

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
APRIL 9, 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, April 9, 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.

President Doucet called the meeting to order and requested that Board Member Cheramie call the roll.

PRESENT: Harrison J. Cheramie, Jr., Rodney "PT" Terrebonne, Vinton J. Crosby, Brent Duet, Tomey J. Doucet, Robert Champagne, Donald Vizier, Dudley Bernard and Roland Guidry

ABSENT: None

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

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

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 1991 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Doucet reported that several board members had recently attended the Port's Association Convention in Alexandria, and it was a very productive meeting.

In connection with the proposed redistricting, President Doucet stated that Mr. Sonny Mouton was employed to represent this area should it become necessary to go to court to fight the proposal.

President Doucet announced it was time to open the bids in connection with the purchase of a backhoe. He called for any other bids. There being none, he proceeded to open the bids and read as follows:

Buckner Rental Service	JVC Backhoe	\$31,480.92
Norwel Equipment	John Deer 310 C	\$26,733.65
The Felicity Company	Massey-Ferguson	\$36,879.04
M & L Industries, Inc.	Ford 55C Backhoe	\$27,319.72
M & L Industries, Inc.	Ford 580 Super K	
	Case Backhoe	\$27,343.41

President Doucet recommended that the low bid be accepting provided the specifications are met. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the low bid by Norwel Equipment in the amount of \$26,733.65 in connection with the purchase of a John Deere 310 C Backhoe, provided all specifications are met.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

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

~~Chevron USA~~
Linder Oil Company
Lafourche Telephone Company
United Gas Pipeline Company
Chevron USA
Texaco Pipeline Co. (after the fact)
Louisiana Land & Exploration Co.
Greater Lafourche Port Commission

Continuing, Chairman Guidry stated that the Wildlife & Fisheries Commission is leasing water bottoms for oyster leases with no regard to navigation. He further stated that the Waterways Committee felt that the Commission should be notified of all leases in our jurisdiction for our review. Upon motion by Roland J. Guidry, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to request that the Wildlife & Fisheries Commission notify this Commission of all proposed leases in the Commission's jurisdiction so that we (the Commission) can have the option of objecting to same in case of channel blocking.

Chairman Guidry further stated that in connection with the dredging of Bayou Lafourche from Yankee Canal to Tidewater Canal, the Committee has been informed that the Corps of Engineers will award the contract on April 17th with a notice to proceed by May 16th. The contractor then has ten days to commence, which will probably start after the opening of the May shrimp season.

Board Member Duet stated that the Commission wishes to thank the congressional delegation and all local businessmen who have really committed themselves to bring about this project.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Commencing his report, Chairman Bernard stated that 17th Street at Port Fourchon has now been completely shelled.

Chairman Bernard then called upon project engineer Larry J. Picciola to give an update on the slip repair project. Mr. Picciola stated that the contractor has started moving equipment on the site, and should be ready to start by the end of the week or early next week. He then presented an invoice from Lowland Construction in the amount of \$25,507.89 for approval.

Chairman Bernard then called upon project engineer John Plaisance for an update on the pavilion project. Mr. Plaisance stated that notice to proceed had been issued to Dufrene Builders on April 1st, with a completion date of July 30th; however, the contractor feels it should be finished by July 1st.

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. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Lowland Construction Co. in the amount of \$25,507.89 in connection with the slip repair project.

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Rodney J. Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for March, 1991.

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Vinton J. Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the Annual Financial Report for the year 1990.

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt a Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire as a required part of the Commission's financial and compliance audit as of December 31, 1990, in compliance with the request of the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet informed the Board that it was time to consider hiring college students for summer employment. He further stated that the Committee recommended hiring six students from the Tenth Ward area; however, this year two students from previous years and four new students should be hired. President Doucet stated that Commission work crews will have the opportunity to choose which workers will be re-hired. Applications will be taken and names pulled at the May meeting.

President Doucet stated that the John W. Stone Oil Distributor lease had been negotiated and is ready to be signed. Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Roland J. Guidry and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize President Doucet to execute a Surface Lease with John W. Stone Oil Distributor, Inc., all on such terms and conditions as he in his sole discretion may deem necessary and advisable.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In connection with the Transportation Trust Fund project, Director Falgout stated that a plan-in-hand meeting with the Dept. of Transportation has been scheduled for April 19th, at which time DOTD representatives will visit the project site, review every aspect of the proposed project and make any recommendations necessary. Therefore, the project could be bid out as early as June.

In connection with the EDA grant, Director Falgout stated that the formal application has been filed and additional information submitted. The Austin Regional Office is now reviewing the package, and we should hear from them within the next 10-15 days.

In connection with the assumption of maintenance of Bayou Lafourche, Belle Pass and Pass Fourchon by the Corps of Engineers, Director Falgout stated that the Commission will meet with the Corps on April 17th and 18th in connection with the feasibility study.

Continuing, Director Falgout stated that it had been brought to his attention that several trailers belonging to Charlie Hardison are encroaching on the highway right of way along AJ Estay Road. He will proceed to have them removed.

In connection with the Highway 1 erosion, Director Falgout stated that he is following up on the progress of DOTD towards recognizing the emergency situation of erosion of a 1500' stretch along LA 1. DOTD seems to want to involve the Commission to oversee the project in addition to making arrangements with Chevron to provide rip rap. He further stated that a design had been submitted that the state is willing to fund, which involves placing cement piles (left over from a job on the westbank) in a linear fashion 12' from the roadway. Then the Commission will coordinate getting rip rap material from Chevron, which will be available in late May-early June.

Director Falgout informed the Board that Chevron is removing facilities in Bay Marchand and Timbalier Bay which will generate considerable amounts of timber piles and cement slabs. Chevron has agreed to donate this material to the Commission for erosion control purposes. The Commission will use this material to stabilize the shoreline in the commercial marina, and any cost involved will be divided among the lessees in the marina.

Director Falgout stated that we now have the permits to build wharves in front of the Administration building and the Centroplex. The pilings donated from Chevron will be used to build clusters. He is now getting estimates on the cost of building these wharves.

Director Falgout then introduced Mr. Jerome Dickhaus, new Secretary of the Wisner Foundation, who informed the Board that the Committee looks forward to working with the Commission.

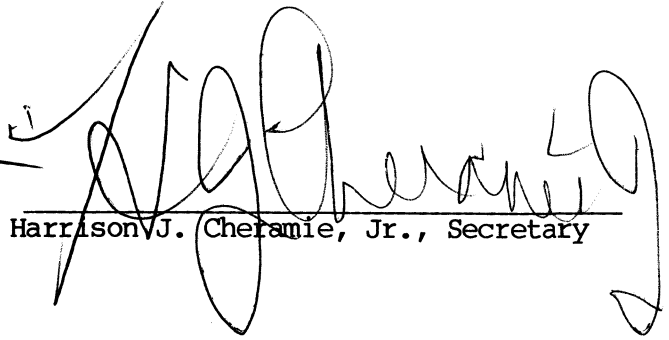
OTHER BUSINESS:

President Doucet stated he had received a call from Larry Weidel who is attending the redistricting meeting in Baton Rouge, and Mr. Weidel stated that Rep. Bruneau offered an amendment to his proposal to now place Precinct 10-1 (from approximately Jay's Sign Shop on 308 to the Intracoastal) and from Gheens to Alidore in Rep. Patti's district. Discussion followed.

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

ATTEST:


Toney J. Doucet, President


Harrison V. Cheramie, Jr., Secretary