

AGENDA

OCTOBER 9, 1990

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of minutes of September 4, 1990
4. President's Report:
 - A. Bridge closures during peak traffic times
5. Committee Reports:
 - I. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - a. Letter of No Objections
 - b. Idlezone and No Wake Zone Pass Fourchon signs
 - c. Notice of intent to include area from Intracoastal to South Leeville as No Wake Zone
 - II. Construction & Development:
 - a. Martin Fuel request for stabilization extension
 - b. Relocation of Newpark
 - c. Transportation Trust Fund 1991-92
 - III. Finance:
 - a. September Invoices
 - b. Financial Report
 - c. Budget Preparation
 - d. Authorize bids for New Harbor Police Unit
 - IV. Executive:
 - a. Fuel Dock request for a moratorium on fuel dock sites
 - b. Tripp Seafood
6. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Buoy update
 - B. Request for waiver of condition on Pass Fourchon 6
 - C. Multi-Use Dock update
 - D. Port Development update
7. Any other business
8. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
OCTOBER 9, 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, October 9, 1990, at 10:30 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 J. Cheramie Jr., call the roll.

PRESENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Rodney J. Terrebonne, Vinton J. Crosby, Brent A. Duet, Tomey 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; Larry J. Picciola and John J. Plaisance, Port Engineers; Gerald A. Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; and Louverda A. Duet, Port Secretary.

On motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Vinton J. Crosby, and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 4, 1990 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Commencing, President Doucet stated that he had been informed by some of the school bus drivers of the problem with the bridges during the peak traffic hours. They inquired whether or not the Commission could help in working with the Department of Transportation to close the bridges to boat traffic during these hours. Therefore, President Doucet invited Messrs. Arden Rogers and Lloyd Guidry with the School Board to speak at the meeting. Mr. Rogers stated that he had met with the principals to get input from them. they concluded that during the morning, traffic runs smooth because of the staggered school schedules. However, a problem exists in the afternoon. Mr. Rogers stated that the optimum time for closure would be 2:20 PM to 4:00 PM, or alternatively 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. President Doucet stated that perhaps they should look into requesting closure in the morning also, when people are going to work. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout and President Doucet to inform and work with the Department of Transportation and our congressional delegation in connection with closing the bridges to boat traffic during peak traffic hours. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Chief Gerald A. Guidry to make a traffic survey in order to determine the need for the above action.

President Doucet then introduced Wollen Falgout, a candidate for District Attorney, who thanked the Board for allowing him to address the Board.

President Doucet then called upon Chief Guidry, who introduced the new police officer, Randy J. Chiasson, who thanked the Board for hiring him.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

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

Mr. James A. Guidry

In the absence of the Committee Chairman, Mr. Champagne presented the following report:

Mr. Champagne stated that the Commission had established NO WAKE and IDLE ONLY zones at Port Fourchon, and Commission personnel had installed signs to that effect. Mr. Champagne further stated that complaints had been received about an exposed pipe on the east side of Belle Pass. The pipe has been located and marked, and will be removed as soon as possible.

Mr. Champagne stated that the Committee recommended that the Commission establish a NO WAKE zone in Bayou Lafourche from the Intracoastal Canal to Leeville. He further stated that the public should be notified with a request for comments. The Board will vote on this matter next month. He further stated that numerous complaints had been received from boat owners docked in Bayou Lafourche, thus causing the Commission to look into the matter. Director Falgout stated that currently a NO WAKE zone exists from the Intracoastal Canal to Tidewater Canal, and then for a section in south Leeville. This will include those sections previously omitted. The Board further discussed the matter.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Commencing his report, Chairman Bernard stated that Martin Fuel Distributors had requested an extension of time within which to complete the stabilization of their site. Mr. Bernard stated that the Committee recommends approving the request to complete stabilization within eighteen months with no further extensions to be granted. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Martin Fuel Distributors, Inc. for an extension of the shoreline stabilization requirements on the unstabilized portion of the lease, which said extension shall be an eighteen (18) month extension with no additional extensions to be granted.

In connection with the relocation of Newpark to Slip #1, Mr. Bernard stated that the Committee had been notified that Noltz J. Theriot, Inc. will pay for the actual relocation and Newpark will pay the cost of permitting to relocate. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Commission pay for the improvements to the slip. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the relocation of Newpark Drilling Fluids to Slip #1, and will pay the cost of improving said slip.

Mr. Bernard further stated that the Committee instructed Director Falgout to apply for Transportation Trust Funds for the 1991-92 year. Director Falgout stated that with funds to be received from the Transportation Trust Fund and EDA this year, the project to relocate the public tug dock to the end of the E-Slip will be accomplished. Therefore, approximately 1,000' to 1,200' will remain bulkheaded. Therefore, with monies that may be received under the 1991-92 application, this project can be accomplished (which is a Priority One project). A Priority Two project (which will also be submitted) would be the refurbishment of Slip #1. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to apply for funds under the Transportation Trust fund for the year 1991-92. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the following projects: Priority One - bulkheading 1,000'-1,200' of property in the E-Slip; and Priority Two - refurbishing Slip #1.

FINANCE:

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 Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for September, 1990.

Chairman Duet stated that the Committee will start budget preparation, and they welcome comments from the Board.

Chairman Duet stated that the Committee recommended purchasing a new harbor police unit. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to advertise for and received bids in connection with the purchase of a new harbor police unit.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

President Doucet reported that the Committee had met with the lessees who operate fuel docks at Port Fourchon. They are concerned with the Commission overleasing fuel dock sites. They requested a moratorium on leasing fuel dock sites at the Port. President Doucet stated that he had directed Port Attorney George Ledet, Jr. to research the legality of such a moratorium, and report to the Board.

President Doucet then recognized Chickie Dardar with Trip Seafood who stated that Mr. Krebbs is trying to recover from his financial straits. She gave a check for one month's rental and stated that Mr. Krebbs plans to bring the rental up to date as outlined in his letter. President Doucet stated that since he is making an attempt, the Commission will co-operate with him. Director Falgout informed the Board of the schedule of payments outlined in Mr. Krebb's letter. He further stated that should he not follow his schedule, then the Board will take appropriate action. Discussion followed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Falgout stated that the fabrication changes had been made on the buoys. Sandblasting should start by the end of the week to be completed by next week.

Director Falgout stated that the Board had previously authorized him to request waiver of a condition in connection with the pass Fourchon 6 permit from the Corps of Engineers. The condition required the Commission to install culverts and have water transfer between the legs of the E-Slip and Pass Fourchon. The cost therefor would have been prohibitive. Coastal Environments, a consulting engineering firm, was employed to assist in the report prepared to support our case. The report was submitted to the Corps. They have issued removal of Condition W, and have required that the Commission install aeration equipment in the slip and maintain minimum water quality standards of the state.

In connection with the boat launch facility project, Director Falgout called upon Port Engineer John Plaisance for his report. Mr. Plaisance reported that the plans and specifications for the Port Fourchon Pavilion will be completed next week. He is now requesting permission to advertise for bids when ready. Upon motion by Harrison J. Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Port Engineer John J. Plaisance to advertise for and accept bids in connection with the Port Fourchon Pavilion project.


In connection with the multi-use dock facility, Mr. Plaisance stated that the proposals for the geotechnical investigation are due in his office on October 12th. He hopes to have the plans and specifications complete by mid-November. The plans have to be approved by the Department of Transportation. He hopes to be ready to advertise for bids by the next meeting.

In connection with port development, Director Falgout reported that a ship came in at the FIST facility. A regular service between Port Fourchon and the Caribbean ports of Honduras and Guatemala has been established.

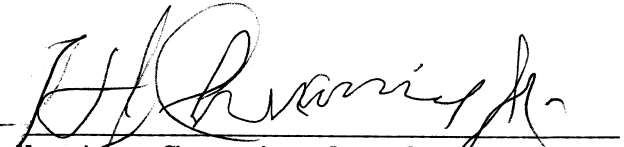
Director Falgout stated that he had attended the Water District meeting to present the Commission's development plans for the future, which include the current and projected needs insofar as water is concerned. The Water District is aware of the problems with inadequate supply of water at the Port. They have authorized a study to estimate growth of the parish over the next ten years, emphasizing the need of the Port. They are hurrying installation of a pump in Cut Off which will provide considerable amounts of water to the South Lafourche area. He was informed by the Water District that the Port consumes over half the water in the parish. With completion of the new highway, the Water District will install a new water line to provide more water to the lower part of the parish. Port Engineer Larry Picciola recommended that the Commission and the Water District get together to urge completion of the new road. Discussion followed.

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

ATTEST:



Tomey J. Doucet, President



Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary
