

West Calcasieu Port Board Meeting Minutes

7959 Alfred Devall Parkway, Sulphur, Louisiana 70665
May 6, 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 May 6, 2025.

2. Invocation

Tim Dougherty led the invocation.

3. Pledge of allegiance

Trey Case led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

Dick Kennison
Tim Dougherty
Trey Case
Buddy Reams

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

5. Approval of minutes of the April 1, 2025 regular monthly meeting.

A motion was made by Trey Case to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025 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 or deletions to the agenda at this time.

7. Discuss and vote on Change Order #3 VLS for access control

A motion was made by Tim Dougherty to approve Change Order #3 for additional labor and material to install conduit, backboxes, sleeves, and outlets for the access control and surveillance systems for an increase of \$4,590 and an addition 3 days be added to the contract to complete the work, 2nd by Trey Case. No opposition. Motion carried.

8. Discuss/Vote on Budget FYE 6/30/2026

Tim Dougherty made a motion to accept the Budget FYE 6/30/2026, 2nd by Trey Case. No opposition. Motion carried.

9. Executive Session Presentation of Land Proposal

Dru Ellender presented information about land adjacent to the port that is available for sale.

Tim Dougherty made a motion to make an offer of \$4,000 per acre for 28.08 acres contingent upon an appraisal and a phase I environmental study, 2nd by Trey Case. No opposition. Motion carried.

10. Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports at this time.

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

- a. **Port Director:** Port Director Lynn Hohensee reported that the number of barges coming in is averaging 140 per day. He stated that he expects there will be large amounts of barge traffic loaded with rock in the near future.

He also reported that they gave a tour to various state leaders last month. One of the items discussed was the depth of the Intercoastal Canal.

He stated that he visited with Rachel Shield with LED and discussed their site certification process.

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

- c. **Engineer:** Chuck Stutes reported that the VLS project is roughly 75% complete. The scheduled completion date of June is fairly optimistic.

The contracts for the dredging for the bulkhead have been signed. They had a pre-construction meeting and the contractor is scheduled to begin next week.

Southland Environmental is doing a complete environmental assessment based on MARAD's guidelines.

- d. **Financial:** Darla Perry reported that in March the port took in \$269,400, which includes the LED grant funds. The port expended \$182,746 leaving a net change in cash of \$86,654. YTD barge days are at 31,943 which is down 3,969 from prior YTD. The Ramp Lease YTD is \$2,039.

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

12. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this time.

13. **Adjournment**

President Dick Kennison adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:40 p.m.



President



Secretary