

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
AUGUST 13, 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, August 13, 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 Cheramie, Jr., Vinton Crosby, Rodney Terrebonne, Brent Duet, Toney Doucet, Robert Champagne, Donald Vizier, Dudley Bernard and Roland Guidry

ABSENT: None

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Irvin P. Melancon, Asst. Director; John J. Plaisance, Marco Picciola and Larry J. Picciola, Port Engineers; Gerald A. Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; and Louverda A. Duet, Port Secretary.

President Doucet then led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 1991 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Doucet stated that Ms. Joanne Corneilson, District Director of US Customs, came to this area and visited the port. With Representative Tauzin's assistance, she will assist the Commission in trying to establish Port Fourchon as a Port of Entry.

President Doucet stated that the Task Force had met and Representative Warren Triche was the guest speaker. He provided the Task Force with insight on how to address the highway improvement needs which include erosion protection, highway and bridge maintenance. He and the Executive Director will be meeting with Senator Chabert and Senator Ron Landry, Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee in the upcoming months.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

On 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:

Bechtel Energy Resources Corp.  
Greenhill Petroleum  
Texaco, Inc.  
Diasu Oil & Gas Co.  
Bechtel Energy Resources Corp.

Chairman Guidry stated that in connection with the construction of emergency docking facilities at the floodgate, the Committee has reviewed this matter and recommends that Director Falgout be authorized to apply for permits. Upon motion by Roland Guidry, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to apply for permits for the placement of 24 pile clusters in the vicinity of the floodgate.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that a request had been received from Martin Fuel to sublease their portion of Slip #1 to Newpark Environmental Services. After reviewing same, the Committee recommends leasing same. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Roland J. Guidry and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Martin Fuel Distributors, Inc. to sublease their portion of Slip #1 to Newpark Environmental Services.

Continuing, Chairman Bernard stated it was time to advertise for bids for shells, sand and limestone. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to advertise for bids for shells, sand and limestone (on an annual basis).

Chairman Bernard also stated that the Committee recommends that Director Falgout be authorized to advertise for bids in connection with the multi-use dock project. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to advertise for and accept bids in connection with the multi-use dock project.

FINANCE:

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

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for July, 1991.

Chairman Duet presented a resolution to the Board in connection with the monies to be received from DOTD in connection with multi-use dock facility, as follows:

DOTD RESOLUTION

STATE PROJECT NO. 578-29-01 (301)

PARISH OF LAFOURCHE

WHEREAS, Greater Lafourche Port Commission has submitted an application for funding of the Multi-Use Dock Facility port improvement project under the Port Construction and Development Priority Program; and

WHEREAS, the State's share of the project funds have been made available and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has available its local matching share of the project funds in an amount of not less than twenty-five (25%) percent; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, John J. Plaisance of J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. has prepared plans and specifications for said project, which plans and specifications are designated by State Project No. 578-29-01 (301; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has reviewed the final plans, specifications and cost estimate and accepts them as submitted and the Department of Transportation and Development has reviewed the final plans, specifications, and cost estimate and has approved them inasmuch as they comply with the requirements of the Port Construction and Development Priority Program; and

WHEREAS, all necessary servitudes, right of way, spoil disposal areas, rights of ingress and egress and the means thereof have been acquired by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, and the titles thereto are valid and indefeasible; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has obtained all necessary permits required for the construction of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has agreed to accomplish all necessary utilities, fence and other facilities relocations and alterations made necessary by this project; and

