

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

JUNE 21, 1983

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission of the State of Louisiana met in its regular session in the Conference Room of the Commission Administration Building in Galliano, Louisiana, on Tuesday, June 21, 1983, at 10:30 A. 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: Roland J. Guidry, Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Louis Chabert, Dudley Bernard, Murphy J. Cheramie and Vhores Trosclair, Jr.

There were absent: Tomey J. Doucet, Robert Champagne and Anthony Touns

In the absence of the President, Vice President Roland Guidry convened the meeting and announced the purpose thereof in accordance with the aforesaid written notice.

On motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Louis Chabert and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 1983 were approved.

On motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Murphy J. Cheramie and unanimously passed, the minutes of the special meeting of June 1, 1983 were approved.

On motion by Louis Chabert, seconded by Vhores Trosclair, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board approved the Financial Statements for May, 1983.

On motion by Louis Chabert, seconded by Vhores Trosclair, Jr. and unanimously passed, the payment of all invoices received during the previous month was approved.

Approval of issuance of letters of no objection of the following applicants was given on motion by Vhores Trosclair, Jr., seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and the unanimous consent of the Board:

Dynamic Exploration, Inc.	Mr. Terry Cheramie
Gulf Oil Exploration & Production Co.	Guidry Brothers Towing Co.
Dynamic Exploration, Inc.	Mr. Eugene Lefort, Jr.
Equitable Petroleum Corporation	Mr. Victor Bruce
Texaco, Inc.	Mr. Ellis V. Pisciotta
Texaco, Inc.	Stone Petroleum Corporation
Trigon Exploration, Inc.	Stone Petroleum Corporation
Texas Gas Exploration Corp.	Goldking Production Company
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Mobil Oil E&P Southeast, Inc.	

Commencing his report, Director Falgout reported on the emergency dredging project for Belle Pass. Director Falgout stated that although the Port Commission was not eligible for FEMA funds, it is eligible for the Economic Development Administration grant for Sudden and Severe Economic Dislocation (SSED). Through the efforts of Governor Treen and Mr. Donald Bollinger, a pre-application was sent to the Regional Office in Austin (which was approved) and the formal application is now in Washington. Director Falgout contacted our congressional delegation and Belle Pass users for as-

sistance in the application for funds. Our congressional delegation has drafted a letter in support of our application and will be meeting with EDA representatives. Director Falgout reported that he was optimistic that this project can be funded, but in order to have the pass dredged by winter, the source of funding has to be determined by July. Member Harrison Cheramie, Jr. inquired as to the disposal of the sand to be removed. Director Falgout informed him that the sand will be placed on the west side of the jetty in a spoil area the Port has permitted. He further impressed upon the Board the need to get public assistance for this program.

Director Falgout reported to the Board that Senator Chabert has a bill now in the Senate (which passed the House and Senate Finance Committee) to delay the 1970 bond payment for 1983 of approximately \$200,000.00 for one year.

Director Falgout stated that he had inquired into hiring a port attorney and recommended to the Board that George Ledet, Jr. be hired under contract. Upon motion by Louis Chabert, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby hire George J. Ledet, Jr., Attorney at Law, as the port attorney (under contract).

Director Falgout reported that the purchase of the property behind the Commission building has been executed. The property has been cleared for future use.

In connection with the hurricane floodgates, Director Falgout reported that he had written a letter to the Corps of Engineers expressing the Port's concern about the depth of the Larose floodgate. One of the problems with the Golden Meadow floodgate was the depth of the by-pass channel. However, even though a formal response has not been received, Director Falgout was informed that the Larose by-pass channel will be deeper.

Continuing his report, Director Falgout reported that there has not been as many problems as anticipated in the Commercial Marina. Superintendent Picou reported that there have been no major problems. Discussion followed in connection with boats using the new marina and also boats docking along the bank of the old A. J. Estay Road with booms down. Director Falgout informed the Board that there is a federal law which prohibits vessels from having "protrusions" from the vessel when same comes inside a pass. However, it is not enforced in Louisiana. He suggested to the Board that the Port Commission either enforce the law or abandon the road by removing the culvert. Discussion followed in connection therewith. Upon motion by Louis Chabert, seconded by Vhores Trosclair, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby condemn and abandon old A. J. Estay Road (by removing the existing culvert) because of its hazardous condition. Said road will be considered to be abandoned by July 1, 1983. The public will be so notified.

Director Falgout informed the Board that a new lease has been negotiated with Dowell which will terminate the three leases presently in effect. These leases expire in 1986 with no provisions for any extended terms. Some of the major terms in the new lease are that the present rental will continue in effect until December, 1983, then every year until 1986 the rental will escalate by 2%. From 1986 on, the rental will then escalate 5% per year. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Murphy Cheramie and unanimously passed, the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commis-

sion is hereby authorized to execute a Surface Lease with Dowell, Division of Dow Chemical U.S.A., on the terms and conditions contained in said Surface Lease, on the following described property, to-wit:

Beginning at the North-West corner of above referred to lease having coordinates of X=2,357,061.78 and Y=168,808.39; thence South 22° 56'09" East along N. Doucet Drive right of way 572.54 feet to a point; thence South 63° 14' 39" West 461.15 feet to a point; thence North 26° 30' 29" West a distance of 573.23 feet to a point; thence North 63° 29' 31" East a distance of 496.81 feet to a point of beginning; containing 274,068 square feet (6.29 acres), all or more fully shown on a plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Director Falgout reported that it is necessary to advertise for bids for the extension and repairs to the boat launch facility since the Port received the CEIP grant. The engineer will be Larry J. Picciola. Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Louis Chabert and unanimously passed, Director Falgout was authorized to advertise for and accept bids for the extension and repair of Port Fourchon Boat Launch facility, which will consist of placing and grading sand fill, shell fill and rip-rap at the existing boat launch.

Upon motion by Murphy J. Cheramie, seconded by Vhores Trosclair, Jr. and unanimously passed, Director Falgout was authorized to advertise and accept bids for the sale of an Oliver 600 Diesel Tractor built in the 1950's.


Director Falgout reported that the auditors held an exit interview (in connection with the 1982 audit) with he, Board Members H. Cheramie, V. Trosclair and D. Bernard. The staff will implement the few suggestions made at the interview.

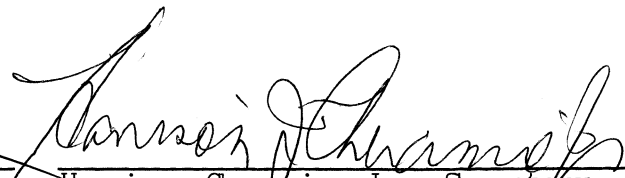
Concluding his report, Director Falgout reported that it was necessary that a new contract be worked out with the port engineers. The present contract has expired. The proposed new contract will be on a job to job basis rather than a year to year basis. Upon motion by Vhores Trosclair, Jr., seconded by Murphy J. Cheramie and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the Engineering Contract as previously reviewed. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director, is hereby authorized to sign said Engineering Contract with the port engineers.

Board Member Harrison Cheramie, Jr. inquired concerning the buoys to be replaced. Director Falgout reported that the Port was waiting for chain which was on back order; however, Director Falgout informed the company to order stainless steel cable instead. Therefore, if the cables are delivered today, as scheduled, the buoys will be placed in service Wednesday.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Vhores Trosclair, Jr., seconded by Louis Chabert and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


Tomey J. Doucet, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary