

**House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works  
and  
Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works**

Minutes of Meeting  
2017 Interim  
October 11, 2017

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Senator Cortez, chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. in Room 1, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Kenneth Havard, chairman  
Representative Terry Brown  
Representative Barbara Carpenter  
Representative Steve Carter  
Representative A.B. Franklin  
Representative Jerry Gisclair  
Representative John Guinn  
Representative Jeffery Hall  
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill  
Representative Frank Howard  
Representative Terry Landry, vice chairman  
Representative Barbara Norton  
Representative Vincent Pierre  
Representative John Stefanski  
Representative Malinda White

**HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative H. Bernard LeBas  
Representative Denise Marcelle  
Representative J. Rogers Pope

**SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Page Cortez, chairman  
Senator Dale Erdey  
Senator James R. "Jim" Fannin  
Senator Sharon Hewitt, vice chairman  
Senator Gerald Long

**SENATE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Gary Smith

**HOUSE STAFF PRESENT:**

Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney  
Glenn Fleming, attorney  
Angelique R. Mozee, secretary  
Danny Leming, sergeant at arms

**SENATE STAFF PRESENT:**

Sharon Lyles, attorney  
Maggie O'Roark, senate secretary  
Glenn Arton, sergeant at arms

**III. OPENING REMARKS**

Senator Cortez stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Port Construction and Development Priority Program.

**IV. DISCUSSION**

**Port Construction and Development Priority Program**

Mr. Randall Withers, Department of Transportation and Development, port priority program, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801, (225) 379-3065, spoke for information only on the recommended projects for approval for the port priority program and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records. Mr. Withers addressed questions from the committee.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to approve the recommended port priority projects. Without objection, the projects were approved by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, Norton, Pierre, Stefanski, and White voted yea.

Senator Price offered a motion to approve the recommended port priority projects. Without objection, the projects were approved by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Cortez, Erdey, Fannin, Hewitt, and Long voted yea.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Michael C. Knobloch, Port of West St. Mary, P.O. Box 290, Morgan City, LA 70381, (985) 686-9391, spoke for information only. He addressed questions from the committee in reference to their Bulkhead Rehabilitation and Site Improvements project in the port priority program.

Ms. E. Lynn Lejeune, executive director, Port of Krotz Springs, (no address provided), Krotz Springs, LA, (337) 315-1975, spoke for information only. She addressed questions from the committee in reference to their Site Stabilization project in the port priority program.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kenneth E. Havard  
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: \_\_\_\_\_