

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

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

Officers Jim Thom (President), Jerry King (Vice President) and Francis Lensing (Secretary/Treasurer) were present. Commissioners Karvan Powell and Mark Buntyn were present. Commissioner Roger Clement was absent. Bryant Killen, Executive Director, & Winn Nettles, Deputy Director, were also present.

The Minutes from the meeting held 17 September 2025, were accepted on a motion by Mr. King and second by Mr. Lensing.

The financial reports for the period ending September 2025 were approved on a motion by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Powell.

The bills for October 2025 were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Lensing.

Mr. Killen presented project reports on construction in progress and in design. Mr. Killen reported that Rail Rehab Segment C is ongoing and is set to be completed on 12/31/25. Mr. Killen reported that the 3rd lane project is underway and should be completed with the next month. 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. King and seconded by Mr. Buntyn.

In Other Business, Mr. Killen updated the commission about filing for reconsideration to the 2nd Circuit in the ongoing railroad matter. Discussions were held for MARR to purchase 3 of the fertilizer tanks. The board approved Mr. Killen to approach MARR with an option that converts the lease to a land lease with the cost of the tanks to be paid annually over an 8 year period. Mr. Killen gave an update on the STB process and shared a letter from Mr. Fuchs (STB Chairman) stating that they intend to make a ruling by end of September. Mr. Killen advised the commission that the farm lease comes up at the end of the year. Mr. Killen advised the commission that the power to lift station is off due to the pole falling where the road washed out and that after the washout is taken care of, by the 3rd Lane contract, we will need to contact people to get the pole back set and the power turned back on. Mr. Killen informed the commission that we are in receipt of invoices for abatement by Epic on warehouse 2. Other Business was approved on a motion by Mr. Lensing and a second by Mr. King.

The Commission adjourned at 9:11 a.m. on a motion by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Lensing.

Attest:


Francis X. Lensing, Secretary


James A. Thom, IV, President