WHEREAS, the Official Journal for the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is The Daily Comet, whose mailing address is P. O. Box 5238, Thibodaux, LA 70302, and whose telephone number is 504-447-4055; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission desires to advertise for competitive bids, in accordance with LRS 38:2212 et seq., for the award of a contract in the name of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, and furnish engineering supervision during the progress of the work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, in regular session assembled on this 13th day of August, 1991, that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is requested to authorize the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to advertise for competitive bids in accordance with LRS 38:2212, et seq., for the award of a contract in the name of Greater Lafourche Port Commission, covering the aforesaid improvements, and furnish engineering supervision during the progress of the work.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is assured that all necessary servitudes, rights of way, rights of ingress and egress and the means thereof have been obtained by Greater Lafourche Port Commission, and the titles thereto are valid and indefeasible and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission expressly agrees to defend any action for the failure of any servitude, right of way, right of ingress and egress, and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission does hereby assume complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the project after construction.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is assured that all required permits have been obtained by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is assured that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has available its local matching funds in an amount not less than twenty-five (25%) percent of the total project cost to insure construction of this project.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission will and hereby does assume complete responsibility for all utilities, fence, and other facilities relocations and alterations made necessary by this project.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission does hereby save and hold harmless the Department of Transportation and Development against any loss or damage of any kind incident to or occasioned by activities undertaken in pursuance of this agreement and expressly agrees to defend any suit brought against the Department of Transportation and Development, and pay any judgement which may result from said suit as it relates to this project.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In connection with the pavilion project, Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer John Plaisance who stated that the pavilion is complete and the fixtures for the bathroom have been delivered and installed, however, there is a problem with the lack of water pressure at Fourchon. He is presently speaking with the Water District on ways to boost the pressure coming to the site. If none can be found, some type of tank and pump system or some other means will need to be installed so that proper pressure will be maintained. He is checking into the cost of same and will report back to the Board. he then presented Paul Dufrene III Builders invoice for payment. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize payment of the Paul R. Dufrene III Builders, Inc. invoice in connection with the above project.

In connection with the multi use dock facility, Director Falgout said that there are a few minor problems to be solved before advertising; however, this will not delay the project.

In connection with the repairs made to LA 1, Director Falgout stated that the cost was \$29,308, which will be reimbursed by DOTD. The Commission's contribution was overseeing the project and providing manpower.

In connection with the repair of the gap in the bulkhead near Slip #1, Director Falgout stated that Commission personnel repaired the gap with filter cloth and sack cement donated by Dowell at a minimal cost.

Continuing, Director Falgout reported that at the last meeting he was authorized to initiate dredging in front of the BJ Services site. Approximately 2200 cubic yards of material was dredged which was trucked to sites at the Port. The cost was \$9,967.00 of which BJ Services will pay half.

Director Falgout informed the Board that the annual Beach Clean Up is scheduled for September 21st. He encouraged the community to get involved.

Director Falgout then informed the Board that the Commission had purchased tire boots to anchor illegally parked vehicles. The normal process was to have these vehicles towed away. Now that these boots have been purchased, they will be used and the violator will have to contact the Harbor Police wherein they will be cited for parking illegally.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

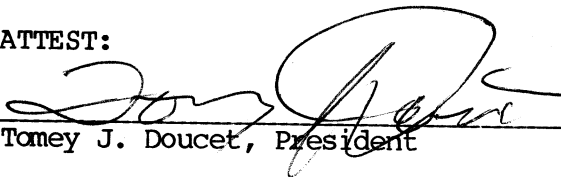
President Doucet informed the Board of Senate Bill 916 introduced by Senator Chabert which repeals the law that prohibits any trawling or seining over leased oyster grounds and instead prohibits anyone from trawling or seining over any area of privately leased oyster grounds in the year following seeding of the area, if staked or marked as provided by law. It also requires that 1/10 of the leased bottom be placed under cultivation if one year does not apply, if the area is closed because of health reasons. Discussion followed.

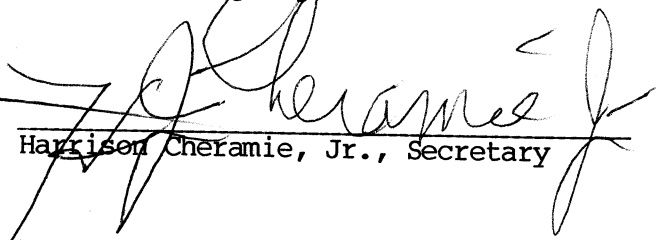
OTHER BUSINESS:

President Doucet recognized Velma Callais Rogers and Wade Richoux, candidates for state representative, and Linda Huffstetler, District 14 parish council candidates, who addressed the Board.

There being no further business, upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Toney J. Doucet, President

  
Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary