



Central Louisiana Regional Port

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CENTRAL LA REGIONAL PORT CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

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May 8, 2018 - Initially known as the Alexandria Port Authority and renamed in 2015, the Central Louisiana Regional Port (CLRP) is celebrating 30 years of commitment to the community. The Port was founded in May 1988 with the assistance of the City of Alexandria and the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce.

CLRP has experienced exponential growth over the past few years with the influx of new tenants and retention of existing customers. The Port's assets are almost \$24 million and growing with an additional \$2 million in infrastructure investments this year. To date, total investment by CLRP, tenants and other entities totals almost \$38 million. Additionally, water-borne transportation tonnage capacity is expected to grow more than 250,000 over the next few years.

The Port is represented by the following Board members: Norman Welch, President (Alexandria); Dr. Haywood Joiner, Vice-President (Boyce); and Terry Spruill, Secretary/Treasurer (Pineville) Dave Clabo (Pineville), Jesse Doyle (RPPJ), Michael Grant (RPPJ), Corey Lair (Alexandria), Bryon Salazar (Alexandria), John Scott (Alexandria) and Basil Smith (RPPJ).

"During my many years serving on the Board of Commissioners," stated Norman Welch, Jr., "I have witnessed good days and I am proud to say the Port is doing 'great' these days!"

Executive Director, Blake Cooper commented, "I am thrilled with the substantial growth of the Port especially over the last three years and I am eager to be a part of the continued success."

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About the Central Louisiana Regional Port (CLRP):

Originally created in 1988, the Central Louisiana Regional Port is located off US I-49 at mile 90 on the Red River. The Port provides access to Union Pacific and KCS Railroads, Interstate 49, U.S. Highways 71, 165, 167 and Louisiana Highways 1 and 28. Alexandria International Airport is located approximately 5 miles away. Primary cargoes include inbound and outbound fertilizer, military cargo, aggregates, citric acid, equipment, bio- carbon and fuels. During the 2015 Regular Legislative Session, the Port was made a parish-wide public entity and renamed as the Central Louisiana Regional Port. The CLRP Commission is comprised of individuals appointed by the City of Alexandria, RPPJ, City of Pineville, and the Town of Boyce.