

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE PROVIDENCE PORT COMMISSION  
HELD ON MARCH 19, 2025

The Lake Providence Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, 19 March 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, Mark Buntyn, and Karvan Powell were present. Bryant Killen, Executive Director, & Winn Nettles, Deputy Director, were also present along with Wyly Gilfoil, Neil Martin (TRS), & Marvin Collins (TRS).

The Minutes from the meeting held 19 February 2025, were accepted on a motion by Mr. Buntyn and second by Mr. Clement.

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

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

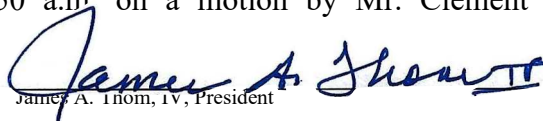
Mr. Killen presented project reports on construction in progress and in design. We opened bids for Rail Rehab Segment C on 4 Apr. The Contract with B&P Enterprises was signed 5 June in the amount of \$12,948,001.00. STB is awaiting judicial determination from Louisiana on right of the Commission to own 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. The first round of advertising only yielded one bidder. EDA required a second round for advertising to see if more bidders would take a look at the project. 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. Clement and seconded by Mr. Lensing.

In Other Business, a Memorandum of Understanding between LPPC & the Port of South Louisiana was adopted on a motion by Mr. Lensing and a second by Mr. Buntyn. Discussions of Mid America River & Rail were made regarding improvements to one of the fertilizer tanks that is leased from the port. Mr. Killen updated the commission about filing for reconsideration to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit in the ongoing railroad matter. Other Business was approved on a motion by Mr. Karvan and a second by Mr. Buntyn.

The Commission adjourned at 8:50 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Clement and seconded by Mr. Powell.

Attest:

  
Francis X. Lensing, Secretary

  
James A. Thom, IV, President