



Central Louisiana Regional Port

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CENTRAL LA REGIONAL PORT NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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April 26, 2019 - The Central Louisiana Regional Port (CLRP) elected a new executive committee at the April 24, 2019, Commission meeting. The following will serve two-year executive terms beginning May 2019: Terry Spruill, President (Pineville); Dr. Haywood Joiner, Vice-President (Boyce); and John Scott, Secretary/Treasurer (Alexandria).

Commenting on outgoing Commission President Norman Welch, Executive Director Blake Cooper, said, "Commissioner Welch's leadership over the past two years have proven effective as seen in the financial position of the Port. The staff at CLRP looks forward in working with the Executive Committee, as well as the other Commissioners, as we continue to build upon the Port's brand and enhance workforce opportunities in the area."

Over the past few years, CLRP has continued to experience growth with announcements of new tenants and retention of existing businesses. During the last fiscal year, the Port successfully hosted three military rotations via barges, supporting the efforts at Ft. Polk's JRTC. The Port's infrastructure investments are approaching \$38 million with an additional \$ 2 million in infrastructure investments expected in FY 2019-2020. Additionally, the Port predicts water-borne transportation tonnage growth of more than 250,000 over the next two years.

The CLRP Board consists of ten commissioners; they are unsalaried and serve a four-year staggered term. The City of Alexandria appoints four commissioners, the Rapides Parish Police Jury appoints three, the City of Pineville appoints two and the Town of Boyce appoints one.

In addition to the Executive Committee, the Port is represented by the following Board members and the public entity they are appointed by: Mike Grant (RPPJ), Corey Lair (Alexandria), Daniel Lonsberry (RPPJ), Gil McKee (Pineville), Bryon Salazar (Alexandria), John Scott (Alexandria), Basil Smith (RPPJ), Norman Welch (Alexandria).

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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. In 2015, the Port was made a parish-wide public entity and renamed as the Central Louisiana Regional Port.