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CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION
Regular Board Meeting
Regional Commerce Center, 3rd Floor Board Room
6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, LA 71115
May 12, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS:** Commission President Joshua K. Williams called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Board Room of the Regional Commerce Center, 6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, Louisiana, welcomed everyone.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commission Vice President Stephen Callaway led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. ROLL CALL:** Executive Port Director Eric England noted Captain Shamburger with the Shreveport Fire Department was in attendance today. Through the cooperative endeavor agreement with the City of Shreveport, the Port has supported the Shreveport Fire Department with the recent purchase of a new fire truck. Captain Shamburger brought the brand new fire engine to the meeting today and there will be a photo opportunity in the parking lot after the meeting. The roll was called by Mr. England. Commissioners in attendance included: Joshua K. Williams, Judge Stephen V. Callaway (Ret.), James D. Hall, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Erica R. Bryant, Brian Crawford, Sam N. Gregorio, Roy Griggs, and Rick C. Prescott. Absent: None. A quorum was present.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Williams asked for any public comments on agenda items. Hearing none, Commissioner Williams moved on to the next agenda item.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 5. REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2025:** Commissioner Hall presented the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 14, 2025. Motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Callaway, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 14, 2025, as presented. Hearing no questions or comments, the motion was approved by the following votes: AYES: Commissioners: Joshua K. Williams, Judge Stephen V. Callaway (Ret.), James D. Hall, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Erica R. Bryant, Brian Crawford, Sam N. Gregorio, Roy Griggs, and Rick C. Prescott. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: None. ABSTENTIONS: 0. (Published in its entirety in *The Times* on May 16, 2025.)
- 6. MARCH 2025 FINANCIALS:** Commissioner Hall presented the financial report for March 2025. Motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Callaway to approve the March 2025 Financial Report, as submitted. Hearing no questions, the motion was approved by the following votes: AYES: Commissioners: Joshua K. Williams, Judge Stephen V. Callaway (Ret.), James D. Hall, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Erica R. Bryant, Brian Crawford, Sam N. Gregorio, Roy Griggs, and Rick C. Prescott. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: None. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

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MEMBERS: *Joshua K. Williams, President; Judge Stephen V. Callaway (Ret.), Vice President; James D. Hall, Secretary Treasurer; Walter O. Bigby Jr.; Erica R. Bryant; Brian Crawford; Sam N. Gregorio; Roy Griggs; Rick C. Prescott*

NEW BUSINESS:

7. RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF 2025: A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EXECUTIVE PORT DIRECTOR'S EXECUTION OF A THIRD AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SPORTS SOUTH PARTNERS, L.L.C., AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO. (Published in its entirety in *The Times* on May 16, 2025.)

Mr. England stated Sports South is a long-term tenant of the Port's industrial complex. Sports South recently completed an expansion of its facility and has identified a need for additional parking for its leased premises. Approximately 1.5 acres of land adjacent to the back of the building was requested for this additional parking. This Third Amendment to Lease was to include the additional acreage for parking into the existing lease agreement. The resolution is recommended for adoption. Motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Gregorio to approve Resolution No. 7 of 2025, as submitted. Hearing no questions, the motion was approved by the following votes: AYES: Commissioners: Joshua K. Williams, Judge Stephen V. Callaway (Ret.), James D. Hall, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Erica R. Bryant, Brian Crawford, Sam N. Gregorio, Roy Griggs, and Rick C. Prescott. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: None. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2025: NATIONAL MARITIME DAY – MAY 22, 2025. (Published in its entirety in *The Times* on May 16, 2025.)

Mr. England noted National Maritime Day is celebrated annually and this year there is a special event at the Stoner Boat Launch pending the river level. The ceremony will be sponsored by the local Coast Guard and includes other local governing authorities. The Port will be participating in this event and will present this Maritime Day Resolution, if approved. This resolution is recommended for approval. Motion by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Bigby to approve Resolution No. 8 of 2025, as submitted. The motion was approved by the following votes: AYES: Commissioners: Joshua K. Williams, Judge Stephen V. Callaway (Ret.), James D. Hall, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Erica R. Bryant, Brian Crawford, Sam N. Gregorio, Roy Griggs, and Rick C. Prescott. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: None. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

9. PRESENTATION TO WILLIAM "BILL" R. ALTIMUS. Mr. England thanked Mr. Altimus for his service on the Commission. Commissioner Williams read aloud the resolution in appreciation of Mr. Altimus which was adopted on March 17, 2025. A round of applause was heard. Mr. Altimus thanked the Commission for the resolution and former Mayor Walker who appointed him to the Port Commission.

10. PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. England provided an update on Representative McCormick's House Bill 480 in the Louisiana State Legislature which was recently heard at the Transportation Committee meeting.

11. ADJOURN: Hearing no other comments or questions to come from the Board, Commissioner Williams adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ James D. Hall
James D. Hall
Secretary-Treasurer