

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 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, November 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.

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

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

ABSENT: Roland Guidry

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Irvin P. Melancon, Asst. Director; George J. Ledet, Jr., Port Attorney; John Plaisance, Marco J. 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 recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of October 8, 1991 were approved.

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the minutes of the special meeting of October 22, 1991 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Doucet announced it was time to open bids in connection with furnishing road materials. He then called for any other bids. There being none, he instructed Director Falgout to open the bids and read as follows:

CAJUN TRUCKING, INC.

River Sand	\$11.00 cubic yard
Coastal Sand	\$ 7.00 cubic yard
Yellow Limestone (Ungraded)	\$15.45 ton
Yellow Limestone (610 gradation)	\$15.95 ton
Yellow Limestone (57 gradation)	\$15.95 ton
Gray Limestone (Ungraded)	\$15.95 ton
Gray Limestone (610 gradation)	\$15.95 ton
Gray Limestone (57 gradation)	\$16.45 ton
Man Size Rip Rap	\$17.95 ton

HARRIS DUFRENE ENTERPRISES

River Sand	\$ 8.00 cubic yard
Coastal Sand	\$ 6.00 cubic yard
Reef Shells	\$19.00 cubic yard
Yellow Limestone (610 gradation)	\$16.00 ton
Yellow Limestone (57 gradation)	\$17.00 ton
Gray Limestone (610 gradation)	\$17.75 ton
Gray Limestone (57 gradation)	\$18.76 ton
Man Size Rip Rap	\$25.00 ton

Director Falgout recommended that the low bid for individual items be accepted. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the low bids in connection with supplying road materials on an annual basis as follows:

HARRIS DUFRENE ENTERPRISES:

River Sand	\$ 8.00 cubic yard
Coastal Sand	\$ 6.00 cubic yard

CAJUN TRUCKING, INC.:

Yellow Limestone (Ungraded)	\$15.45 ton
Yellow Limestone (610 gradation)	\$15.95 ton
Yellow Limestone (57 gradation)	\$15.95 ton
Gray Limestone (ungraded)	\$15.95 ton
Gray Limestone (610 gradation)	\$15.95 ton
Gray Limestone (57 gradation)	\$16.45 ton
Man Size Rip Rap	\$17.95 ton

President Doucet then announced it was time to open bids in connection with the purchase of an automobile. He then instructed Director Falgout to open the bids. After calling for any other bids, Director Falgout then proceeded to open the bids and read as follows:

Lamarque Ford	1992 Crown Victoria	\$16,385.94
Dick Barker Ford	1992 Grand Marquis	\$19,530.00
Cliff's Motor Co.	1992 Ford LTD	\$20,797.88

Director Falgout recommended approving the low bid providing it meets the specifications. Upon motion by Donald J. Vizier, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the low bid by Lamarque Ford in the amount of \$16,385.94 for a 1992 Crown Victoria, providing the required specifications are met.

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:

FINA Oil & Chemical Co.
Mr. Jerry Rogers

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that bids had been opened in connection with the dredging of Belle Pass. The Committee recommends awarding the bid to C. F. Bean & Co. for Alternates A and C, but reserving the option to change Alternate C to Alternate D at a later date dependent upon obtaining proper containment for dredge material. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the low bid by C.F. Bean & Co. for Alternates A and C in connection with the dredging of Belle Pass; however, the Commission reserves the option to change Alternate C to Alternate D at a later date dependent upon the Commission obtaining proper containment for the dredge materials. Board member Duet requested that Director Falgout identify the area of dredging for the audience. Director Falgout stated that the total price for dredging is \$605,938.40, and further explained the Alternate A is dredging within the jetty system, which has more siltation. Since Lafourche Parish has been declared eligible for federal disaster assistance because of spring flooding, the Commission has been approved to receive approximately \$200,000 from FEMA. Director Falgout further explained the Alternates C and D call for dredging just north of the jetty system and south of the mooring buoys at the port. If this area is dredged, it can accommodate more drilling rigs. Alternate C calls for putting spoil out in the Gulf, while Alternate D calls for putting the spoil in the Tennessee Gas pipeline canal just west of the project site. The Commission would prefer Alternate D because of the fact that wetlands would be created in the marsh. Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer Larry Picciola who stated that the contractor had equipment under tow and will start pumping November 22nd. He further stated that there may be some cost to hold the option on Alternate D. He is waiting for the estimate from the contractor.

FINANCE:

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Donald J. Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of all invoices received in 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 October, 1991.

