

West Calcasieu Port Board Meeting Minutes

7959 Alfred Devall Parkway, Sulphur, Louisiana 70665
August 5, 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 August 5, 2025.

2. Invocation

Joanne Coleman led the invocation.

3. Pledge of allegiance

Oliver Schruppf 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
Jennifer Mabou
Buddy Reams

Also present were Darla Perry, Joanne Coleman, Oliver Schruppf, Nate Stevick, Project Manager with Great Lakes Dredging and Dock, Brett Downer with O'Carroll Group, and Port Director Lynn Hohensee.

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

A motion was made by Jennifer Mabou to approve the minutes of the June 3, 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/Approve Tenant Committee recommendation on new lease

Lynn Hohensee introduced Nate Stevick, project manager with Great Lakes Dredging & Dock. They are the new port tenant whose lease was approved by the board at the July 1, 2025 meeting. They have a need for space for 3-4 office trailers and parking area. No action was needed at this time.

8. Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports at this time.

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

a. Port Director: Port Director introduced Brett Downer with O'Carroll Group who is the port's website manager. Mr. Downer discussed the marketing opportunity around the ribbon cutting event for the new port office building and strategies for future branding. There was a discussion by the board about future marketing efforts.

He also gave Nate Stevick an opportunity to share with the board information about upcoming projects.

He also reported that Morrissey Construction out of Baton Rouge will be at the port within the next two weeks to remove the derelict barge. He also stated that Atlantic Equipment has moved out completely and cleaned up the property.

- b. **Legal:** Oliver Schrumpf stated that the Great Lakes lease was done.
- c. **Engineer:** There was no engineer report at this time.
- d. **Financial:** Darla Perry reported in June the port took in \$993,280 and expended \$38,971 leaving a net change in cash of \$954,309. YTD barge days are at 44,821 which is down 1,373 from prior YTD and the Ramp Lease YTD stands at \$2,873.

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.

10. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

11. Adjournment

President Dick Kennison adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:48 p.m.



President



Secretary