

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

JUNE 14, 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, June 14, 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: Antoine Estay, Andrew Martin, Tomey Doucet, Irvin Melançon, Jr., Adam Gisclair, Loyman Terrebonne, and Anson Toups.

There were absent: Nolty Theriot and Harrison Cheramie.

The Commission was duly convened by Hon. Antoine Estay, Vice President, who announced the reason for the absence of our President Nolty Theriot and member Harrison Cheramie.

Andrew Martin read the minutes of the last meeting held on May 10, 1971, It was moved by Anson Toups, seconded by Adam Gisclair and duly passed that the minutes be adopted, as read.

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

GENERAL FUND

Previous Balance		79,959.16
Receipts:		
Shell Oil Company	7,500.00	
Ad Valorem Tax	721.07	
Insurance Premium Return	<u>703.29</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>8,924.36</u>
		88,883.52
Disbursements:		
Salaries	1,540.00	
State Retirement	43.20	
Insurance Expense	86.12	
Accounts Payable	43.09	
Utilities	12.11	
Telephone	232.49	
Office Expense	342.80	
Advertising	564.34	
Auto Maintenance	81.30	
Travel	99.48	
Rental (Independent Towing)	1,699.50	
Bank Fee on Bonds	114.80	
Professional	<u>954.60</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>5,813.83</u>
Balance		<u>83,069.69</u>

Raceland Bank & Trust Co.	30,284.32	
State Bank & Trust Co.	53,037.53	
Petty Cash	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Cash on Hand		83,421.85
Less:		
Federal Payroll Taxes Withheld	170.90	
State Payroll Taxes Withheld	28.86	
State Retirement Withheld	<u>152.40</u>	
Total		<u>352.16</u>
Balance		<u>83,069.69</u>

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT APW-La-137G

Raceland Bank & Trust Co.	(no change)	<u>876.55</u>
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BY-LAW COMMITTEE: Andrew Martin, Chairman, request that a letter of thanks be sent to Bill Beck of the law firm of Foley, Cox & Judell to show our appreciation for the drafting of the amendment to change Act # 332 of the 1970 Legislative Session. This law firm did all the work on this amendment without any charges to the Port Commission.

Andrew Martin reported that the proposed fuel docks for Port Fourchon had been temporary tabled. A master plan of the Port facilities has to be worked out before a decision can be made on the location of fuel docks.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Antoine Estay, Chairman, reported on the successes of the Port Commission Committee to the 1971 Legislative Session in having Act # 332 changed. Special thanks were express to our Legislative Delegation, Senators Claude Duval and Harvey Peltier, Jr., and Representatives Richard Guidry and A. O. Rappelet for their assistance in the passage of this amendment.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Irvin Melancon, Jr., reported on one permit application from Texaco, Inc. for the installation of a 2 1/2" Pipeline in Southwest Louisiana Canal.

It was moved by Irvin Melancon, Jr., and seconded by Adam Gisclair. and duly passed that a letter of no objection be sent to Texaco, Inc.

Melancon also reported on an application for a lease for a camping site by Norman Theriot.

NAVIGATIONAL AIDS: Adam Gisclair, Chairman, reported that letters had been sent to the oil producing companies and boat owners in this area, and petitions had been placed at the shrimp dealers in the Tenth Ward. The purpose of these letters and peitions was to have these people notify the U. S. Coast Guard of how often they use Belle Passe and request additional navigational aids.

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

7	Yeas
0	Nays
2	Absent

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the waterway known as Belle Passe is extensively used by many varied types of vessels, and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, as well as the owners, and/or operators of these vessels using this waterway, feels that although there are some navigational aids marking the Pass, that additional aids are needed, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission does hereby petition the U. S. Coast Guard to install a Sea Buoy (6x20) with the proper lighting and sound aids, along with a series of smaller buoys from this main buoy to the mouth of Belle Passe, and possibly some range lights to further the effectiveness of these aids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission here assures the U. S. Coast Guard, and commits itself to maintain the dimensions of Belle Passe at 125 feet wide and 12 feet deep. The Greater Lafourche Port Commission further assures that this pass will remain permanently opened to the general public.

Mr. Gisclair reported that the Port Commission was successful in having the U. S. Coast Guard check on the abandoned structures below the Leeville bridge and they had found 22 violations. Through the assistance of the State Mineral Board the Commission was able to determine the ownership of these structures. We are presently working with the Department of Public Works, the U. S. Coast Guard and the U. S. Army Engineers to determine the proper procedure to follow in order to get these structures removed or properly marked.

