

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

MARCH 8, 1971

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission of the State of Louisiana met in regular session at the Tenth Ward Annex Building in Galliano, Louisiana on Monday, March 8, 1971, at 4:00 P.M., pursuant to the provision of due notice given in writing to each and every member thereof and duly posted in the manner required by law.

There were present: Nolty J. Theriot, Antoine Estay, Andrew Martin, Irvin Melancon, Jr., Tomey Doucet, Harrison Cheramie, Adam Gisclair, Loyman Terrebonne and Anson Toups.

There were absent: None.

Andrew Martin read the minutes of the last meeting held on February 8, 1971. It was moved by Anson Toups, seconded by Adam Gisclair and duly passed that the minutes be adopted as read.

Tomey Doucet read the financial report for the month of February, 1971, as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Previous Balance		230,508.02
Receipts:		
Ad Valorem Taxes	7,238.86	
Sale of Equipment	936.00	
Sinking Fund	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Receipts		8,674.86
Disbursements:		
Salaries	540.00	
State Retirement	47.70	
Utilities	121.87	
Telephone	38.21	
Lease Refunds	4,100.00	
Loan Payable	50,000.00	
Interest on Loan	2,125.00	
Bonds - Series A, B, & C	94,842.50	
Lease (LL&E)	393.16	
Rental (Independent Towing)	1,596.50	
Sales Tax	99.54	
Traveling	<u>4.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>153,908.48</u>
Balance		<u>85,274.40</u>
Raceland Bank & Trust Co.		43,995.50
State Bank & Trust Co.		43,375.99
Petty Cash Fund		<u>25.79</u>
		87,397.28

Less:

Loan - Lafourche Parish Police Jury	2,000.00	
Federal Payroll Taxes Withheld	74.10	
State Payroll Taxes Withheld	16.38	
State Retirement Withheld	<u>32.40</u>	
Total		<u>2,122.88</u>

Balance		<u><u>85,274.40</u></u>
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CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT APW-137-G

Raceland Bank & Trust Co.	(no change)	<u><u>876.55</u></u>
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It was moved by Anson Toups, seconded by Irvin Melancon, Jr., and duly passed that the financial report be accepted, but that an inquiry be made as to the nature of the loan from the Lafourche Parish Police Jury, and a report on the findings be given at our next regular meeting.

It was moved by Tomey Doucet, seconded by Adam Gisclair, and unanimously adopted that a check in the amount of \$1200.00 be sent to Sidney A. Bourg, Agent for the Constantin Heirs, to renew a lease on surface lands near Leeville, Louisiana for the period April 1, 1971 thru March 31, 1972.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Andrew Martin, Chairman of the Committee to negotiate a new lease with Shell Oil Co., reported on some correspondence and conferences he and his committee had with Shell Oil Co. representative. After taking into consideration the substantial investment the Port Commission has in the facilities being used by Shell Oil Co., they agreed to set aside the original lease of \$100.00 total payment for 18 months rent and enter into a new lease whereby Shell Oil Co. would pay the Port Commission \$250.00 per day, retroactive to December 5, 1970. This lease will be for a term of one year from December 5, 1970, and either party may terminate this lease upon 60 day written notice thereof.

On motion by Andrew Martin, seconded by Loyman Terrebonne, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by the following vote:

<u>9</u>	Yeas
<u>0</u>	Nays
<u>0</u>	Absent

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: That the President and Secretary of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission are herein expressly authorized and empowered by and on behalf of this agency to execute and enter into leases of the surface of lands either owned by the Port Commission or under the jurisdiction of said Port Commission on such terms and conditions and for such sums as the President and Secretary shall in their discretion deem advisable.

Andrew Martin also advised the board that the insurance on the facilities would be carried

by Shell Oil Co. for the duration of their lease. Mr. Richard Nelson, General Manager for the Offshore Division of Shell Oil Co. made a request to discuss another lease for a site in the Fourchon area for docking facilities.

Mr. Martin reported that we were successful in obtaining from the previous board president, a key for a safety deposit box under the name of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission at the Raceland Bank & Trust Co. Mr. Martin opened the safety deposit box and found it to be empty.

The following resolution was offered by Andrew Martin, seconded by Tomey Doucet, and the vote was as follows:

<u>9</u>	Yeas
<u>0</u>	Nays
<u>0</u>	Absent

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is in need of engineering information regarding the proposed deepening and widening of an existing navigation channel for which Dawson Engineers, Incorporated has been retained by the Department of Public Works to provide, and

WHEREAS, Dawson Engineers, Incorporated ceased work on this project at the direction of the Department of Public Works, now,

HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED: That the Department of Public Works is requested to authorize Dawson Engineers, Incorporated to proceed immediately with the necessary engineering work in accordance with the contract between Public Works and Dawson Engineers, Incorporated dated September 8, 1970.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Antoine Estay, Chairman of the Legislative Committee spoke to Mr. Joe Burris with the Legislative Auditor's office on February 12th, for a report on the 1970 audit of the Port Commission. He was advised that the audit would be ready in about three weeks. Mr. Estay again talked with Mr. Burris on Friday, March 5th, and Mr. Burris said that the audit should be completed and in our hands by Friday March 12th.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Harrison Cheramie, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee informed the Board that a letter had been sent to every Civic Organization, every church and church organization and every elected official in the Tenth Ward, asking for any opinions and suggestions they might have which would be of help to us. We received a few replies expressing their opinions and appreciation for having been considered. Mr. Cheramie also reported on a meeting of the Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 3, which was attended by invitation by Irvin Melancon, Jr., Anson Toups, and Himself. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the critical need of additional boat launching facilities in the 10th Ward, and ways and means of acquiring these facilities.

The following resolution was moved by Harrison Cheramie, seconded by Adam Gisclair, and adopted by the following vote:

<u>9</u>	Yeas
<u>0</u>	Nays
<u>0</u>	Absent

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to establish better relationship with the Lafourche Parish Water District # 1, and

WHEREAS, it is our belief that a mutual agreement can be reached, beneficial to both bodies, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission dismiss without prejudice the lawsuit against Lafourche Parish Water District # 1, Said lawsuit being Suit No. 25426, and entitled "Greater Lafourche Port Commission VS. Lafourche Parish Water District No. 1".

The following resolution was offered by Harrison Cheramie, seconded by Irvin Melancon, Jr. and the vote was as follows:

<u>9</u>	Yeas
<u>0</u>	Nays
<u>0</u>	Absent

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission wishes to consider an alternate location for the proposed water line for which plans have been prepared and submitted to the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, in order for the Commission to properly make such consideration, certain additional engineering information is necessary, and

WHEREAS, the required additional engineering work should be paid for at the rate of Engineers cost plus fifty percent (50%), now

HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED: That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission requests the Department of Public Works to direct Dawson Engineers, Incorporated to proceed immediately with the necessary engineering work and to provide the required information as soon as practicable.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Irvin Melancon, Jr., Chairman of the Property Committee reported the following:

(1) Louisiana Power & Light Co. has completed installation of power lines to our Fourchon warehouse.

(2) The Caillouet Heirs, Highway Department, Lafourche Parish Police Jury and the Port Commission has agreed on the proposed alignment for the old Leeville Bridge and for the approach highway, and the bids should be let out on March 17th or March 24th.

(3) He and his committee is presently trying to locate a site for a permanent boat ramp and parking area.

(4) Shell Oil Co. is interested in acquiring a site for a water hole.

Loyman Terrebonne then reported on two applications for letters of no objection:

Ecland Pitre - February 27, 1967

Charlie Hardison - January 15, 1971

Mr. Terrebonne informed the board that the Hardison application had been inspected and it was found that this project would not hinder the operations of the Port.

