

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 13, 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, September 13, 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 Theriot, Antoine Estay, Andrew Martin, Tomey Doucet, Irvin Melancon, Jr., Adam Gisclair, Harrison Cheramie, Loyman Terrebonne and Anson Toups.

There were absent: None

The Commission was duly convened by Hon. Nolty Theriot, President, who announced the purpose of the meeting in accordance with the aforesaid written notice thereof, and then stated that the Commission was ready for the transaction of business.

Andrew Martin, Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting held on August 9, 1971, and the minutes of the Special Executive Session held on September 1, 1971. It was moved by Anson Toups, seconded by Antoine Estay, and duly passed that the minutes be adopted as read.

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

GENERAL FUND

Previous Balance		89,221.99
Receipts:		
Ad Valorem Taxes	<u>41.66</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>41.66</u>
		89,263.65
Disbursements:		
Salaries:	1,540.00	
State Retirement	123.20	
Insurance	43.06	
Office Supplies	321.06	
Auto Maintenance	64.78	
Travel	60.06	
Utilities	9.99	
Telephone	115.29	
Advertising	103.42	
Professional	830.00	
Bond (Raceland Bank & Trust)	8,000.00	
Interest on Bond	6,000.00	
Bank Fee for Service of Bond	13.00	

Engineering Fee	5,371.50	
Construction (Temp. Ramp & Phase A)	<u>8,504.66</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>31,100.02</u>
Balance		<u>58,163.63</u>
Raceland Bank & Trust Co.	16,271.32	
State Bank & Trust Co.	42,010.37	
Petty Cash	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Cash on Hand		58,381.69
Less:		
Federal Payroll Taxes Withheld	96.80	
State Payroll Taxes Withheld	28.86	
State Retirement Withheld	<u>92.40</u>	
Total		<u>218.06</u>
Balance		<u>58,163.63</u>

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT APW-La-137G

Raceland Bank & Trust Co.	(no change)	<u>876.55</u>
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WATER DISTRICT COMMITTEE: Harrison Cheramie, Chairman, reminded his committee the the Lafourche Parish Water District # 1, was holding a meeting on September 16th at 2:30 P.M. He stated that he would attend this meeting and welcomed any other committee member to accompany him.

PUBLIC RELATION COMMITTEE: Harrison Cheramie, Chairman, gave a resume' of the various projects and the numerous contacts the Port Commission has been engaged in. He said that at a later date the Port plans to conduct an active publicity campaign with brochures and personal contacts to bring industry at Port Fourchon.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Irvin Melancon, Jr., Chairman, reported on the following applications for "Letters of no Objection":

Gulf Oil Company	August 13, 1971	Dredge a slip, install a mobile drilling barge in Timbalier Bay
Thomas Pitre	Sept. 7, 1971	Pile Clusters, Bulkhead, and dredging in Bayou Lafourche

It was moved by Irvin Melancon, Jr., seconded by Adam Gisclair, and unanimously adopted that letters of no objection be sent to Gulf Oil Company and Thomas Pitre.

Mr. Melancon informed the Commission that a \$793.43 payment was due to Louisiana Land & Exploration Company on the leased property.

He also reported that as of today, Sept. 13th, H. B. Fowler, through the terms of the contract for State Project 713-32-48, has assumed responsibility of the Leeville Bridge as well as the daily rental of \$55.00 per day on the barge CEE-BEE. The last day the Commission has to pay the rental was Sunday Sept. 12th. The Independent Towing Company, owners of the barge, had been notified of these changes.

Mr. Melancon said that the Service Road between Highway 3090 and the slip (petroleum and fishing industry) is in very bad condition. Since this road is not the responsibility of the Highway Department, the Port Commission has to make the necessary repairs. H. B. Fowler had offered to assist the Commission with trucks and a grading machine to repair this Service Road.

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Sealed bids to be received by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission at the office of the Commission, P. O. Drawer 728, Galliano, Louisiana, 70354, or brought to the meeting room of the Tenth Ward Annex Building, Galliano, Louisiana, until 4:15 P.M., October 11, 1971, for the purpose of leasing the following items:

- Item I. Building with warehouse and 3 offices, concrete wharf, and shelled parking area.

This building is a pre-fab galvanized, metal siding building with a concrete foundation. The dimensions are 122'x60'. The warehouse section measures 100'x60' and has 2 rest room facilities. The 3 offices measure 20'x20' respectively and are equipped with central heating and cooling.

The concrete wharf has a foundation of pre-cast reinforced concrete piles and measures 254' in length (along Bayou Lafourche) and 39'10" deep.

The shelled parking area is adjacent to the building and wharf and consist of approximately 53,440 square feet.

These facilities are located in Section 15 of Township 23 S, Range 22 E. They are on the east bank of Bayou Lafourche, approximately 17,500 feet from Belle Pass.

Item II. Petroleum Industry Docking Facilities

These facilities consist of a bulkhead slip. The slip dimensions are 199'x199'. The bulkhead is constructed with steel sheet pilings and creosote treated timbers. Surrounding these facilities is a shelled parking area of approximately 88,399 square feet.

Additional surrounding property available for lease if desired.

These facilities are located in Section 14 of Township 23 S, Range 22 E. They are on the east bank of Bayou Lafourche, approximately 13,000 feet from Belle Pass.

Sealed proposals shall be marked: "Lease - Fourchon Facilities"

Bidders shall state rental rate as well as desired length (number of years) of lease and what premises are to be used for. Leases for less than a one year period will not be considered.

Character of bid shall be on a per Item basis.

Lessee will not have the right to sub-lease (all or part) without the written consent of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

If additional information or inspection of facilities is desired, please contact the Greater Lafourche Port Commission office at P. O. Drawer 728, Galliano, Louisiana, or call 475-5835.

NAVIGATIONAL AIDS COMMITTEE: Adam Gisclair, Chairman, gave a report on the status of our efforts to obtain additional navigational aids at Belle Pass. He reported on a letter we received from the U. S. Coast Guard stating that they were presently preparing plans and cost estimates on the following:

1. Establish a lighted Buoy "1" located approximately as shown on Chartlet from USC&GS Chart 1274, exhibiting a FL W 6S Characteristic.
2. Establish an unlighted Buoy "3" as shown to mark the obstruction on the western side of the channel.

3. Assume responsibility of Light "2", rename light to Belle Pass Light "4" and change characteristics to exhibit FL R 4S.
4. Discontinue present Light "4"
5. Establish Belle Pass Light "5" on western shore area of channel having A FL G 4S characteristic.
6. Establish a set of ranges at upper end of channel.

These plans and cost estimates are to be forwarded to their Washington headquarters for approval. They will advise us of any further development.

COMMERCIAL MARINA & BOAT LAUNCH COMMITTEE: Loyman Terrebonne, Chairman, reported that on August 24th the Louisiana Recreational Advisory Council held their regular meeting in Baton Rouge. At this meeting our General Manager, Irvin Melancin, Jr. submitted our application, plans and specifications for our proposed boat launch. He requested on behalf of the Port Commission that this project be placed on the program for federal matching funds available thru the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. In order to qualify for these 50% federal matching funds we have to be first approved on the state level. At this meeting the council unanimously approved our project and placed us on their program and issued us Project # D-71-21. The following resolutions are a necessary prerequisite to Federal approval.

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

9	Yeas
0	Nays
0	Absent

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is interested in acquiring lands or developing outdoor recreational facilities on the following described project for the enjoyment of the citizenry of said Lafourche Parish, and the State of Louisiana:

Project Description:

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission will develop 5 shell ramps with wharfs and a concrete boat ramp with wharf and a 20'x20' shelter on Bayou Lafourche and Fourchon to provide access to the prime fishing waters of Bay Champagne, Timbalier Bay, Gulf of Mexico, and numerous canals and bayous. This project will benefit may thousands of sportsmen throughout Louisiana and out of state visitors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: By the Greater Lafourche Port Commission of Lafourche Parish, State of Louisiana, that said Commission does agree to obligate the funds or services stipulated below to satisfactorily complete the following project and thus become eligible for Land and Water Conservation Fund Act Financial Aid of 50% of the estimated or actual allowable cost, whichever is less, at the completion of said project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That such project and funds or services shall be authorized as follows:

Total Estimated Cost	Total Estimated Federal Share	Total Estimated Sponsor's Share	Sponsor's Cost Breakdown (Total same as Column 3)	
			Cash	Service
73,996	36,998	36,998	36,998	

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Irvin Melancon is hereby authorized and directed to make applications to the Parks and Recreation Commission of Louisiana to seek Federal Financial Assistance on this project for them and be further authorized to take the necessary action to complete such project and sign such documents as are required.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution and plan approved by said Greater Lafourche Port Commission be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission of Louisiana, Baton Rouge for the purpose of obtaining such financial aid.

