.m. in the Port Commission office at the Lake Providence Port.

Officers Jerry King, Vice President, and Francis Lensing, Secretary-Treasurer, were present. Officer Jim Thom, President, was absent. Commissioners Roger Clement, and Mark Buntyn were present. Commissioner Karvan Powell was absent. Wyly Gilfoil, Executive Director, Bryant Killen, Deputy Director, were also present along with Winn Nettles and Dan Forsee (TRS).

The minutes from the meeting held 16 December 2024, were accepted on a motion by Mr. Lensing and second by Mr. Clement.

The financial reports for the period ending December 2024 were approved on a motion by Mr. Buntyn and seconded by Mr. Lensing.

The bills for January 2025 were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Clement and seconded by Mr. Buntyn.

Mr. Gilfoil presented project reports on construction in progress and in design. We opened bids for Rail Rehab Segment C on 4 Apr. The Contract with B&P Enterprises was signed 5 June in the amount of $12,948,001.00. STB is awaiting judicial determination from Louisiana on right of the Commission to own property outside East Carroll Parish in order to proceed with the Feeder Line Application. We received an EDA grant of $380,688 for construction of a third lane from the office to Stepan and we are about 90 per cent on design. LA DOTD awarded 15 million to the Rail Reconstruction Project Tallulah – Newellton, of that 7 million has been appropriated. Mr. Killen gave an update that the port was included in the WRDA bill for a feasibility study of Hagaman Chute at a 90/10 cost share. The Commission approved the project report on a motion by Mr. Lensing and seconded by Mr. Buntyn.

In Other Business, Mr. Killen gave an update on an upcoming meeting with Patriot Rail. Further discussion was made with regard to the issue. The Commission elected to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel on a motion by Mr. Buntyn and a second by Mr. Lensing. The Commission exited Executive Session on a motion by Mr. Clement and a second by Mr. Buntyn. The Commission authorized Mr. Killen to seek/hire a Deputy Director after Mr. Gilfoil retires. Other Business was approved on a motion by Mr. Lensing and a second by Mr. Buntyn.

The Commission adjourned at 9:31 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Clement and seconded by Mr. Buntyn

James A. Thom, IV, President

Attest: Francis X. Lensing, Secretary