

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE PROVIDENCE PORT COMMISSION
HELD ON JULY 23, 2025

The Lake Providence Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, 23 July 2025 at 8:00 a.m. in the Port Commission office at the Lake Providence Port.

Officers Jim Thom (President), Francis Lensing (Secretary-Treasurer), were present. Officer Jerry King (Vice President) was absent. Commissioners Roger Clement, and Mark Buntyn were present. Commissioner Karvan Powell was absent. Bryant Killen, Executive Director, & Winn Nettles, Deputy Director, were also present along with Neil Martin, Marvin Collins and Tim Braswell (TRS).

The Minutes from the meeting held 18 June 2025, were accepted on a motion by Mr. Buntyn and second by Mr. Clement.

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

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

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. 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. Mr. Killen updated the commission about the 3rd Lane project Pre-Construction meeting being set up by BHA. The commission approved a lease to Terral RiverService for the 14.5 acres at the end of the port property to be used as a rock yard for META deliveries. Mr. Killen updated the commission on our trip to D. C. Other Business was approved on a motion by Mr. Lensing and a second by Mr. Buntyn.

The Commission adjourned at 8:55 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Buntyn and seconded by Mr. Clement.

Attest:


Francis X. Lensing, Secretary


James A. Thom, IV, President