

CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 21, 2026

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened at 8:06 AM, January 21, 2026, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

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

Absent: Paul Coreil, Mike Grant, Brannin Leglue

Also Present: Ben, Russo, CLRP Executive Director; John Ryland, Attorney; Luke Miller, MMLH; Keith Hillman, MMLH; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP.

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 Larry Turner

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 J. Scott, to approve the agenda as proposed; motion carried.
- b) Minutes - Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner B. Douglas to approve Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on December 17, 2025; motion carried.
- c) Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner L. Turner, to approve the letter of engagement with Payne, Moore and Harrington to provide payroll services for fiscal year April 2026; motion carried.
- d) Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner B. Smith, to approve the letter of engagement with Kolder, Slaven and Company to conduct an annual financial audit for fiscal years ending April 30, 2026, and April 30, 2027; motion carried.
- e) Motion by Commissioner G. McKee, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott, to approve the letter of engagement with Kolder, Slaven and Company to a statewide agreed upon procedure SAUP audit for fiscal years ending April 30, 2026, and April 30, 2027.; motion carried.
- f) Motion by Commissioner B. Smith, seconded by Commissioner B. Douglas to approve Change Order No. 1 for PIDP – Truck Dump Conveyor Ramps; motion carried.

VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Executive Director:

Project Updates

- The electrical substation project for Distran is progressing well and is on schedule.
- Department of Defense contract: Notice to proceed has been received, progress has begun; aiming for full operation of the area for the next Military rotation.
- PIDP (MARAD project): Truck dump and transloading equipment are in process; transloading equipment delivery and truck dump completion are expected in February.

- DRA grant: Anticipate finding out by the end of the month if they will receive the grant for additional work.
- Focus is on completing current projects due to time constraints, rather than pursuing additional building projects or large grants

Property and Development

- Working on reappraisal of the 1.1-acre piece of property by Rinker for a military road.
- Will be submitting a “DOT Build” and “MARAD PIDP” grant for “Port 2.0” to assess long-term development needs.
- Assessing property for future growth, including soil compaction, wetlands, and collaboration with local entities

Red River Channel Expansion

- A study is underway to expand the Red River channel from nine to twelve feet.
- The Corps of Engineers aims to leverage military movements to justify this expansion.

- a. Legal Counsel – none
- b. Comments by Economic Development – none
- c. Comments from Elected Officials – none
- d. Comments by public – Luke Miller of MMLH acknowledged that, after many years of service with the firm, Keith Hillman will be retiring this month. Mr. Hillman will remain available to consult with Mr. Miller on port-related projects. Mr. Hillman expressed his appreciation to the CLRP Board of Commissioners, as well as his gratitude for Ben’s trust and collaboration over the years.
- e. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – none

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner G. McKee, motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner L. Turner. This meeting of January 21, 2026, was adjourned by President T. Spruill at 8:36 AM.

Terry Spruill, President