

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
MARCH 12, 1991

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, March 12, 1991, 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.

In the absence of President Doucet, Vice President Bernard called the meeting to order and requested that Board Member Cheramie call the roll.

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

**ABSENT:** Tomey J. Doucet

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

Vice President Bernard then called upon Board Member Duet to lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Bernard informed the Board that President Doucet and Executive Director Ted M. Falgout were in Baton Rouge attending a meeting in connection with the proposed redistricting of the South Lafourche area.

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 15, 1991 were approved.

Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Donald J. Vizier and unanimously passed, the minutes of the special meeting of February 26, 1991 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Vice President Bernard stated it was time to open the bids in connection with the sale of a road grader and a front end loader. He called for any other bids. There being none, he proceeded to open the bids and read as follows:

Mr. Allen Foret, Sr.	Road Grader	\$1,165.00
Mr. Allen Foret, Sr.	Front End Loader	250.00
Mr. James Duet	Road Grader	1,002.00
Brewer Wholesale	Road Grader	1,525.00
Brewer Wholesale	Front End Loader	75.00

Vice President Bernard recommended accepting the high bids. Upon motion by Roland J. Guidry, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the high bid by Brewer Wholesale in the amount of \$1,525.00 in connection with the sale of the Adams Road Grader and the high bid by Allen W. Foret, Sr. in the amount of \$250.00 in connection with the sale of the Clark 75A Front End Loader.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Upon motion by Roland J. Guidry, seconded by Vinton J. Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize sending letters of no objection to the following applicants:

Chevron USA, Inc.

Chairman Guidry reported that the bids in connection with the Corps dredging of Bayou Lafourche from Yankee Canal to Tidewater Canal will be opened on March 20th, and if in order, the contract will be awarded by April 15th, with dredging to begin in early summer.

Chairman Guidry reported that the temporary idle signs had been installed at specified locations in Bayou Lafourche. Discussion followed in connection with the bad areas of erosion of LA 1 and LA 308.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard requested that Board Member Duet give the report of the Committee.

In connection with the EDA project, Mr. Duet stated that there is approximately 155' of unbulkheaded property between the site to be leased to Stone Oil and the EDA project site. The Committee recommends that this section be included in the EDA project. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout include a 155' section of unbulkheaded property between the site to be leased to John W. Stone Oil Co. and the EDA project site in the EDA project.

In connection with the bids opened by the refurbishing of Slip #1, Mr. Duet called upon Larry Picciola, project engineer, to report about the alternate bid. Mr. Picciola explained that the base bid was for five dolphins on each side of the slip and to cut and recap the bulkhead. The alternate bid was to place a bumper system on the back, side of the slip. The bid for this work is an extremely good price. Therefore, Mr. Picciola recommends accepting it. The Committee concurs. Mr. Picciola stated that contracts had been signed for the base bid; however, the contract also states that the Commission has thirty days within which to reconsider the alternate bid. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Roland J. Guidry and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the alternate bid by Lowland Construction in the amount of \$20,550.42 in connection with "Slip Repair and Fendering System."

Mr. Duet informed the Board that the Commission was in the process of building a street from AJ Estay Road to the bottom of the E-Slip, which needs to be shelled. The project will cost approximately \$60,000. The Committee approves and recommends authorizing Director Falgout to proceed with these road improvements on 17th Street. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to proceed with the road improvements on 17th Street at Port Fourchon.

FINANCE:

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Vinton J. Crosby 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 Roland J. Guidry and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for February, 1991.

In connection with the pavilion and restroom facilities at the Public Boat Launch, Mr. Duet called project engineer John Plaisance who stated that bids had been opened yesterday. All bids being in order, he therefore recommends that the Commission accept the low bid by Paul Dufrene, III Builders in the amount of \$74,129.00. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the low bid by Paul Dufrene, III Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$74,129.00 in connection with the construction of the Pavilion and Bathroom at Public Boat Launch.

Continuing, Mr. Duet stated that the Commission had been contacted by groups from the LA Council on Economic Education and the University of New Orleans Center for Economic Education in connection with the 3rd Annual LA. and Global Economy Institute program at UNO wherein the economy of the area is studied. The Committee feels that the Commission should be involved by sponsoring a teacher from this area to participate in this program. The sponsorship fee is \$900.00. Director Falgout will work out the details to sponsor this individual.

Chairman Duet stated that the Commission will be accepting quotes in connection with the purchase of a mosquito sprayer to be used at the Port. This item has been budgeted this year.

Chairman Duet further stated that Director Falgout is looking into obtaining information in connection with a beautification program for LA 3090.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Vice President Bernard stated that the Committee recommended that Director Falgout be authorized to sign and submit the application in connection with the EDA grant. Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Donald J. Vizier, and unanimously passed, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission does hereby authorize Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director, to sign and submit the application to the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, and to accept or affirm any grant award that may result therefrom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the applicant has obtained state assistance for the project in the amount of \$1,785,375.00 and does hereby certify that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission will contribute \$595,125.00 from its general fund to the project. The Commission further certifies that it has certificates of deposits, in short term, in excess of \$595,125.00 being held for the project.

Vice President Bernard stated that the Executive Committee recommended hiring an Assistant Director of Operations to assist Director Falgout, and that Director Falgout be authorized to prepare a job description for this position. He further explained the need for this position in the near future. Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to prepare a job description to create the position of Assistant Director of Operations.

Vice President Bernard stated that some members of the board of the Lafourche Parish Council are wanting to remove long standing members from the Water District board; however, the Committee feels that it is in the best interest of this Commission that the current leadership remain on the Water District board. Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has enjoyed a productive working relationship with the Lafourche Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, this Commission has enjoyed an equally productive and cooperative relationship with the Lafourche Parish Water District #1; and

WHEREAS, potable water is a precious commodity at Port Fourchon and its availability is a paramount importance to the development of Port Fourchon and Lafourche Parish; and

WHEREAS, this Commission has been working very closely with the Lafourche Parish Water District #1 in meeting the demands of Port Fourchon, including detailed long range planning; and

WHEREAS, it is of utmost importance that qualified individuals with experience, leadership capabilities and knowledge of the Port continue to serve as members of the Water District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission respectfully requests that the Lafourche Parish Council take whatever actions necessary to maintain the existing leadership present on the Lafourche Parish Water District board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. John Plaisance, Chairman of the Board of the South Lafourche Chamber of Commerce, stated that their Board had polled the membership on several items, one of which was how they felt about certain boards in the parish. He stated that the Water District was the highest rated board. He further stated that the Port Commission was also highly rated, and he looks forward to working more closely with the Commission.

Board Member Cheramie stated that in connection with the erosion of LA 1, since the Highway Department is so slow perhaps the Commission should consider putting rip rap to stop the erosion. Discussion followed about whether or not the Commission should consider doing this.

Board Member Vizier apologized for missing the Committee meeting yesterday, but he was involved in the biddy basketball program.

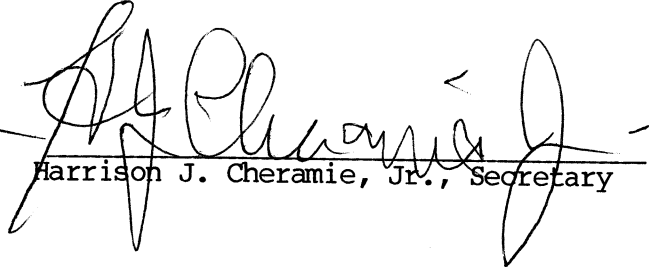
Vice President Bernard recognized Mr. David Krebs of Trip Seafood who thanked the Board for its leniency in connection with Trip's past due rental. He informed the Board that they are in the process of reorganizing.

Vice President Bernard then called upon Mr. Glenn Gisclair of Nolty J. Theriot, Inc. who stated the ship is still coming in on a regular basis, and improvements are still being made on their site.

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

ATTEST:

  
Toney J. Doucet, President

  
Harrison J. Cheramie, Jr., Secretary