

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

OCTOBER 8, 1979

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission of the State of Louisiana met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Commission Administration Building in Galliano, Louisiana, on Monday, October 8, 1979 at 3:00 P.M. pursuant to the provision of due notice given in writing to each and every member thereof, and duly posted in the manner provided by law.

There were present: Pye Theriot, Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Tomey Doucet, Nerby Collins, Reed Danos, Roland Guidry, Ted Martin.

There were absent: Andrew Martin

President Pye Theriot convened the meeting and announced the purpose of the meeting in accordance with the aforesaid written notice.

On motion of Harrison Cheramie, Jr., a second by Ted Martin, and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 17, 1979 were approved.

The motion of Treasurer, Tomey Doucet, a second by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and the unanimous consent of the Board approved the Financial Statement for September 1979 as follows:

PREVIOUS BALANCE		\$585,885.70
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Dowell	\$7,070.00	
Golden Meadow Oil Co.	1,495.75	
Martin Fuel	1,479.50	
South Lafourche Levee District	600.00	
LOOP, Inc.	656.25	
Dos Gris Seafood	600.00	
Reading & Bates	800.00	
Interest on C.D.'s	791.09	
Salary Deductions	1,860.02	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>\$ 15,352.61</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$601,238.31</u>

<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Salaries	\$8,766.00
Office Maintenance	1,054.17
Building Maintenance	276.02
General Maintenance	9,273.14
Auto - Fuel	932.30
Auto - Parts & Repair	213.74
Travel	437.14
Harbor Police	172.30
Advertising	313.55
Hospitalization Insurance-Agency	164.52
Hospitalization Insurance-Employee	190.12

State Retirement - Agency	558.32	
State Retirement - Employee	488.53	
Federal W. H.	1,009.80	
State W. H.	205.42	
Refund - Gun for Harbor Police	80.00	
Miscellaneous	377.19	
Per Diem	250.00	
Telephone	341.47	
Tool Allowance	100.00	
Utilities	1,070.95	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 26,276.68
BALANCE 9/30/79		<u>\$574,961.63</u>

RECAPITULATION

State Bank & Trust Co.	\$222,440.00	
State Bank & Trust Co. - C.D.	200,000.00*	
Raceland Bank & Trust Co.	2,421.63	
Raceland Bank & Trust Co. - C.D.	50,000.00	
South Lafourche Bank & Trust - C.D.	100,000.00	
Petty Cash	<u>100.00</u>	
TOTAL		<u>\$574,961.63</u>

\*\$200,000.00 C.D.'s matured and put into checking account.

President Theriot announced that election of Vice President would now be held. At the meeting of September 17, 1979 nominations for Vice President were made, those being Reed Danos and Roland Guidry, and the nominations were then closed. It was unanimously agreed then that the election would be postponed until this meeting. Nominee, Reed Danos, now announced that he wished to formally withdraw and decline his nomination. There being only one nominee, Roland Guidry was elected Vice President by acclamation.

Upon the motion of Harrison Cheramie, Jr., a second by Roland Guidry, and the unanimous consent of the board, the payment of all invoices received during the month was approved.

Approval of issuance of letters of no objection to the following applicants was given on the motion of Roland Guidry, seconded by Nerby Collins, and the unanimous consent of the Board:

LOCAP, Inc.  
 Texaco, Inc.  
 Mr. Ernest Eymard  
 Chevron U.S.A., Inc.  
 Clophas Rouse  
 Gulf Oil Exploration & Production Co.  
 Texas Gas Exploration Corporation  
 Nolty J. Theriot, Inc.

Executive Director, Ted Falgout, reported that repairs were done by Plaisance Dragline on the LL&E levee, which the Commission maintains along the flotation canal, at a cost of approximately \$5,000.00. He informed the members of the Board that the job was well done and that portion of the levee is in good shape. He also told them that there is a need for maintenance on the entire levee system and in the near future a marshbuggy dragline will be hired to cap off the major portion of the levee which has become eroded by the past couple of small storms.

In other business, Mr. Falgout informed the board that the Commission issued a check to the Bonding Commission in the amount of \$200,000.00 as per agreement with them, in payment of the 1970 Bond Series.

Continuing his report, Mr. Falgout informed the members of the board that he, Wayne Plaisance, Tomey Doucet and Irvin Melancon met with the Corps of Engineers on September 27, regarding Phase 4 Development. They discussed the changes in the slip alignment and dredging of new slip since application was made, and Mr. Charlie Decker indicated that since these were not major changes, no additional changes would need to be made to our E. I. S.

Mr. Falgout further explained that there were three separate permits discussed 1) New slip alignment and dredging of new slip; 2) 30 foot depth within jetty system; 3) Flotation canal. It was set up this way so that if one project would present problems, this would not delay the other projects.

Director Falgout also reported that the jetty committee met with Bill Linam of Automatic Power, and as a result, Automatic Power has installed an entrance light to Belle Pass. On Thursday evening (October 11) several board members will get a crew boat to take them out to look at the light.

A discussion then followed between board members and Andre Olagues, representative of LP&L, as to what might be done in order to eliminate blinding light being reflected from the dock area to area of boat traffic. Also discussed was the possibility of furnishing electrical power to the 30-40 campsites in the area and Mr. Olagues informed the board that Mr. Landry is being talked to about this.

In bringing the board up-to-date on the Bariod Lease, Mr. Falgout informed the board that he met with the landowners and there seem to be no major problems in getting the additional land from the Caillouets and LL&E to house Bariod. The lease is presently being drafted for landowners to review.

It was moved by Ted Martin, seconded by Reed Danos, and unanimously carried that the board go into Executive Session in order to discuss pending litigation. The Board went into Executive Session at 3:30 P.M. and returned from Executive Session at 4:02 P.M.

Executive Director Falgout was then called upon to give background information to the audience on the proposed floodgate system. He stated that the Hurricane Protection Levee is presently being constructed and the Corps of Engineers proposes to place floodgates in Larose and Golden Meadow, the width of the floodgates is now proposed at 56 feet wide. He further stated that the Commission is concerned about this as they feel it is too narrow and have invited representatives of several boat companies, shipyards and oil companies to attend this meeting so that the Commission can get their views on this matter. Mr. Falgout informed the board and the audience that the Corps has stated

that before they are willing to do anything we will need facts to substantiate whatever we say.

Mr. Webster Pierce of the South Lafourche Levee District stated that if only one or two boats over 56 feet in width go through this area per month, this will not justify enlarging the proposed floodgates; it will have to be a substantial amount of traffic.

Board member, Tomey Doucet, expressed his opinion that many types of boats, not necessarily those 56 feet and over, would have trouble passing through the proposed floodgates. Many times boats pushing large barges through might have a difficult time controlling their tow if there are only a few feet of clearance. Also, he expressed his concern for evacuation procedures during hurricane threats, as all traffic would be in a hurry and this could cause accidents with boats trying to pass each other.

Mr. H. Harwell Herrin, attorney for South Lafourche Levee District, was then recognized and informed the Board of the problem with which the Levee District is now faced. He stated that back in 1967 the Police Jury approved the 56 foot floodgate width, the Act then went to Congress and was passed in conjunction with the Auxillary Channel; there would be no problem because the main artery would be the Auxillary Channel, but the Auxillary Channel died somewhere along the way and now the Bayou is the only outlet, and we are left with Congress' approval of the 56 foot floodgate width. In order to get this changed the Levee District, Port Commission and all interest parties will have to go to the Corps of Engineers and prove that the economics of the situation justify this change in added cost. The only way to do this is by showing that widening of the floodgate width is an absolute necessity to keep the community alive.

A lengthy discussion ensued as to exactly what information and statistics would be needed to present to the Corps.

Harold Collins of Collins Shipyard then commented on the position in which he will be placed should the proposed 56 foot floodgates become a reality. He stated that as of this date he has not built any vessels wider than the 56 feet, although he has bid on some. He went on to say that he does not want to be placed in a position where the Corps will dictate to him what size vessel he can build.

Two other representatives of area shipyards, Paris "PyeP Theriot of Theriot-Modec Enterprises, Inc. and Bob Folsie of Bollinger Shipyards, said their facilities are presently building 72 foot wide barges and the 56 foot floodgates would eliminate their access to the Gulf.

Mr. E. J. Gremillion, a member of the South Lafourche Levee District, at this time presented the Board with the complete plans and specifications of the Corps on the 56 foot floodgate project. Mr. Gremillion expressed his concern over the Corps' plans for gates crossing La. Hwy. 1. He feels that a better solution to the problem would be a ramp over that portion of La. 1.

A discussion followed as to the delay and cost factors involved in having this 56 foot width enlarged.

Mr. Gremillion said the Corps' main contention with the widening was the additional depth which would cause cost estimates to increase tremendously. The 80 foot floodgates call for a depth of 18 feet as opposed to 13 foot depth for 56 foot floodgates. He suggested requesting the Corps construct the gates at the 80 foot width but maintain the 13 foot depth.

The following resolution was moved by Harris Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Reed Danos and adopted by the following vote:

7 Yeas  
0 Nays  
1 Absent

WHEREAS, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has approved plans for two 56 foot floodgates, one located South of Golden Meadow and one at the intersection of Bayou Lafourche and the Intracoastal Canal in Larose, and;

WHEREAS, the Lafourche Jump Waterway Auxillary Channel was a viable project when the proposed floodgates were designed, and;

WHEREAS, the Auxillary Channel Project has been killed and Bayou Lafourche must remain the vital link between the Intracoastal Canal and the Gulf, in Lafourche Parish, and;

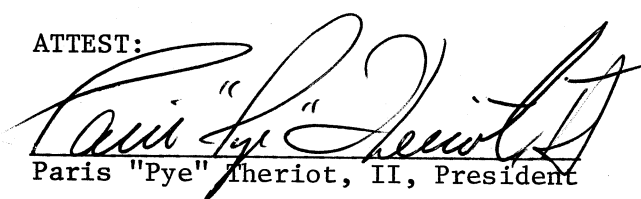
WHEREAS, the construction of the 56 foot floodgates would hinder and greatly restrict growth of this area's marine interest, and;

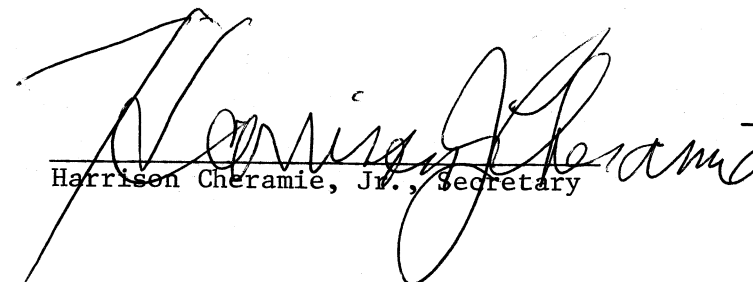
WHEREAS, these 56 foot floodgates would result in eliminating Bayou Lafourche as a safe harbor during hurricane threats,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission request a Public Hearing from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers relative to the size of the floodgates of the Hurricane Protection System.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Tomey Doucet, seconded by Roland Guidry, and unanimously approved that the meeting adjourn.

ATTEST:

  
Paris "Pye" Theriot, II, President

  
Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary

A G E N D A

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

October 8, 1979

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 17, 1979
4. Financial Report
5. Election of Vice President  
Nominees: Reed Danos  
          Roland Guidry
6. Approval of Payment of September Billings
7. Letters of No Objection
8. Executive Director's Report
  - A. LL&E Levee Repair
  - B. \$200,000 payment to Bonding Commission
  - C. Corps of Engineers Meeting
  - D. Entrance Light to Bell Pass
  - E. Bouys
  - F. Baroid Lease
9. Floodgate Discussion
10. Any other business to come before Board
11. Adjournment