



Grand Isle Port Commission

Jeff Landry - Governor

**Commissioners: John Cheramie- President, Terrill Pizani - Vice-President,
Ernest Ballard Jr.-Commissioner,
Kerry Besson-Secretary/Treasurer, Patrick Landry-Commissioner
Weldon Danos – Executive Director**

Thursday, February 12, 2026

The meeting opened at 5:00 p.m. with Director Danos leading the meeting at the Grand Isle Port Office Building located at 2757 Louisiana Highway 1 until the end of 2026. The commissioners present were Ernie Ballard, Kerry Besson and Patrick Landry. Commissioners John Cheramie and Terrill Pizani were absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 8, 2026, as read.

Director Danos discussed invoices and checks made for the prior month with the board. He went over checks that were written that were not normal everyday invoices. A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Landry, and unanimously agreed to approve the financial report and pay all invoices associated with operating the port commission.

Mo Saleh from PEEC addressed the board and gave the following report: 1. DHF Industrial, LLC has completed the Damages to the Shrimp Shed Phase 1. Phase 2 bid was opened on February 5, 2026 and the lowest bidder was C & O Marine in the amount of \$239,970.00. A motion as made by Commissioner Besson, Seconded by Commissioner Landry and unanimously agreed to award C& O Marine the Shrimp Shed Phase 2 project. 2. Tidewater Dock has completed the Damages to Oak Lane Dock Facility Phase 1. Phase 2 bid was opened on February 5, 2026 and the lowest bidder was Dean Equipment in the amount of 247,123.64 for the base bid and the alt bid 1 was \$78,7112.60. A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, Seconded by Commissioner Landry and unanimously agreed to award Dean Equipment the Oak Lane Phase 2 project in the amount of \$247,123.64. 3. C and O Marine will be working on the Oyster Aquaculture Workstation and was issued the notice to proceed with and will provide a construction schedule. 4. The Oyster Farm 2 expansion has been put on hold. The port is working on a new layout for the oyster farm that would triple the size of the existing farm. 5. The plans and specifications for the Drainage Pump is complete. 6. 2026 Capital Outlay proposals were submitted on behalf of the port. 7. The Kayak Launch will use town rip rap to shore up the foundation.

Director Danos stated that: 1. Coordinated installation of three No Wake Zone Signs. 2. Coordinated submittal of 2025 annual survey of Local Government Finances to US Department of Commerce. 3. Attended Port and Congressional Meetings in Washington DC. 4. Completed 2025 GIPC Annual Sexual Harassment Report. 5. Completed GIPC 2025 State of the Port Report. 6. Participated/Led AOC Meeting at LDWF Complex. 7. Collected 2026 Property Lease Renewal Fees for 152 Pete's Wharf Lane for 1,200.00, 149 Sunset Lane for \$1,200.00, 303B Smith Lane for \$500.00 and Medical Lane for \$500.00. 8. Received notification of LPB TV Visit to the island on 2/27/26 for a special broadcast on GI Jewels.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Ballard and unanimously agreed to approve Director Danos expenses associated with attending the 41st Annual PAL conference in Baton Rouge on February 23 and February 24, 2026. The Annual PAL Conference Schedule was provided and discussed.

Director Danos presented and discussed the 2025 Annual Sexual Harassment Report. An emphasis was made on the requirements and importance of completing the Annual Sexual Harassment Training during 2026.

Director Danos presented and discussed the 2025 GIPC State of the Port Report. This report will be published on the GIPC Website.

Director Danos provided a PAL Support Letter addressed to the Port Commissioners from the PAL Executive Director.

Commissioner Landry brought up dredging by the buoy and Caminada Pass. He wanted to know if the port is in the process of marking the channel. It was stated that the port will not place buoys and Director Danos will contact the Coast Guard to see if they will place buoys to mark the pass.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Landry, and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

John Cheramie, President
Grand Isle Port Commission

Kerry Besson, Secretary/Treasurer
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