It was moved by Loyman Terrebonne, seconded by Tomey Doucet, and unanimously adopted that letters of no objection be issued for the above mentioned applications.

Adam Gisclair then read a list of applications for leases at Fourchon submitted before 1971:

Raoul Martin & Son - May 27, 1964

M.O.N.T. Boat Rental, Inc. - June 10, 1964

Golden Oil Company - June 24, 1964

Lafourche Ice & Deep Freeze - August 4, 1964

A & A Gulf Station - September 24, 1964

Paul Orgeron - November 9, 1964

Herbert E. Hayes - October 12, 1965

Al Lefort - January 5, 1968

M. O. N.T. Boat Rental, Inc. - March 25, 1969

Cheramie Brothers, Inc. - March 25, 1969

Raoul Martin & Son - March 25, 1969

Al Lefort - April 4, 1969

Joseph Maucele - October 29, 1969

Buras Contractors, Inc. - December 24, 1969

Pelican Oyster & Fish Co. - March 3, 1970

Elmo Robichaux - March 15, 1970

It was moved by Irvin Melancon, Jr., seconded by Anson Toups, and duly passed that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission tender the full amount of payments made by Robert M. Champagne and Manny Cheramie under the leases and contracts entered into by the previous board and rescinded by the present board.

RECORDS AND FIXED ASSETS: Anson Toups, Chairman of the Records and Fixed Assets Committee reported that the Commission had received the official inventory from the State Property Control Agency.

He also informed us that the bid from Jimmy's Service Center had been accepted for the MerCruiser, and the bid from Edless Melancon had been accepted for the 1966 Station Wagon. However, all bids on the O.M.C. had been turned down and this boat would be re-advertised for sale.

The following resolution was offered by Anson Toups, seconded by Adam Gisclair, and approved by the following vote:

<u>9</u>	Yeas
<u>0</u>	Nays
<u>0</u>	Absent

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: By the Greater Lafourche Port Commission that the President and Secretary be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed and be caused to be published the following notice to bidders once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the official journal of this board.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS - Purchase of Automobile

Sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) four door sedan, subject to trade-in allowance for one (1) 1969 Chrysler Station Wagon will be received by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission at the office of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, P. O. Drawer 728, Galliano, La., 70354, or brought to the Tenth Ward Annex Building on Monday, April 12, 1971, no later than 4:00 P.M., C.S.T., and then at the regular monthly meeting held at said Annex Building all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The unit to be purchased must be a 1971 Ford Custom 500, Chevrolet Belaire, Plymouth Fury III, or a Dodge Polara Custom, having the following equipment: Air Conditioning, Tinted Glass, Radio, Power Steering, Power Brakes, Vinyl Upholstery, V8 Engine - 390 cu.in. and Automatic Transmission.

The unit to be traded in is a 1969 Chrysler Town & Country Four Door Station Wagon, Serial No. CP45K9C182460 and equipped as follows: Disc Brakes-Front, Torqueflite Transmission, Axle Ratio 3.23, 440 Cu. In. Engine 4 BBL, Tinted Glass, Mirror-Remote Control-Left Outside Air Conditioning, Tailgate Window Washer/Wiper, Delete Woodgrain & LWR Bodyside Mldg., Luggage Rack-Roof, Power Bench Seat - 6 Way, Power Windows, Radio-Golden Tone AM.

Bids must include date of delivery.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

The following resolution was offered by Anson Toups, seconded by Antoine Estay, and approved by the following vote:

<u>9</u>	Yeas
<u>0</u>	Nays
<u>0</u>	Absent

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: By the Greater Lafourche Port Commission that the President and Secretary be and they are hereby empowered, authorized and directed and be caused to be published the following notice to bidders once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the official journal of the board:

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS - Sale of Boats and Boat Equipment
Sale of Boat Trailer
Sale of Building

Sealed bids for the sale of boats and boat equipment, boat trailer and building will be received by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission at the office of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, P. O. Drawer 728, Galliano, Louisiana, 70354, or brought to the Tenth Ward Annex Building on Monday, April 12, 1971, no later than 4:00 P.M., C.S.T., and then at the regular meeting held at said Annex Building all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Items offered for bid may be examined by appointment only. Such appointments may be made by contacting Anson Toups at 475-7855, or calling the Port Commission office at 475-5835.

The following items are offered for sale for cash, as is, where is, to the highest bidder. Bids will be accepted on an individual item basis only.

Item 1: 23 foot "Citation" Fiberglass Hardtop with twin 150 HP O.M.C. with electric power lift V-6 motors.

Item 2: Complete Lower Unit for 155 H.P. O.M.C.

Item 3: Four (4) wheel Atwood Trailer - will fit 23' Citation Hull.

Item 4: 1968 Concord - 27' Fiberglass Express, Hull Serial No. 27T06475, Powered by Twin Chrysler V8 Engines. Engines were bought new on February 16, 1970.

Item 5: Lapstrake Hull - 20' Outboard, Cruiser, Inc. Wooden Hull.

Item 6: Wood Frame Building previously used as Bridge Tender's House on Old Leeville Bridge.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

The President, Nolty Theriot stated that the Port Commission had dismissed the suit against the Lafourche Parish Water District # 1 because we believed that we could work on an amicable basis with the Water District. He then appointed a Committee to attempt to resolve our differences with the Water District and to bring fresh water to Port Fourchon.

Committee:

Harrison Cheramie, Chairman
Irvin Melancon, Jr.
Adam Gisclair
Loyman Terrebonne

Mr. Theriot also appointed a committee to draft a set of rules and regulations for shrimp boats and tug boats using the facilities at Fourchon.

Committee:

Antoine Estay, Chairman
 Adam Gisclair
 Tomey Doucet
 Andrew Martin

A committee to study the area and make recommendations for the board consideration on the construction of a Commercial & Sports Marina was appointed.

Committee:

Loyman Terrebonne, Chairman
 Antoine Estay
 Anson Toups
 Adam Gisclair
 Irvin Melancon, Jr.

The following resolution was moved by Anson Toups, seconded by Andrew Martin, and adopted by the following vote:

<u>9</u>	Yeas
<u>0</u>	Nays
<u>0</u>	Absent

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission was unsuccessful in a lawsuit against Tennessee Gas Transmission Company, and

WHEREAS, the judgement by the United States District Court against the Port Commission in said suit was in the amount of \$45,315.77, such figure representing the face amount and the interest through February 23, 1971, and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Gas Transmission Company has agreed to accept the face amount of the judgement, namely \$35,208.74, and forego the interest in the amount of \$10,107.03, if paid promptly, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission forward a check to the Tennessee Gas Transmission Company in the amount of \$35,208.74, as full settlement of the claim resulting from Civil Action # 15892, entitled "Tennessee Gas Transmission Company VS. Greater Lafourche Port Commission".

The following ordinance was presented by Andrew Martin, who moved its adoption, and was seconded by Antoine Estay.

ORDINANCE NO. 14

An ordinance levying and imposing taxes on all the property subject to taxation in the Port Area of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission of the State of Louisiana for the year 1971.

Be it ordained by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission of the State of Louisiana acting as the governing authority of its Port Area:

Section 1. That acting under the authority of a special election held in the port area of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission of the State of Louisiana, (consisting of the entire Tenth Ward of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, as the boundaries and limits of said ward existed on the date of the creation of said Commission) on April 8, 1961, a special tax of five (5) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all the taxable property in said port area be and the same is hereby levied, assessed and imposed on all of said property for the year 1971, for the needs and lawful purposes of said Commission.

Section 2. That acting under the authority of Act Number 322 of the Regular Session of 1970 of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission (consisting of the entire tenth ward of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, as the boundaries and limits of said ward existed on the date of the creation of said Commission) is accordingly authorized to levy a two and one-half (2 1/2) mill ad-valorem tax to defray maintenance and operations costs and expenses, and the two and one-half mill tax on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all the taxable property in said port area be and the same is hereby levied, assessed and imposed on all of said property for the year 1971, for the needs and lawful purposes of said Commission as set out in said act.

Section 3. That the proper administrative officers of the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to spread said tax, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 1971, and to make the collection of the tax imposed for and on behalf of said Commission according to law, and that the tax herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be published in "The Lafourche Comet" a newspaper published in the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana, in the manner provided by law.

This ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read and adopted by sections at a public meeting of said Commission was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

Yeas: Nolty Theriot, Antoine Estay, Andrew Martin, Irvin Melancon, Jr., Tomey Doucet, Harrison Cheramie, Adam Gisclair, Loyman Terrebonne and Anson Toups.

Nays: None

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 8th day of March, 1971.

/s/ Nolty Theriot
President

/s/ Andrew Martin
Secretary

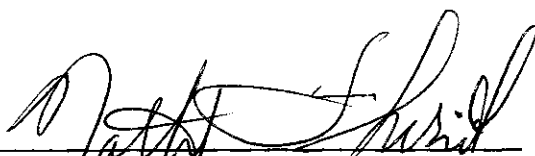
Nolty Theriot informed everyone of the increasing amount of work involved in the running of the Port. Such as the various meetings with the Land Owners, the supervision of the installation of the bridge, construction of a sports & commercial boats marina, problems with the docking of vessels at Port Fourchon, reaching a mutual agreement with the Water District, getting all the utilities brought to our facilities, and countless other activities and problems. The load of these activities have been taken care of by the Commissioners without remuneration, but it is taking more and more time to properly handle these matters. For that reason, in order to find solutions to these problems and in order to expediate the negotiations with the Land Owners, and the completion of the various projects, thereby saving the Port Commission a lot of time and expense we feel that it would be in the best interest of the Port Commission to hire on a full time basis, a General Manager. Because Irvin Melancon, Jr. has been involved in all our negotiations, and because he is so familiar with the situation and problems involved we feel that he is the logical choice to be employed as our Temporary General Manager at a salary of \$1,000.00 per month.

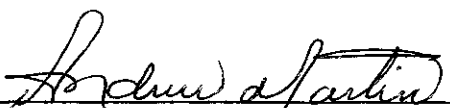
Andrew Martin then read several letters: one from the National Bank of Commerce notifying us that they had invested our idle funds, one from Guidry Boats, Inc. stating that they would sign a lease cancellation in order to promote and assist in the development of the Port area, and one from the Tenneco attorneys offering to settle their claim against the Port Commission for the face value of the judgement only. Their main consideration in reaching its decision is the feeling on the part of the Company officials that this suit was made necessary by virtue of personalities that became injected into the matter.

The President asked if there were any question from the audience but no one had any questions.

Mr. Theriot then introduced three representatives from Louisiana Power & Light Co.: Mr. A. J. "Dusty" Shodes, Area & Industrial Development Manager, Mr. W. E. "Tommy" Bond, Industrial Sales Engineer, and Mr. John J. Cordaro, Industrial Development Engineer. Mr. Rhodes stated that Louisiana Power & Light Co. was very excited about the development of Port Fourchon, and that they were ready to offer their services to us to advertise our Port thereby helping to attract Industry in our area. He also suggested that the Port Commission fill out a Community Inventory form. This form is made available to major industries, and thereby helps to present what advantages we have to offer to these companies. Mr. Cordaro then inquired as to who would be responsible for the electricity used by Shell Oil Company at our Fourchon Warehouse. Mr. Theriot said to bill Shell Oil Company direct for this service.

It was moved by Loyman Terrebonne, seconded by Adam Gisclair and duly passed that the meeting be adjourned.


Nolty Theriot, President


Andrew Martin, Secretary