

# CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 24, 2025

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:00 AM, September 24, 2025, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

**Present were:** Paul Coreil, Mike Grant, Brannin Leglue, Gil McKee, John Scott, Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

**Absent:** Bo Douglas, Basil Smith

**Also Present:** Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; Luke Miller, MMLH; Jeffrey Hess, Helm; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP Executive Assistant, Landon Fewell

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

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

The invocation was given by Commissioner Paul 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 L. Turner, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve the agenda as proposed; motion carried.
- b) Minutes - Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee, to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on August 27, 2025; motion carried.
- c) Financial - Motion Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner G. McKee, to approve financial statements for August 2025; motion carried.
  - Extraordinary maintenance and operations expenses were incurred due to fire pump issues, including replacing massive batteries.
  - Annual maintenance tests on the cranes resulted in about \$10,000 in repair expenses.
- d) Motion by Commissioner B. Leglue, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-12** certifying compliance with public bid law relative to the Electrical Substation Manufacturing Facility – Phase I of State Project Number H.015981 (321)
  - The resolution shows that the board followed all of the state's multimodal office's requirements through the process.
  - The process involves awarding the contract, submitting it to the state, providing the resolution, and then receiving the notice to proceed.

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

Yays – Paul Coreil, Mike Grant, Brannin Leglue, Gil McKee, John Scott,  
Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

Nays – none

Absent – Bo Douglas, Basil Smith

Abstain – none

- e) Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner L. Turner, to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-13** to award contract for the MARAD Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Portable Multimodal Transloading Equipment -Truck Dump, Conveyor, and Ramps contingent on the availability of funds and receipt of additional bid documents as recommended by engineers on record
  - The grant aims to give flexibility on loading and unloading, specifically for the truck dump.
  - The upgrade increases the capacity of the truck dump, allowing for timely processing of production brought in by truck if the river is non-navigable.
  - The third component of the process was delayed due to Buy American provisions.

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

Yays – Paul Coreil, Mike Grant, Brannin Leglue, Gil McKee, John Scott,  
Terry Spruill, Larry Turner

Nays – none

Absent – Bo Douglas, Basil Smith

Abstain – none

- f) Motion by Commissioner M. Grant, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-14** to award contract for the MARAD Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Portable Multimodal Transloading Equipment -Mobile Belt Conveyor contingent on the availability of funds and receipt of additional bid documents as recommended by engineers on record.
- The new equipment can offload a rail car to a truck, a truck to a rail car, or load from truck to barge.
  - This will give Helm the optionality, for example, if their warehouse is too full for a 1500-ton barge, he can use 800 tons by bringing in eight rail cars.
- ROLL CALL VOTE was held for the approved motion with the following results:  
 Yays – Paul Coreil, Mike Grant, Brannin Leglue, Gil McKee, John Scott,  
 Terry Spruill, Larry Turner  
 Nays – none  
 Absent – Bo Douglas, Basil Smith  
 Abstain – none
- g) Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner M. Grant, to approve Change Order #1 with Tudor Inc. for the DRA Critical Industry Infrastructure Expansion project (DRA LA-54890); motion carried.
- The change order involves moving part of the TUDOR project to another area to avoid overlapping construction.
- h) Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to approve a mitigation contract for the purchase of credits from Pelican – Echo Mitigation Bank; motion carried.
- This is for the 45 acres, where the process of delineation on wetlands was done.
  - Mitigation credits are purchased to take it out of wetlands for further development.
    - Once purchased, a permit is issued indicating there are no wetlands on that site to develop.
- i) Motion by Commissioner P. Coreil, seconded by Commissioner L. Turner, to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-15** providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of a Grant Anticipation Note, Series 2025 of CLRP and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
- Foley Udell and governmental consultants were hired to help with the bond issuance process.
  - Regions Bank was chosen over Bank of Montgomery based on the consultant's advice.
- ROLL CALL VOTE was held for the approved motion with the following results:  
 Yays – Paul Coreil, Mike Grant, Brannin Leglue, Gil McKee, John Scott,  
 Terry Spruill, Larry Turner  
 Nays – none  
 Absent – Bo Douglas, Basil Smith  
 Abstain – none

VVII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director:
- The garrison commander for Fort Polk came in the beginning of September.
  - The 101st is coming for their 120-day walk-through before their rotation and should have them in April next year.
  - Still waiting for the Department of War to sign off on the one last agreement to finish rocking that bottom area.
  - Discussion was held about widening the river to a 12-foot channel instead of a 9-foot channel. A 12-foot channel would provide more consistency in navigation and allow for heavier loads.
- 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 P. Coreil. This meeting of September 24, 2025, was adjourned by President T. Spruill at 8:35 AM.

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Terry Spruill, President