

## **Central Louisiana Regional Port**

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## CENTRAL LA REGIONAL PORT NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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April 26, 2017 - The Central Louisiana Regional Port (CLRP) unanimously elected its executive committee at the April 26, 2017, Commission meeting. The following will serve two-year terms: Norman Welch, President (Alexandria); Dr. Haywood Joiner, Vice-President (Boyce); and Terry Spruill, Secretary/Treasurer (Pineville).

These Commissioners replace outgoing President Bryon Salazar, Vice-President Norman Welch, and Corey Lair as Secretary/Treasurer.

CLRP has experienced exponential growth over the past few years with announcements of new tenants and retention of existing customers. The Port's assets are currently over \$22 million and growing with an additional \$2 million in infrastructure investments expected in FY 2017-2018. Additionally, the Port predicts water-borne transportation tonnage capacity growth of more than 250,000 over the next few years.

In addition to the Executive Committee, the Port is represented by the following Board members: Dave Clabo (Pineville), Jesse Doyle (RPPJ), David Harvey (RPPJ), Corey Lair (Alexandria), Bryon Salazar (Alexandria), Basil Smith (RPPJ), Rev. Henry Williams (Alexandria).

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About the Central Louisiana Regional Port (CLRP):

Originally created in 1990, 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 3 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.