



Grand Isle Port Commission

Jeff Landry - Governor

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

Thursday, April 16, 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 John Chermie, Terrill Pizani and Kerry Besson. Commissioners Ernie Ballard and Patrick Landry were absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Pizani, and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 12, 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 Chermie, 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. Repairs to Shrimp Shed Phase 2 should be finished by end of the month. 2 Damages to Oak Lane Dock Facility Phase 1 is complete. A motion was made by Commissioner Pizani, seconded by Commissioner Besson an unanimously agreed to pay Tidewater Dock Inc the 10% retainage which is \$23,028.54. Dean Equipment is working on Phase 2 of the Oak Lane Dock Facility. A motion was made by Commissioner Chermie, seconded by Commissioner Besson and unanimously agreed to pay Dean Equipment \$71,703.00. 3. C and O Marine will be working on the Oyster Processing Facility, and the notice was issued to proceed and will provide a construction schedule. 4. The Oyster Farm 2 expansion is on hold until the new layout has been approved. 5. The plans and specifications for the Drainage Pump is complete. 6. 2026 Capital Outlay proposals were submitted on behalf of the port.

Director Danos stated that: 1. Collected a FY 26 boat slip renewal fee of \$100.00. 2. Conducted GIPC Presentation to Fisheries & Seafood Leadership Group. 3. Provided testimony before the House Natural Resources & Environmental Committee on the expansion of Oyster Farm 2. 4. Led the Response effort for a potential impact from Oil Contamination to waterways. 5. Hosted and participated in the ULL Blanco Research Policy Center Group Tour. 6. Attended the LADOJ Good Government Training at the State Capital that discussed public records, open meeting, dual office holding, public bid law and Occupational Licensing Review Program. 7. Obtained cost estimate on No Trespassing Signs. 8. Participated in GOHSEP Field Inspection of the Dried Shrimp Repair Project. 9. Participated in CSRS Zoom Meetings on Hurricane IDA 10 % matching funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Pizani and unanimously agreed to authorize DHF Industrial to transport rock materials to the west side of

the Kayak Launch and use a skid steer to spread and smooth the rocks at the Kayak Launch in the amount of \$3,863.60.

A motion was made by Commissioner Besson, seconded by Commissioner Pizani and unanimously agreed to purchase the Posted sign from ABC Signs and authorize DHF Industrial to install. The total of this project is \$1,915.00.

Director Danos stated that Bayou Adventure would like a reduction on the new lease due to sales numbers. A motion was made by Commissioner Cheramie, seconded by Commissioner Besson and unanimously approve Bayou Adventure yearly lease of \$1,200.00 for one year and then the lease will be reevaluated next year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cheramie, seconded by Commissioner Pizani, and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

John Cheramie, President
Grand Isle Port Commission

Kerry Besson, Secretary/Treasurer
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