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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**  
**April 13, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS:** Commission Vice President Stephen V. Callaway called the meeting to order at approximately 4:31 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Board Room of the Regional Commerce Center, 6000 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, Louisiana, and welcomed everyone.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Callaway led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. ROLL CALL:** The roll was called by Executive Port Director Eric England. Commissioners in attendance included: Judge Stephen V. Callaway (Ret.), Brian Crawford, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Sam N. Gregorio, Roy Griggs, and James D. Hall. Absent: Joshua K. Williams, Erica R. Bryant, and Rick Prescott. A quorum was present.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Callaway asked for any public comments on agenda items. Hearing none, Commissioner Callaway moved on to the next agenda item.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 5. REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2026:** Commissioner Crawford presented the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 16, 2026. Motion by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Griggs, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 16, 2026, as presented. Hearing no questions or comments, the motion was approved by the following votes: AYES: Commissioners: Judge Stephen V. Callaway (Ret.), Brian Crawford, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Sam N. Gregorio, Roy Griggs, and James D. Hall. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Joshua K. Williams, Erica R. Bryant, and Rick Prescott. ABSTENTIONS: 0. (Published in its entirety in *The Times* on April 17, 2026.)
- 6. FEBRUARY 2026 FINANCIALS:** Commissioner Crawford presented the financial report for February 2026. Motion by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve the February 2026 Financial Report, as submitted. Hearing no questions, the motion was approved by the following votes: AYES: Commissioners: Judge Stephen V. Callaway (Ret.), Brian Crawford, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Sam N. Gregorio, Roy Griggs, and James D. Hall. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Joshua K. Williams, Erica R. Bryant, and Rick Prescott. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 7. ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2026:** AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND IMPOSE AN AD VALOREM TAX OF 2.50 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 2026, ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT

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

COMMISSION, CONSISTING OF CADDO AND BOSSIER PARISHES, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO. (Published in its entirety in *The Times* on April 17, 2026.)

Mr. England introduced Ordinance No. 1 which deals with the 2026 property tax millage. The proposed ordinance is for 2.50 mills which is the amount the Port is authorized to levy within Caddo and Bossier Parishes. It is recommended for adoption. Motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Crawford to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2026, as submitted. Hearing no questions, the motion was approved by the following votes: AYES: Commissioners: Judge Stephen V. Callaway (Ret.), Brian Crawford, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Sam N. Gregorio, Roy Griggs, and James D. Hall. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Joshua K. Williams, Erica R. Bryant, and Rick Prescott. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

**8. RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2026:** A RESOLUTION AMENDING A PRIOR BOND RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION (THE “PORT”) TO PROVIDE FOR USE OF REMAINING BOND PROCEEDS FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECTS; APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AMENDMENTS TO THE TRUST INDENTURES AND THE LOAN AGREEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PORT TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION. (Published in its entirety in *The Times* on April 17, 2026.)

Mr. England stated this resolution is to amend prior bond resolutions. As discussed in previous meetings, there are excess funds remaining from the borrowings for the Bossier Water Line and the 40,000 square foot warehouse projects. These excess funds are available for use on the Union Pacific railroad site for the western Port property. The Port’s bond counsel has met with the various parties associated with these bond issues as well as the trustee to ensure the use of these funds for alternate purposes would be amenable. The parties are agreeable, but this matter requires an amendment. This resolution provides for the use of the excess funds for the railroad project on the western property. This resolution is recommended for approval. Motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Bigby to approve Resolution No. 2 of 2026, as submitted. Hearing no questions, the motion was approved by the following votes: AYES: Commissioners: Judge Stephen V. Callaway (Ret.), Brian Crawford, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Sam N. Gregorio, Roy Griggs, and James D. Hall. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Joshua K. Williams, Erica R. Bryant, and Rick Prescott. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

**9. RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2026:** A RESOLUTION REPLACING THE TRUSTEE WITH RESPECT TO THE TAXABLE REVENUE BONDS (SPORTS SOUTH, L.L.C. PROJECT), SERIES 2006 (THE “BONDS”) AND TO APPOINT ARGENT INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS. (Published in its entirety in *The Times* on April 17, 2026.)

Mr. England noted the next resolution is to replace the trustee on a conduit bond where a PILOT was issued for the Sports South project. Years ago, Sports South began an expansion plan and has since fulfilled its master plan, including all four phases of development. The bonds were issued and placed privately. A Sports South entity purchased its own bonds. A \$500,000 balance was previously required to be held by the trustee for the PILOT. The bonds can now be retired, which will not affect the PILOT, nor any other stipulations. The trustee requires an inordinate amount of paperwork and attempts to prevent retiring the bonds. This resolution is to replace the trustee with an institutional trust company who is in Louisiana and is willing to retire the Sports South bonds. This resolution is recommended for adoption and the bond counsel, Mr. Wes Shafto, is available for any technical questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Gregorio asked if there are any guidelines required by the original trustee that the new trustee does not have, or essentially why one is willing to retire the bonds and the other is not? Mr. Shafto stated the current trustee is the Bank of New York, which acquired these bonds when they bought JP Morgan, who was the original trustee in 2006 when the bonds were issued. The original bonds were lost by the bond-holder in the shuffle of acquisition, so the normal procedure for this would be to issue an affidavit of lost bond. But since the Bank of New York mainly deals with public bonds, it is requiring a surety bond with a fee of over \$10,000. This is an internal policy for Bank of New York and is not standard, particularly not for privately held bonds. The new trustee, Argent, will only require an affidavit of lost bond to move forward with retirement. Commissioner Gregorio asked if there was any increased financial risk to the Port Commission or to the public in changing trustees. Mr. Shafto answered in the negative. The new paperwork includes an indemnity agreement to protect the Port Commission. Motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Bigby to approve Resolution No. 3 of 2026, as submitted. Hearing no further questions, the motion was approved by the following votes: AYES: Commissioners: Judge Stephen V. Callaway (Ret.), Brian Crawford, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Sam N. Gregorio, Roy Griggs, and James D. Hall. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Joshua K. Williams, Erica R. Bryant, and Rick Prescott. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

**10. RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2026:** A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE THEREOF, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO. (Published in its entirety in *The Times* on April 17, 2026.)

Mr. England stated Resolution No. 4 declares certain property owned by the Port to be surplus. In accordance with state law, before the Port can dispose of property, it must be declared as surplus. There are some stevedoring equipment and supplies located at the dock as well as a damaged coil that should be declared as surplus. This resolution is recommended for adoption. Motion by Commissioner Griggs, seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution No. 4 of 2026, as submitted. Hearing no further questions, the motion was approved by the following votes: AYES: Commissioners: Judge Stephen V. Callaway (Ret.), Brian Crawford, Walter O. Bigby, Jr., Sam N. Gregorio, Roy Griggs, and James D. Hall. NAYS: 0. ABSENT: Joshua K. Williams, Erica R. Bryant, and Rick Prescott. ABSTENTIONS: 0.

**11. PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. England provided an update on various activities and projects, including today's bond resolutions, the \$1 million held in escrow from 2012, and this morning's House Transportation Committee meeting in Baton Rouge.

**12. ADJOURN:** Hearing no other comments or questions from the Board, Commissioner Callaway asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Griggs to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Brian Crawford*

Brian Crawford  
Secretary-Treasurer