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SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION RE-ELECTS MR. DARYL FERRARA PRESIDENT- 2026

(Ponchatoula, LA) The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission (STPPC) has re-elected Mr. Daryl Ferrara as President for 2025. Upon conclusion of the re-election process, Mr. Ferrara commented "Once again, it is an honor and a privilege to be re-elected to serve as president of this successful organization. I appreciate the continued support of my fellow commissioners and look forward to working with the entire staff in 2026, to continue the commission's business plan to re-develop the Port Manchac inter-modal terminal into a first rate facility designed to attract new industries, create new market multi-use facilities, and provide new job opportunities for residents of the Tangipahoa Parish area".

The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission serves as the official State of Louisiana governing authority for Port Manchac. The seven (7) commission members (two seats currently vacant) are appointed by the governor to six (6) year terms and receive no compensation for their community service to the organization. The commission was originally created by Act #299 of the Louisiana Legislature in 1962.

South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission positions for 2026

Daryl Ferrara – President
Tina Roper – Vice-President
Rhonda Sheridan - Secretary
Tim DePaula – Treasurer
William Sims – Member
Brandon Schanzbach – Member
J. Logan Davis- Member

In 2026, the South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission/Port Manchac will continue the re-development of the facility through the continuation of a series of infrastructure projects engineered to provide safe & efficient cargo storage and trans-loading operations by barge, rail, and truck at the inter-modal terminal. The recent completion of the \$3 million investment program has included internal roadway, drainage, parking improvements, rail spur maintenance, lay-down storage area improvements, and bulk-head/harbor dredging improvements at the facility. An additional phase of infrastructure funding grant from the LA Department of Transportation & Development is also planned for later this year, to expand on the current series of improvement projects. The new infrastructure is part of the port's Master Plan for future development that was originally developed in 2007 and updated in 2017 to attract new mixed-use industries and create new quality job opportunities for residents of the Tangipahoa Parish community.

The 140-acre inter-modal terminal is located adjacent to Interstate Highway-55 at the southern end of Tangipahoa Parish. Port Manchac is also adjacent to the mainline of the Canadian National Railroad (CN) that provides regular service to the 6'000 ft. of storage track at the facility. The terminal's ideal location also provides direct trucking links to nearby Interstate's 10 & 12, and offers access for barge shipments to Lake Pontchartrain, Mississippi River and The Port of New Orleans via North Pass. Additional infrastructure and logistical information on the Port Manchac inter-modal terminal is available @ www.portmanchac.com .

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