

SABINE PASS PORT AUTHORITY AGENDA

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Sabine Pass Port Authority Commissioners will be held on **Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 2:00 pm** in the office of the Sabine Pass Port Authority located at 5960 South First Avenue in Sabine Pass, Texas at which time the following subjects will be discussed and considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows: (any order may be used in meeting) Mailing address is P.O. Box 318, Sabine Pass, TX. 77655

1. Roll Call to establish a quorum. Meeting called to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
3. Discuss, consider, or act on approving minutes from April 16, 2025, May 14, 2025, May 21, 2025 and June 18, 2025. (Action)
4. Public Comments (5) minutes per speaker. Speakers should be respectful, concise, and follow basic, decorum avoiding inflammatory language or personal insult. A speaker is to announce their name and topic in which they are speaking. Remaining time is forfeited once a speaker concludes their comment. Commissioners are statutorily limited on response at this time. (No Action)
5. Discuss, consider, or act on the immediate suspension of all current and future services provided by Duane Gordy and/or his company CDS, including the cancellation of ongoing work and a temporary hold on any pending payments. With total expenditures exceeding \$589,005 since July 2023—and more than \$73,000 paid out since June 2, 2025—this action is proposed to ensure fiscal responsibility and maintain transparency. The suspension would remain in effect until the audit authorized at the June meeting is completed and formally reviewed by the board, at which time the board will determine the appropriate next steps regarding the necessity and scope of any continued services from Mr. Gordy and/or CDS. (Action)
6. Discuss, consider, or act on canceling the Letter of Agreement with Ron Lewis & Associates regarding governmental representation through lobbying efforts in support of the reconstruction of SH-87 and proposed changes to the Enabling Act, both of which have been deemed unsuccessful. The agreement, executed on December 2, 2024, and set to run through November 30, 2026, commits the SPPA to twenty-four monthly payments of \$5,000, totaling \$120,000. Given the lack of progress and return on investment, the Board should evaluate the cancellation clause outlined in the agreement and explore the possibility of negotiating a mutual written termination that waives remaining compensation, with guidance and support from Sabine Pass Port Authority legal counsel. (Action)

7. Discuss, consider, or act on terminating all current and future work with Cameron Cruse and any associated business entities under her control related to marketing, data services, social media account management, and other related functions. Since October 1, 2024, over \$27,500 has been expended for marketing services for the Sabine Pass Port Authority and Fisherman's Cottage, while the revenue generated by the Fisherman's Cottage remains lower, resulting in a net loss. Additionally, there is no oversight mechanism in place to ensure that the services rendered align with the SPPA Marketing Plan, recently developed by the Port Manager, nor justification for the associated costs, particularly concerning data management and expected deliverables. (Action)
8. Discuss, consider, or act on evaluating and establishing a strategic and formalized approach to managing the Port's social media platforms, data systems, and overall marketing efforts. This includes reviewing current practices, considering updates to staff responsibilities, and exploring revisions to existing policies and procedures aimed at enhancing public outreach, improving operational efficiency, and strengthening community engagement. (Action)
9. Discuss, consider, or act on evaluating vessel compatibility alongside the main bulkhead dock for larger vessels, i.e., shrimping and crew boats. Given the size and operational characteristics of these vessels and the structural limitations of the dock design, ongoing damage has been observed that warrants a formal assessment of the suitability and sustainability of this activity. (Action)
14. Discuss, consider, or act on a request from Moran Towing Corporation to lease land potential solutions for dredging. (Action)
15. Discuss, consider, or act on any other land leases being considered. (Action)
16. Discuss, consider, or act on SPPA Financial Report. (Action)
17. Discuss, consider, or act on SPPA Managers Report. (Action)
18. Discuss, consider, or act on facility repairs, maintenance, upkeep of any/all property including the purchase of equipment, electronics, motorized vehicles, vessels owned/not owned by the SPPA. (Action)
20. Adjournment to closed or executive session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, and 551.087 of the Texas Open Meeting Act, for the following purposes.

Legal Matter-551.071-Private consultation with Boards attorney regarding (i) privileged matters authorized by law to be discussed in closed or executive session under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and the Texas Open Meetings Act and (ii) pending or contemplated

litigation.

Real Estate-551.072- For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

Personnel Matters-551.074- For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, or reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.

Economic Growth- 551.087- For the purpose of discussing or deliberating regarding potential economic development related to commercial or financial information related to any business prospect seeking to locate or expand in or near the territory of the Sabine Pass Port Authority.

Gift or donation- 551.073- For the purpose of considering a negotiated contract for prospective gift or donation.

(Any Action will be taken in an open session.)

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21. Reconvene to open session. (Action)

22. Pay Bills (Action).

23. Adjournment (Action)

The Notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on: _____ at (time) _____, at a place convenient to the public at the offices of the Sabine Pass Port Authority located at 5960 South First Avenue, Sabine Pass, Texas, the Port Authority's website, and is readily accessible to the public upon request.

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