

West Calcasieu Port Board Meeting Minutes

~~7959 Alfred Devall Parkway, Sulphur, Louisiana 70665~~

March 4, 2025

1. Call to Order

Dick Kennison called to order the regular meeting of the West Calcasieu Port at approximately 3:00 p.m. on March 4, 2025.

2. Invocation

Joanne Coleman led the invocation.

3. Pledge of allegiance

Buddy Reams led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

Dick Kennison
Tim Dougherty
Buddy Reams

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

5. Approval of minutes of the February 4, 2025 regular monthly meeting.

A motion was made by Tim Dougherty to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025 regular monthly meeting, 2nd by Buddy Reams. 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 and vote on Amendment #2 to Darla B. Perry, CPA, ABC professional services contract.~~

Jennifer Mabou made a motion to for a Resolution to approve Amendment #2 , 2nd by Tim Dougherty. No opposition. Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

Buddy Reams reported that the committee formed to research maintenance dredging equipment contacted other ports to get feedback on purchasing dredging equipment. He reported the overall consensus was that it was not a good idea. Mr. Reams recommended disbanding the committee.

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

a. Port Director: Port Director Lynn Hohensee reported that they received a signed contract from River Barge Works. They want to stay at the port. He stated that they have a crane barge being retrofitted to be able to lift the derelict barge.

b. Legal: Oliver Schrupf stated he had nothing to report at this time.

c. Engineer: Chuck Stutes reported the VLS building/new port office building is approximately 50% complete now. It's scheduled to be complete in June.

The notice of award was sent to the contractor on the dredging of the new bulkhead.

- d. **Financial:** Darla Perry reported that in January the port took in \$682,151, the bulk of which was FEMA and EDA reimbursements. The port expended \$333,794 leaving a net change in cash of \$348,357. YTD barge days are at 25,018 which is down 2,197 from prior YTD. She also reported that they are close to getting FEMA to pay for the repairs to the STAR building.

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

10. ~~Public Comments~~

There were no public comments at this time.

11. **Adjournment**

President Dick Kennison adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:21 p.m.

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President

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Secretary