

West Calcasieu Port Board Meeting Minutes

7959 Alfred Devall Parkway, Sulphur, Louisiana 70665

February 4, 2025

1. Call to Order

Trey Case called to order the regular meeting of the West Calcasieu Port at approximately 3:00 p.m. on February 4, 2025.

2. Invocation

Tim Dougherty led the invocation.

3. Pledge of allegiance

Oliver Schrumpf led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

Dick Kennison
Tim Dougherty
Jennifer Mabou
Buddy Reams

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

5. Approval of minutes of the January 7, 2025 regular monthly meeting.

A motion was made by Tim Dougherty to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025 regular monthly meeting, 2nd by Jennifer Mabou. No opposition. Motion carried.

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

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

7. Discuss/Approve Engineer Recommendation to award contract and approval of LA DOTD Resolutions for Dredging and Erosion Control Project, SPN H.014606(322) M.A. No. C4-19064-DA.

Chuck Stutes read Resolution – Award Project. A motion was made by Tim Dougherty for a resolution to accept the engineer recommendation and award the contract for LA DOTD Resolutions for Dredging and Erosion Control Project, SPN H.014606(322) M.A. No. C4-19064-DA to Coastal Dredging Co., Inc for a total base bid of \$2,636,250, 2nd by Jennifer Mabou. No opposition. Motion carried.

Jennifer Mabou made a motion to for a Resolution Certifying Compliance with the Public Bid Laws for State Project No. H.014606(322), 2nd by Tim Dougherty. No opposition. Motion carried.

8. Review/Approve Proposal for West Calcasieu Port office West Calcasieu Port Security Response Network.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Jennifer Mabou for a resolution to approve American Integration Contractors' proposal for the West Calcasieu Port Security Response Network for the West Calcasieu Port Office for a bid total of \$384,371.36, 2nd by Tim Dougherty. No opposition. Motion carried.

9. Committee Reports

There were no committee Reports at this time.

Buddy Reams stated he would like to form a committee to research the feasibility of purchasing or building a maintenance dredge. Dick Kennison, Lynn Hohensee and Buddy Reams will participate in the committee.

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

- a. **Port Director:** Port Director Lynn Hohensee reported that he was following up on monies from the SEED Center. They have received the payment and will be processing that in the next few days.

He also stated that freeze damage at the port was relatively minor. Additionally, they have reached out to the contractor that did the work on the VLS building for building repairs and they will be moving forward with the repairs needed from the AC repair damage.

Mr. Hohensee also reported that he spoke with the DOTD about options for a new spoils area.

Devall has expressed an interest in leasing the east slip. The port director requested permission to begin lease negotiations.

He concluded by stating it was time for the port attorney to send a demand letter to River Barge Works for removal of their old barge and cleanup dredging.

- b. **Legal:** Oliver Schrupf stated he had nothing to report at this time.
- c. **Engineer:** Chuck Stutes reported that the new dredging and erosion control project should be started soon.
- d. **Financial:** Darla Perry reported that in December the port took in \$2,474,157, the bulk of which was FEMA money for the new port office building and DOTD funds for the west barge basin dredging. The port expended \$1,649,880 leaving a net change in cash of \$824,276.

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 Tim Dougherty. No opposition. Motion carried.

11. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

12. Adjournment

President Dick Kennison adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:03 p.m.

President

Secretary