

AGENDA

February 13, 1990

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of minutes of January 9, 1989
4. President's Report:
5. Committee Reports:
  - I. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
    - a. Letter of No Objections
  - II. Construction & Development:
    - a. Shoreline stabilization by LA Cruise
    - b. Request from Ambar Inc., to sublease
  - III. Finance:
    - a. January Invoices
    - b. Financial Report
  - IV. Executive:
    - a. Review of Nerby Collins Marina Unloading Zone Policy
    - b. Sea Lift IV Settlement
6. Executive Director's Report
  - a. New Port Brochure
  - b. Dredging Flotation Canal Update
  - c. Dredging Belle Pass Update
  - d. Fourchon Bridge
  - e. FIST Aquisition
7. Any other business
8. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 13, 1990

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session in the conference Room of the Commission Administration Building in Galliano, Louisiana, on Tuesday, February 13, 1990 at 10:30 AM pursuant to the provision of due notice in writing to each and every member thereof and duly posted in the manner provided by law.

President Doucet called the meeting to order and requested that Harrison Cheramie, Jr. call the roll.

PRESENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Rodney J. Terrebonne, Vinton J. Crosby, Brent A. Duet, Tomey J. Doucet, Robert M. Champagne, Donald J. Vizier and Dudley Bernard

ABSENT: Roland J. Guidry

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; George J. Ledet, Jr., Port Attorney; John J. Plaisance and Larry J. Picciola, Port Engineers; Gerald A. Guidry, Harbor Police Chief and Louverda A. Duet, Port Secretary.

Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the minutes of the January 9, 1990 meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Doucet announced that Fourchon International Shipping Terminal had acquired a major interest in Central American Shippers, a company currently running two vessels between Miami, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Costa Rica. He further stated that within 60-90 days, Port Fourchon will be added as a port of call for loading and unloading of international cargo. This action will provide Port Fourchon with a regular shipping service to and from Central America and will profit local residents since ships will need dock workers and truck drivers to help with cargo. Director Falgout stated that approximately fifty workers per ship will be utilized. He further stated that the use of Port Fourchon as an international port is a logical step for FIST following the purchase of an interest in this company.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Donald J. Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize sending letters of no objection to the following applicants:

Lafourche Realty Co., Inc.  
S. J. I., Inc.  
Exxon Company, USA

Chairman Champagne further stated that the US Coast Guard had surveyed the buoys in the East Canal as far as Grand Isle and also those in Lake Raccourci, and recommended assuming maintenance of these buoys.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of all invoices received the previous month.

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for January, 1990.

Chairman Duet stated that the auditor will begin its annual audit in April.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard informed the Board that SONAT Offshore had brought in a rig and ODECO will be bringing one in next week.

He further informed the Board that maintenance personnel will be making repairs to the bumper system in Nerby Collins Marina.

He then stated that shoreline stabilization of the Louisiana Cruise site had commenced. The Lessee will be installing approximately 300' of creosote bulkhead.

Chairman Bernard then informed the Board that AMBAR had requested to lease 320' on the E-Slip, and the Committee recommends that Director Falgout be authorized to negotiate with them. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize President Doucet to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate a lease of property at Port Fourchon to AMBAR.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet reported that the Executive Committee had met with local fishermen to clarify the rules and regulations in connection with the loading and unloading zone at Port Fourchon. After review, the Committee decided that changes were not necessary.

President Doucet then reported that an agreement had been reached in connection with the SEA LIFT IV matter wherein Mr. St. Pierre will remove his barge from the Tenth Ward by April 1, 1990, at his cost and expense. Port Attorney Ledet will prepare the necessary documents. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the settlement with P. J. St. Pierre in connection with the removal of the SEA LIFT IV from the Tenth Ward.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Commencing his report, Director Falgout stated that the new port brochure was completed and delivered and is being distributed. He further stated that there was a good response thus far.

In connection with the dredging of the Flotation Canal, Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer Larry J. Picciola who stated that there was a difference between the depth reading he took and the one by the contractor. He will check it out again and make appropriate corrections.

In connection with the dredging of Belle Pass, Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer John J. Plaisance who stated that the notice to proceed was issued on December 11, 1989, and the contractor, Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Co., has until March, 1990 to complete the project. The contractor is on site and is readying his equipment to begin dredging within the next week or so. The before dredging cross sections were taken by the contractor last week, and showed a total volume of 764,064 cubic yards (an increase of 14,064 cubic yards or approximately 2%) from the bid quantity. This may be due to some siltation in the Pass and also the cross sections taken last week were more precise than those taken last fall. Director Falgout stated that approximately 150,000 cubic yards of material will be placed near the jetty system on the West Side and the remainder will be placed in front of the bags along the beach.

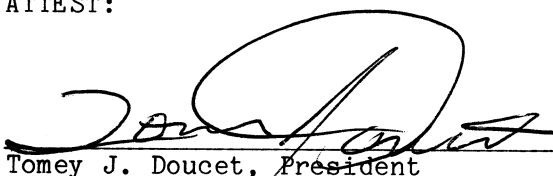
In connection with the FIST acquisition, Director Falgout stated that FIST had requested that the Commission proceed to establish our area of jurisdiction as a US Customs Port of Entry. The nearest port of entry is Morgan City and Customs agents must travel from there to Port Fourchon when ships come in. Their travel cost must be paid by the companies. Therefore, it would be beneficial to have Port Fourchon established as a port of entry. Congressman Tauzin will assist the Commission in this matter. Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Donald J. Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to proceed to have Port Fourchon area established as a US Customs Port of Entry.

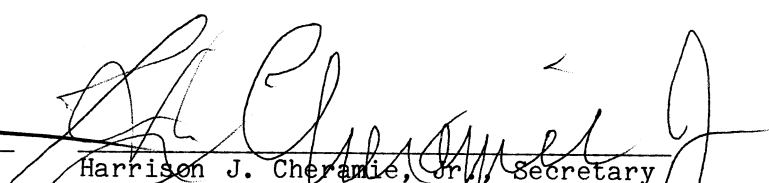
OTHER BUSINESS:

In connection with the proposed dredging below the Golden Meadow floodgate by the Corps, Director Falgout stated that he had met with Tommy Lyons, Congressman Tauzin's aide, to express the need for this dredging. He (Lyons) will meet with the Corps to see what procedure is needed to upgrade the priority of the project. Director Falgout stated that he had met with several local businessmen and they have also made requests for dredging.

There being no further business, upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Tomey J. Doucet, President

  
Harrison J. Cheramie, Jr., Secretary