

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

APRIL 12, 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, April 12, 1971, at 4:10 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 Theriot, Antoine Estay, Andrew Martin, Tomey Doucet, Irvin Melancon, Jr., Harrison Cheramie, Adam Gisclair, Loyman Terrebonne and Anson Toups.

There were absent: None

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

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Chairman Andrew Martin reported on a meeting that he, Antoine Estay, Adam Gisclair, and Irvin Melancon, Jr. had with Ned Reed and Cy Guidry of the Port of New Orleans. Topics discussed at this meeting were port income, rules and regulations and their enforcement, the purchase of a Liberty Ship and the Federal Maritime Commission. Mr. Martin also met with the law firm of Llemle & Kellergher for advise concerning the problem with Act 332 authorizing the sale of our bonds.

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

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under Act 332 of the 1970 Legislative Session the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has sold bonds in the amount of \$1,950,000.00, for the following projects and in the priority as the projects are listed: (1) 40'x300' Channel, (2) Portable Water Line and Reservoir, and (3) Marina, and

WHEREAS, the amount of \$900,000.00 allotted for project No. (1) 40'x300' Channel, is insufficient for the dredging of this channel, and

WHEREAS, These bonds have been invested for the Greater Lafourche Port Commission by the State of Louisiana and is presently accumulating interest, and

WHEREAS, Act 26 of the 1968 Extraordinary Session provides that these interest earnings can only be reallocated by the Legislature for Capital Improvement, and without an amendatory act these funds cannot be used by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission does hereby petition their Bonding Attorney, Mr. Bill Beck, to draft the necessary amendatory act to change Section 3 of Act 332 of the 1970 Louisiana Legislative Session, thereby

rearranging the priorities to place Project No. 1 (40'x300' Channel) as Project No. 3, having the two other projects (Portable Water Line and Marina) take precedence over the dredging of the Channel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Bonding Attorney, Mr. Bill Beck, be further directed to add another amendatory act stipulating that all funds derived by investing the \$1,950,000.00 bond sale can be used by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission rather than by the Legislature of Capital Improvements.

It was moved by Andrew Martin, seconded by Irvin Melancon, Jr., and duly passed that the Treasurer and Secretary of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission work up a budget for the year 1971 according to our predicated income.

LEGISLATIVE: Chairman Antoine Estay reported that the 1970 audit report had been received on March 26, 1971. Mr. Estay and the other members of the rules and regulations committee met with Port of New Orleans officials to get an idea on how to police the Port area. They suggested that we also get in touch with the Port of Pascagoula, Mississippi and Brownsville, Texas. A meeting has been set for April 21, 1971, at Pascagoula, and plans are being made to go to Brownsville at a later date. Mr. Estay also said that he would discuss this with the Baton Rouge State Police to check on what specific authorities the Port Commission has.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Chairman Harrison Cheramie and Irvin Melancon, Jr., met with the Lafourche Parish Water District Board. The District formed a committee to work with the Port Commission to attempt to work out some type of payment system to the Port for the installation of the water line and also to determine the water line's location.

On April 2nd, Mr. Cheramie met with the Cut Off Home Demonstration Club at the Annex Building. The main topics of discussion were: What companies were interested in locating at Fourchon? How many additional jobs would these companies bring to our area? What recreational facilities could they expect at the Fourchon?

PROPERTY & LEASE COMMITTEE: Chairman Irvin Melancon, Jr. met with the Caillouet Family on April 1st, at which meeting he was furnished a copy of a map showing the total acreage inside the retainer levees owned by the Caillouets. The Caillouets have asked for a guarantee of a minimum fee per acre in addition to 80% for themselves and 20% for the Port Commission on any future revenues.

Mr. Melancon met with Rene' Random and Ed Bridges of LL&E on April 5th, Mr. Bridges said that they would like a minimum guarantee on the parcel property of \$150.00 per acre per year (\$75 for LL&E and \$75 for the City of New Orleans) or 25% of the total lease, whichever is greater. On the property they have 100% ownership they would like \$300.00 per acre per year. The total acreage involved would be 78.22. A copy of the wording of this agreement can be expected during the week of April 12th thru 16th.

Mr. Melancon also reported that Bob Pierce of the Dept. of Highways said that the bids for the bridge would be opened on April 21st. The date of beginning for the relocation of the bridge is expected to be the last week of May or the first week of June. The Port has to pay the rental on the barge until 90 days from the date of beginning, and the Port is also obligated to the Contractor to furnish the bridge on the barge.

Loyman Terrebonne reported on three applications for letters of no objection: Mr. O. T. Melvin, Mr. Eddie Plaisance and Mr. Felicien Guidry.

It was moved by Loyman Terrebonne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie and duly passed that letters of no objection be sent for the above mentioned applications.

The committee to locate a suitable site for a boat launching facility, of which Loyman Terrebonne is chairman went to Fourchon on March 16th to examine the various possible sites.

It was moved by Loyman Terrebonne, seconded by Adam Gisclair and adopted by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the bids for the relocation of the bridge over the Chevron Oil Co. canal will be received by the Dept. of Highways on April 21, 1971, and construction of this project should begin shortly thereafter, and

WHEREAS, after the bridge is located and ready for public use there will be a great demand for a suitable boat launching facility at Fourchon, and

WHEREAS, the Committee assigned to locate a site for a boat launch facility has agreed on a site approximately 2,000 feet from the Chevron Oil Co. canal on the east side of Highway 3090.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Irvin Melancon, Jr., General Manager of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission be and he is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate with a local engineer to proceed immediately with the preliminary survey necessary for the construction of a suitable boat launch facility at the above mentioned site

Adam Gisclair reported on two applications for property leases: The Plaquemine Oil Sales Corp., and S. R. "Buster" Vidrine.

It was moved by Irvin Melancon, Jr., 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 has been successful in obtaining commitments for lands from the City of New Orleans and Louisiana Land & Exploration Co. in addition to the lands presently under surface leases dated March 15, 1965, and

WHEREAS, different terms and conditions have been agreed upon which will effect the lands under above mentioned leases making it necessary to revoke these leases and renegotiate new ones.

NOW THEREFORE 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 sign any and all documents necessary to revoke, rescind and cancel surface leases under date of March 15, 1965, and being Entry No. 246740 and Entry No. 246741 in CB # 338 of the official records of the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court. Such leases being between the Greater Lafourche Port Commission and the City of New Orleans and Louisiana Land & Exploration Co.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the President and Secretary of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission are further authorized and empowered by and on behalf of this agency to execute and enter into leases of the surface of lands with the various Land Owners of the Fourchon area. These Land Owners being City of New Orleans, Louisiana Land & Exploration Co., Caillouet Land Co. and Constantin Heirs.

FIXED ASSET COMMITTEE: Chairman Anson Toups opened bids for the sale of boats, boat equipment, boat trailer and building. The President announced that no bids would be rejected, all bids would be taken under advisement and the bidders notified of the decision of the board.

Anson Toups also opened bids for the purchase of an automobile using the 1969 Chrysler as a trade-in. Bids were as follows: Guidry Motors, Inc. - 1971 Fury I Plymouth 4 dr. Sedan for \$856.77; Guidry Motors, Inc. - Fury III, Plymouth 4 dr. Sedan for \$1,018.80; Tarpon Ford, Inc. - 1971 Ford Custom 500, 4 dr. Sedan \$2,769.70; Cliff Motor Co., Inc. - 1971 Dodge Polara Custom, 4 dr. Sedan for \$2,300.00; and Autin Dodge, Inc. - 1971 Plymouth Fury III, 4 dr. Sedan for \$2,155.14. The President Nolty Theriot announced that all bids would be studied by the board and the successful bidders would be notified.

On motion by Loyman Terrebonne, seconded by Adam Gisclair, the following resolution was offered and adopted by the following vote:

9	Yeas
0	Nays
0	Absent

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the General Manager, Irvin Melancon, Jr., be and he is expressly authorized and empowered by and on behalf of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to sign any and all documents necessary to convey, sell, transfer, grant, set over and deliver unto successful bidders any or all of the items offered for sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the General Manager, Irvin Melancon, Jr., be and he is hereby further authorized and empowered by and on behalf of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to sign any and all documents necessary to complete the transaction

whereby the Greater Lafourche Port Commission will purchase an automobile using the 1969 Chrysler Station Wagon as a trade-in.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Tomey Doucet read the financial report for the month of March, 1971, as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Previous Balance		85,274.40
Receipts:		
Shell Oil Co. Lease		<u>21,500.00</u>
		106,774.40

Disbursements:

Salaries	1,540.00	
State Retirement	43.20	
Utilities	6.89	
Telephone	28.60	
Lease Refunds	1,600.00	
Auto Maintenance	542.79	
Rental (Independent Towing)	1,586.20	
Lease Payment (Constantin)	1,200.00	
Office Expense	46.20	
Tennessee Gas Transmission	<u>35,208.74</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>41,802.62</u>

Balance		<u>64,971.78</u>
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Raceland Bank & Trust Co.		30,286.76
State Bank & Trust Co.		36,894.13
Petty Cash		<u>25.00</u>
		67,205.89

Less:

Loan - Lafourche Parish Police Jury	2,000.00	
Federal Payroll Taxes Withheld	179.90	
State Payroll Taxes Withheld	30.81	
State Retirement	<u>32.40</u>	
Total		2,234.11

Balance		<u>64,971.78</u>
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CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT APW-137-G

Raceland Bank & Trust Co.	(no change)	<u>876.55</u>
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It was moved by Anson Toups, seconded by Loyman Terrebonne, and duly passed that the financial report be accepted as read.

Andrew Martin then read a letter from Mary Evelyn Parker, State Treasurer, concerning the payment of the interest due on our 1970 Bonds. Nolty Theriot said that he and the bonding attorney would meet with the State Treasurer during the last week in April.

Nolty Theriot reported on the status of the 12 foot channel to be dug from Lafitte to Grand Isle. He said that Federal Funds has been allotted for this project, but the main problem now was acquiring the necessary rights-of-ways. After this channel is completed the U. S. Corps of Engineers would be responsible for its maintenance.

It was moved by Irvin Melancon, Jr., seconded by Antoine Estay, and adopted by the following vote:

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


RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the President, Nolty Theriot, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered by and on behalf of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to execute an instrument granting the Lafourche Telephone Co., Inc., of Larose, Louisiana, the necessary right-of-way over property which they have under surface lease with the Caillouet Land Co. in the Fourchon area.

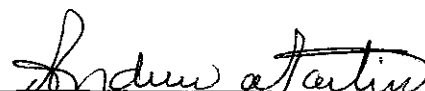
Andrew Martin reported that the Lafourche Parish Levee Board dragline was still on the Port Commission property at Leeville. He said that the Port would check on the condition of this dragline and try to lease it from the Levee Board to do Port maintenance work. Nolty Theriot said that he would call Bert Hebert and discuss this matter with him.

There were a couple of questions asked by members of the audience concerning the Portable Water Line and the Real Estate contract held by Jerry Galliano.

It was moved by Antoine Estay, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, and duly passed that the meeting be adjourned.



Nolty Theriot, President



Andrew Martin, Secretary