

AIRPORT AUTHORITY OF AIRPORT DISTRICT NO. ONE

CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2025 – 4:00 PM

Department of Public Safety Conference Room

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Airport Authority of Airport District No. One of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, was called to order at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, in the Department of Public Safety Conference Room by Mr. Hiram DuRousseau II, President.

2. Roll Call

****Board Members Present:****

- Mrs. Emily Parker
- Mr. Adam Gremillion
- Mr. Chris Dickson
- Mr. John Hixson
- Mr. Hiram DuRousseau II (Presiding)

****Also Present:****

- Mr. Heath Allen, Executive Director
- Mr. Jimmy Grigus
- Mr. Walt Jessen Jr.
- Mrs. Amelia Hebert

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Hixson, seconded by Mr. Gremillion, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular Authority Meeting held on April 2, 2025.

5. Approval of Invoices

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Hixson, and carried unanimously to approve payment of all current invoices.

6. Change of Meeting Date

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Gremillion, and carried unanimously to reschedule the June Authority meeting from Wednesday, June 4, 2025, to Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 4:00 PM.

7. Employment Agreement – Executive Director

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Dickson, and carried unanimously to approve a five-year employment agreement between the Airport and Executive Director Heath Allen.

8. Engineer's Report

Mr. Walt Jessen reported that despite inclement weather, Phase I of the Loop Road and parking projects are progressing well. He further stated that interior trim work is being performed on the Hangar 5 project, with site work still pending.

9. Monthly Airport Report – Executive Director Heath Allen

Mr. Allen reported the following:

- Real ID Update: No issues have been reported at LCH, and 81% of travelers are now compliant, according to the Department of Homeland Security.
- Employee Recognition:
 - Mr. Jimmy Grigus was recognized for exceptional work in resolving voltage issues with the outside terminal lighting.
 - Mr. James Hollier, an employee of 39 years, was recognized as the recipient of the ROSE Award for Transportation Professional of the Year.
- Washington, D.C. Meetings: Mr. Allen met with Mr. Ignacio Flores, Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Airports, and with staff from the offices of Speaker Johnson, Congressman Higgins, and Senators Cassidy and Kennedy regarding the Air Traffic Control Tower and other projects.
- Grant Update: The \$300,000 BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Community) Grant awarded to LCH for microgrid design has been eliminated due to federal spending reductions by the Trump administration.
- Gaming Impact Meetings: Mr. Allen held meetings with Visit Lake Charles, the Golden Nugget, L'Auberge, and Horseshoe Casinos to discuss the potential impact on air travel if Texas legalizes gaming.

- Food and Beverage Proposal: Discussions are ongoing with a company specializing in food and beverage services for small airports to provide service on the secure side of LCH.

10. Executive Session

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Hixson, seconded by Mr. Dickson, and carried unanimously to enter Executive Session to discuss legal matters, including potential actions related to civil disturbances or lease violations by a tenant of the Airport, specifically concerning Caddyshack Icehouse, LLC, and other safety-related issues.

Motion to Exit Executive Session: It was moved by Mr. Hixson, seconded by Mr. Gremillion, and carried unanimously to exit Executive Session.

11. Adjournment

Motion: There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Gremillion, seconded by Mrs. Parker, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at: [Time Not Specified – please provide if known]

Respectfully Submitted,

Hiram DuRousseau, II, President

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Airport Authority of Airport District No. One of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, convened in regular session on the 7th day of May 2025 and approved by said Authority on the 5th day of June 2025.

Emily Fenet Parker, Secretary