

West Calcasieu Port Board Meeting Minutes

7959 Alfred Devall Parkway, Sulphur, Louisiana 70665
December 3, 2024

1. Call to Order

President Dick Kennison called to order the regular meeting of the West Calcasieu Port at approximately 3:00 p.m. on December 3, 2024.

2. Invocation

Oliver Schrumpf led the invocation.

3. Pledge of allegiance

Tim Dougherty led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Tim Dougherty conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Dick Kennison
Trey Case
Tim Dougherty
Jennifer Mabou
Buddy Reams

Also present were Darla Perry, Joanne Coleman, Chuck Stutes, Oliver Schrumpf, and Port Director Lynn Hohensee.

5. Approval of minutes of the November 5, 2024 regular monthly meeting.

A motion was made by Trey Case to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2024 regular monthly meeting, 2nd by Tim Dougherty. No opposition. Motion carried.

6. Amendments, additions, and deletions to the proposed agenda.

There were no amendments, additions, and deletions at this time.

7. Committee Reports

There were no committee Reports at this time.

8. Port Director Report; Announcements/Reports (Legal, Financial, Engineer)

- a. Port Director:** Port Director Lynn Hohensee reported that Keiland Construction has asked to withdraw from the Orion slips, but there is interest from two additional tenants. The tenant committee will meet and make recommendations to the board.

He also stated that River Barge Works was supposed to get in touch with him before the meeting today to update on the removal of their disabled barge, but he did not hear from them. The board discussed how to proceed with this matter.

- b. Legal:** Oliver Schrumpf stated he had nothing to report at this time.

- c. Financial:** Darla Perry reported that in September the port took in \$207,047 and expended \$434,173 leaving a net change in cash of -\$227,173. The port does have reimbursements that have been approved but have not been disbursed. The port barge days are 15,264 YTD, -818 less than prior YTD. She also reported that they have been meeting with Washington, DC on the EDA grant.

- d. **Engineer:** Chuck Stutes reported that the dredging of the West Barge Basin is complete. They are in the process of doing the calculations on the excavation.

Most of the steel work is complete on the VLS/Port Office Building. The project is scheduled for completion in June.

The AC in the STAR building has been readjusted and temporarily patched holes in the wall. The condensation on the vents has stopped and the tenant is happy.

Plans for dredging at the bulkhead/crane pad area were formally approved and DOTD accepted the resolution for authority to advertise. They will start advertising next week with the deadline to receive bids in January.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Buddy Reams to accept the Port Director, Legal, Financial, and Engineer reports as presented, 2nd by Trey Case. No opposition. Motion carried.

9. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this time.

10. **Adjournment**

President Dick Kennison adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:30 p.m.



President



Secretary