REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE PROVIDENCE PORT COMMISSION
HELD ON JUNE 18, 2025

The Lake Providence Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, 18 June 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 Roger Clement, Mark Buntyn, and Karvan Powell were present. Bryant Killen, Executive Director, & Winn Nettles, Deputy Director, were also present along with Tyler Webb (TRS).

The Minutes from the meeting held 21 May 2025, were accepted on a motion by Mr. Lensing and second by Mr. Powell.

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

The bills for June 2025 were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. King 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. Powell 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. Mr. Jerry Ringle (MARR) addressed the board about the potential to buy 3 fertilizer tanks. The board asked Mr, Ringle to come back to the next meeting with a firm offer for the tanks to be evaluated. Senate Bill 146 was discussed with Mr. Killen providing an update of where the bill had been signed by the governor making it law. A resolution was passed to accept the low bid for the 3rd Lane Addition to Amethist Construction in the amount of $593,930 (base bid) + $15,000 (Alt. 1) = $608,930 on a motion by Mr. King and a second by Mr. Buntyn. Mr. Killen discussed closing our Capital One account, due to the fact that they are no longer located in Lake Providence, and transferring the money to our Delta Bank account, which was approved on a motion by Mr. Buntyn and a second by Mr. Powell. Other Business was approved on a motion by Mr. Lensing and a second by Mr. Buntyn.

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

James A. Thom IV
James A. Thom, IV, President

Attest: Francis Lensing
Francis X. Lensing, Secretary