Chairman Duet stated that preliminary work had started on putting together budget figures. The budget will be adopted at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer John Plaisance for a report in connection with the multi-use dock. Mr. Plaisance stated since the Board had rejected the bids received, his office was re-advertising and will receive bids on December 9th. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Brent Duet and unanimously adopted:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA PORTS CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PORTS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION OF THE NEED FOR THE PORTS IMPROVEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has a need for ports improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission desires to apply for state matching funds pursuant to Chapter 47 of the Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, to implement a project to improve its port operation and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is fully aware of its obligations under said statute and the requirements of the Interim Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is a political body duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under said statute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission as follows:

SECTION 1. That at the appropriate time and upon approval of funding assistance and prior to the commencement of work on the project, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission agrees to execute an Agreement and a Statement of Sponsorship pursuant to the Statute.

SECTION 2. That Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director, is hereby designated Authorized Representative for the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to effect the preparation of an application to the Louisiana Ports Construction and Development Priority Program for funding assistance of a port improvement project.

SECTION 3. That said Authorized Representative's responsibilities shall pertain to technical matters only and shall not include any official act on behalf of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

In connection with the relocation of the tug dock, Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer Marco Picciola who stated that he and Director Falgout had met to discuss the project. Plans should be completed in about two weeks and approval received from EDA in order to advertise for bids at the next meeting. Bids should be opened prior to the January meeting.

In connection with the capital outlay request, Director Falgout stated that the Commission has teamed up with the Parish Council as part of the parish infrastructure and transportation committee to submit a request for Lafourche Parish. Asst. Director Melancon put together the package which was submitted to the Parish Council. The Council requested appropriation under the emergency category for \$1,840,000 for emergency repairs and shoreline stabilization from Golden Meadow south to the Lafourche Parish line. They also submitted, regular top priority, a 5 year phased project for shoreline stabilization on LA 1 and LA 308 from Lockport to Golden Meadow. \$552,000 was requested in 1992 for dredging and placing spoil along Bayou Lafourche. In 1993-95, \$1,200,000 per year was requested for placing rip rap for permanent stability along both highways where most needed.

Director Falgout stated that the request for 1992-93 had been submitted in connection with Transportation Trust funds. The 1991-92 request for warehouse facility at the Port not funded was automatically shifted to the 1992-93 request for consideration. Also submitted was a request for extension of the multi-use dock project because, event though not yet constructed, the indications are that when completed, the facility will be used to its maximum capacity immediately.

In connection with the Corps assumption of maintenance of Belle Pass, the Commission is now in position that will require action to get the project moving again since the word from Washington is that there will be no funding of any new assumption of maintenance projects. President Doucet contacted Rep. Tauzin's office who will be furnished a plan of action to get the Corps moving again on this project. Discussion followed.

In connection with the bathroom and pavilion facility Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer John Plaisance who stated that the line period has expired and he asks that the final payment be made to the contractor. Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize payment of the 10% retainage to Paul Dufrene III Builders, Inc. in connection with the Bathroom and Pavilion facility.

Director Falgout then introduced Mr. Larry Raymond, Administrator of the Fire District, with whom he and Chief Guidry have been negotiating a contract for radio services. Mr. Raymond addressed the Board and stated that there is a need for high expansion foam to fight boat fires at the Port. He requested that the Commission fund the cost of this foam to be stored at the Port Fourchon Fire Station. Mr. Raymond also stated that the district needs to be kept abreast of port expansion in order to keep equipment updated for fire protection. Upon motion by Rodney J. Terrebonne, seconded by Brent A. Duet and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to purchase two drums of high expansion foam to be stored at Port Fourchon Fire Station to fight boat fires at the Port.

OTHER BUSINESS:

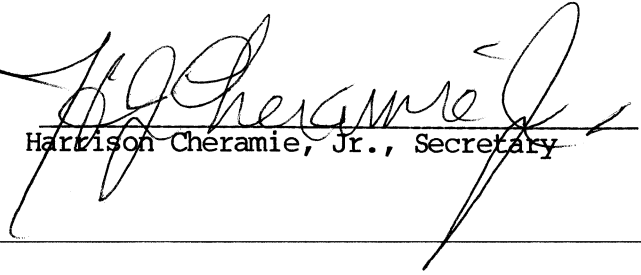
Board Member Duet reminded everyone to go out and vote on Saturday.

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

ATTEST:



Toney J. Doucet, President



Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary