

Vinton, Louisiana  
December 9, 2025

The President and Board of Commissioners of the Vinton Harbor and Terminal District met in regular session on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 1203 Horridge Street, Vinton, Louisiana, at 6:00 P.M. after full compliance with all requirements as to notice and otherwise in respect to convening of said meeting with the following members present:

Jerry Merchant, President  
Haley Bellard, Commissioner  
Charles Broussard, Commissioner  
Alexis Morrow, Commissioner

ABSENT: Steven L. Jennings, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT: David Bruchhaus, Attorney and Lee Lancon, Engineer

President Merchant called the meeting to order. Commissioner Morrow led in prayer and then followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Commissioner Bellard that minutes of prior meeting/s, copies of which were mailed to each commissioner be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broussard and carried.

Bills for the month were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Broussard and carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Broussard that the financial statements for November 30, 2025, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MONTH ENDING November 30, 2025	
BALANCE FORWARD	\$295,460.17
RECIEPTS:	\$ 5,667.57
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 18,695.75
BALANCE AS OF 11/30/2025	\$282,431.99

The 2025 Amended Budget was presented to the governing authority for their review and questions.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Bellard that the 2025 Budget Amendment be adopted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broussard and carried.

The proposed 2026 Budget was presented to the governing authority for their review and questions.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Morrow that the proposed 2026 Budget be adopted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broussard and carried.

Jerry Merchant gave the monthly President's report. He called for nominations of Board Officers for 2026.

After discussion, the following nominations were made:

Jerry Merchant, President  
Haley Bellard, Vice President  
Steve Jennings, Secretary

It was moved by Commissioner Bellard that the nominations of the Board Officers be approved by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morrow and carried.

President Merchant also discussed the following:

- Update on Fencing Project
- Update on Water/Sewer Extension to Port
- Update on ACLARA Project

Lee Lancon, Engineer gave the monthly Engineer's report. He discussed with the Governing Authority the amount to be requested in the FastSites application.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Bellard that total cost of the Dock Project be requested in the FastSites application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broussard and carried.

Attorney David Bruchhaus updated the governing authority on pending legal matters

There being no further business to come before the Governing Authority, it was moved by Commissioner Bellard that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morrow and carried.

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Jerry Merchant, President

Attest:

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Mary O. Vice, Clerk