Mr. Gisclair also reported that we had contacted Bill Linam of Automatic Power and they had ordered and received the necessary equipment to change Belle Pass Light # 4 from white to red, and to make it a directional range light. These changes should have taken place by June 19th.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE: Anson Toups, Chairman, reported on a meeting held on May 24th between members of the Port Commission, Lafourche Civil Defense and Lady of the Sea Hospital concerning the Civil Defense's request and the Hospital's resolution petitioning the Port Commission to construct a cluster of pilings and a wharf in front of the hospital to be used in case of emergencies during hurricanes.

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

7 Yeas
0 Nays
2 Absent

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission does hereby authorize and empower its General Manager, Irvin Melancon, Jr., to obtain estimates from three local contractors, and cause to be built, clusters of pilings and a wharf to accomadate a large vessel to be used during hurricane evacuations in front of Lady of the Sea General Hospital.

COMMERCIAL MARINA & BOAT LAUNCH FACILITIES: Loyman Terrebonne, Chairman, asked the audience if there were any bids that had not been turned in. All bids having been turned in, the Engineers proceeded with the opening of the bids on Phase "A" Dredging - Boat Launch Facilities. Bids were as follows:

Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co., Inc. -

\$8.91 per l.f., \$26,043.93 total price, \$14.00 per hr. for extra Dozer work, 60 days

J. Ray McDermott & Co., Inc.

\$4.50 per l.f., \$14,323.04 total price, \$18.00 per hr. extra Dozer work, 30 work days

Louisiana Construction & Material Co., Inc.

\$2.35 per l.f., \$6,854.64 total price, 5.94 per hr. extra Dozer work, 60 work days

Tidewater Dredging & Construction Service, Inc.

\$3.70 per l.f., \$10,815.36 total price, \$25.00 per hr. extra Dozer work, 15 work days

It was moved by Loyman Terrebonne, seconded by Anson Toups, and unanimously adopted to take all bids under advisement and to notify all bidders of outcome by mail.

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

7 Yeas
0 Nays
2 Absent

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission hereby authorize its General Manager to negotiate with a local contractor and cause to be built a Temporary Boat Launch Facility to be used until such time as the Permanent Boat Launch Facilities at Port Fourchon are completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Vice President be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate a Surface Lease with Irvin Melancon, Sr. and Irvin Melancon, Jr. for land to be used as the site of above mentioned Temporary Boat Launch Facility.

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

<u>7</u>	Yeas
<u>0</u>	Nays
<u>2</u>	Absent

RESOLUTION

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Sealed bids will be received by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission in the meeting room of the Tenth Ward Annex Building, Galliano, Louisiana, until 4:30 P.M. July 12, 1971, for the construction of Phase "B" - Boat Launch Facilities - Port Fourchon - Items to include, Shell Ramps, 1 Concrete Ramp, One Westher Shelter, 275' Bulkhead, 4,000 Cubic Yards Clam Shells, 160'22" x 13" Pipe Arch and 310' Wharfs. Sealed proposals shall be marked "Phase B - Boat Launch - Port Fourchon"

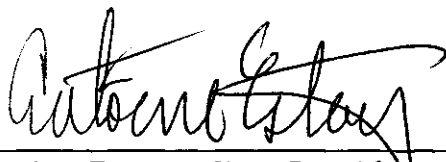
The character of the bid shall be as per item. The contractor agrees to furnish the Greater Lafourche Port Commission with a 5% bid bond. Bidders shall state the number of consecutive working days to complete the project including the day the work order is issued. Payment shall be made in thirty day installments according to estimates of work completed made by the engineer. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission reserving the right to reject any and all bids. J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. and Picciola & Associates, Inc., will be the authorized representatives for the Greater Lafourche Port Commission and the construction and progress of the project will be subject to their inspections.

Plans and specifications may be obtained from the office of J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc., P. O. Box 755, Golden Meadow, Louisiana, or Picciola & Associates, Inc., Galliano, Louisiana, for \$20.00 per set with no refund.

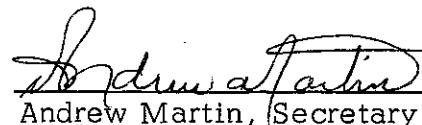
There was a question and answer period at which time the audience inquired about various phases of the port operations.

Lester Plaisance informed the board that the gates for the old Leeville Bridge were still on the Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co. yard. Wayne Plaisance, port engineer said that the contractor was aware of the gate's location.

It was moved by Andrew Martin, seconded by Anson Toups, and duly passed that the meeting be adjourned.



Antoine Estay, Vice-President



Andrew Martin, Secretary