

**Jackson/Union Regional Port District Meeting**  
**Monday, February 2, 2026 6:00 PM**  
**Alto Pass Community Center**

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**Call to Order**

(6:00 PM)

Present: Orrill, Colombo, Smithey, Pitts, Cissell, Beckman, Basden

Also Present: Brian Chapman, Kristin Borchers

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**Approval of Minutes**

I. 2026-84 Approval of November 03, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

*A motion was made by Orrill, seconded by Basden to approve the November 03, 2025, Meeting minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

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**Communication**

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**Treasurer's Report**

A hand out was given during the meeting. Informational only.

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**Old Business**

II. 2026-85 Annual Financial Report (AFR) Update

III. 2026-86 Greater Egypt Feasibility Study Update

*A handout was given during the meeting. Information only.*

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**New Business**

IV. 2026-87 Grand Tower Power Plant Update

*Mr. Bob Henderson from Perdomo presented to the Board seeking the Board's cooperation in applying for site development grants. Mr. Henderson shared the site needs millions of dollars in work to be attractive to potential developers, for which Perdomo is not. He shared that the site needs to be raised out of the flood plain, address any environmental waste left on site, and demolish the old power plant. Mr. Henderson shared that once the site is ready, it could be very attractive for a data center, whereby electricity could be generated on site and sell the excess on the grid. When questioned, he felt there would be no impact on local residents' power bills. He also shared plans to use water from the river to cool the data center, thus not needing access to the potable water supply, and suggested no impact on area water supplies or residential bills. After the presentation, the Board discussed perceived public concerns if a*

*data processing developer were to express interest in the site, and questioned how many jobs would be created and how much in property tax revenue would be generated to help with the local school district and lower local property taxes.*

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## **Other Business**

Basden let the board know that a new business in Murphysboro, Crucial Air, is occupying a building on 19th Street. He wanted to know if anyone wanted to take a tour of the new facility.

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## **Executive Session**

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## **Adjourn**

(7:00 PM)

A motion was made by Colombo, and seconded by Basden, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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