

CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 25, 2025

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:00 AM, June 25, 2025, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Present were: Paul Coreil, Bo Douglas, Mike Grant, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

Absent: Haywood Joiner, Brannin Leglue

Also Present: Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; Tommie Seaton, Senator Cassidy's office; Keith Hillman, MMLH; Luke Miller, MMLH; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP Executive Assistant

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

Upon establishing a quorum, the meeting was called to order by President Terry Spruill

Invocation was given by Commissioner P. Coreil

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Terry Spruill

President Spruill offered a Public Comment Period Pursuant to LRS 42:14; there were none.

VI. Action Items:

- a. Agenda - Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil, to approve the agenda as proposed; motion carried.
- b. Minutes - Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on April 23, 2025; motion carried.
- c. Financial - Motion by Commissioner M. Grant, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith to approve financial statements for April 2025; motion carried.
- d. Financial - Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith to approve end-of-year financial statements for 2024-2025; motion carried.
- e. Financial - Motion by Commissioner B. Douglas, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to approve financial statements for May 2025; motion carried.
- f. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner L. Turner to approve Engagement Letter with Payne, Moore & Herrington, LLP for accounting services through fiscal year end April 30, 2026; motion carried.
- g. Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner B. Douglas to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for audit year ending April 2025; motion carried.
- h. Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith to accept the President's committee assignments for the next two years (2025-2027) as presented; motion carried.
- i. Motion by Commissioner B. Douglas, seconded by Commissioner P. Coreil to approve engineering Task Order No. 2025-01 with Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson for surveying and engineering regarding the BLRE Dock Facilities and Access Road, Phase 1 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; motion carried.
- j. Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant to approve Addendum No.2 to the Memorandum of Cooperative Endeavor with the Red River Waterway Commission regarding the Land, Warehouse and Hardstand Expansion; motion carried.
- k. Motion by Commissioner B. Douglas, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-5**, authorizing the advertisement for bids for the DRA Critical Industry Infrastructure Expansion (DRA LA54890).

ROLL CALL VOTE was held for the approved motion with the following results:

Yays – Paul Coreil, Bo Douglas, Mike Grant, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

Nays – none

Absent – Haywood Joiner, Brannin Leglue

Abstain – none

- l. Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner L. Turner to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-6**, authorizing the advertisement for bids for the Electrical Substation Manufacturing Facility – Phase 1 of SPN H.015981 port improvement project under the Port Priority Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE was held for the approved motion with the following results:

Yays – Paul Coreil, Bo Douglas, Mike Grant, Gil McKee, John Scott, Basil Smith,
Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

Nays – none

Absent – Haywood Joiner, Brannin Leglue

Abstain – none

- m. Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Red River Waterway Commission regarding the Green Methanol/Port Priority Project; motion carried.
- n. Motion by Commissioner B. Douglas, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee to authorize the Executive Director to execute engineering services & reimbursement agreement and Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) regarding the Beaver Lake Renewable Energy (BLRE) project; motion carried.

VVII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director:
 - The Federal Maritime Organization invited Ben to be a panelist at the Service Forces Deployment Conference in Virginia to discuss the port's role in moving military equipment.
 - Ben stated the port moves more military equipment than many other strategic ports in the U.S.
 - MARAD will recommend the Red River as a strategic marine highway, which will give us access to more money for improvements and will put the Red River to where it can get in a higher queue.
 - A master plan was developed, costing around \$6.44 to \$6.5 million, outlining potential improvements for military operations.
 - Louisiana is advocating for this plan in D.C., which includes a new entrance, additional hard stand, a security shed, fencing, cameras, a pavilion for soldiers, and an operational building.
- b. Legal Counsel – none
- c. Comments by Economic Development – none
- d. Comments from Elected Officials – none
- e. Comments by public – none
- f. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – none

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner G. McKee motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott. This meeting of June 25, 2025, was adjourned by President T. Spruill at 8:45 AM.

Terry Spruill, President