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, it is desirable to provide maintenance of recreation facilities established under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED: That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission will hereafter provide the necessary maintenance as follows:

The property shall be maintained so as to appear attractive and inviting to the public. Sanitation and sanitary facilities shall be maintained in accordance with applicable state and local public health standards. Properties shall be kept reasonable safe for public use. Fire prevention, lifeguard and similar activities shall be maintained at levels reasonable to prevent loss of the lives of users. Buildings, roads, trails, and other structures and improvements shall be kept in reasonable repair throughout their estimated lifetime so as to prevent undue deterioration and not to discourage public use on the following described project.

5 shell ramps, a concrete boat ramp, all with wharves, and a 20'x20' shelter on Bayou Lafourche and Fourchon, provided to give access to prime fishing waters

AND BE IT FURTHER PROVIDED: That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission will keep the facility open to the general public at reasonable hours and times of the year consistent with the type of facility and will further obtain the Parks and Recreation Commission of Louisiana's approval in writing before any change from the original recreational use is effected on the above-described project.

AND BE IT FURTHER PROVIDED: That should negotiations for adequate maintenance fail, the State may demand a refund of federal funds involved in this project on a depreciating basis. Until this matter is resolved, the local sponsoring unit of government shall not be eligible for land and water conservation fund act money.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE: Anson Toups, Chairman, reported that the bids on the Hospital Emergency Docking Facilities had been reviewed by the Commission and the Hospital board. The Hospital board adopted a resolution to assume the responsibility of paying the cost of hauling the dirt fill on the hospital property. Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co, Inc. were low bidders and they were authorized by letter to start construction as soon as possible.

It was moved by Anson Toups, seconded by Irvin Melancon, Jr., and duly passed that all Committee Reports be accepted as read.

NEW BUSINESS: Antoine Estay, reported that a design public hearing on the proposed Larose-Lafitte Highway would be held on September 16, 1971, at the Barataria School Cafeteria. At that time, interested citizens would be given the opportunity to express their views on this project. He said that the Commission feels that it is important for the people of South Lafourche to show interest and support of this Highway. For that reason, the Commission wrote letters to various Civic Clubs: South Lafourche Lion's Club, Lion's Club of Golden Meadow, South Lafourche Chamber of Commerce, South Lafourche Jaycees, Rotary Club of Golden Meadow, and Rotary Club of Larose. We asked these clubs to join us in our support of the Larose-Lafitte Highway. Everyone of these clubs mentioned responded favorably and took action in the form of a resolution and/or letter supporting this project.

The following resolution was made by Antoine Estay, seconded by Irvin Melancon, Jr., and adopted by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission that the Louisiana Department of Highways is planning a Design Public Hearing on a proposed Larose-Lafitte Highway, and

WHEREAS, this direct route between South Lafourche and Jefferson Parish will make these 2 areas more accessible to each other, thereby contributing greatly to the overall growth of both areas, and

WHEREAS, the economy of the State of Louisiana is heavily dependent on the Oil Industry and South Lafourche, with its offshore fields, is a major oil producing center, and this Highway will enable the many companies affiliated with the Oil Industry to operate on a more efficient and economical basis, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Grand Isle, which is part of Jefferson Parish, will be more closely linked with their Parish Seat and governing agencies, and

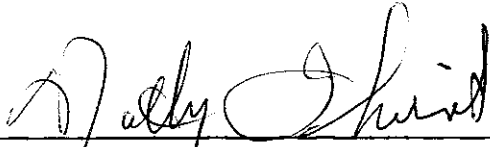
WHEREAS, not only will the Parish of Jefferson and the Greater New Orleans area be provided with a shorter route to the Grand Isle beach, which is the only accessible beach along the East Louisiana Coast, but also the many fishing areas of South Lafourche and the Gulf of Mexico,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission express to the Louisiana Department of Highways, through the medium of this resolution, its favorable view towards the construction of State Project No. 700-06-82, Larose-Lafitte Highway.

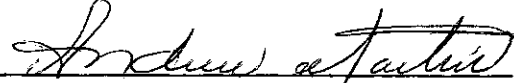
Tomey Doucet reported that he attended a hearing on the resumption of offshore leasing in the Gulf of Mexico. At the hearing it was brought out that there is under consideration 396,250 acres of submerged mineral lease tracts off the eastern Louisiana coast, which could project \$4 billion worth of oil and gas in the next 20 year. Mr. Doucet said that he was able to speak on behalf of the Port Commission expressing our support of these sales, and stress the importance of the oil industry to our area and the need for its continued growth.

Marco Picciola, engineer, reported that Phase "A" of the Boat Launch Facilities was completed and the balance due the Tidewater Dredging & Construction Service, Inc. could be paid.

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



Noly Theriot, President



Andrew Martin, Secretary