

AGENDA

MAY 11, 1993

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance

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4. Approval of minutes of April 13, 1993 Board Meeting
5. President's Report:
  - a. Draw names for summer employment
  - b. 1993-94 Transportation Trust Fund Request
6. Committee Reports:
  - I. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
    - a. Letter of No Objections
  - II. Construction & Development:
  - III. Finance:
    - a. April Invoices
    - b. Financial Report
    - c. Approval of Plaquemine Contractors invoice \$101,481.74
    - d. Approval of Wood Resources Corporation invoice \$159,455.14
    - e. Adopt Systems Survey & Compliance Questionnaire in connection with 1992 audit
  - IV. Executive:
7. Executive Director's Report
  - a. Multi-Use Dock Update
  - b. E-Slip Bulkhead Update
  - c. Hurricane Andrew Recovery
    - i. Rock Project
    - ii. Beach stabilization project
    - iii. Commercial Marina
  - d. Warehouse Facility
  - e. Ports & Waterways Advisory council
  - f. PAL Officers
  - g. BLFWD-P.C. Joint Effort Bayou Project
  - h. Buoys to Grand Isle
8. Any other business
  - a. Mike Cuneo RE: Chamber of Commerce
9. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
MAY 11, 1993

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, May 11, 1993, 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 and Vice President Bernard, Treasurer Duet called the meeting to order and requested that Secretary Cheramie call the roll.

**PRESENT:** Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Rodney Terrebonne, Brent Duet, Donald Vizier, Vinton Crosby and Larry Griffin

**ABSENT:** Robert Champagne, Dudley Bernard and Toney Doucet

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

Treasurer Duet requested that Board Member Griffin lead in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Donald J. Vizier, seconded by Rodney J. Terrebonne, and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 1993 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Treasurer Duet called upon Executive Director Falgout to give the President's report. Mr. Falgout stated that applications had been received in connection with hiring college students for summer employment. He stated that from the student's employed last year, Shane Chouest and Wyatt Plaisance would be asked to work again this year. He then proceeded to have board members draw names as follows:

3. Darrin Rousse
4. Bryan Curole
5. Garland Gisclair
6. Jody Lerille

**ALTERNATES:**

Craig Hendrix  
Robby Lafont  
Gerald Hebert  
Aaron Gaspard  
Brad Adams  
Phillip Bychurch, Jr.

Upon motion by Larry J. Griffin, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve employing the six college students mentioned above for summer employment.

In connection with the 1993-94 Transportation Trust Fund request, Director Falgout informed the Board that DOTD will recommend to the legislature that a 300' extension be approved (rather than the 600' requested) because the multi-use dock is not fully operational and has not proved a success as projected. The project cost will be \$800,000 with a 1994-95 construction date.

LEGAL, PERMITS, & WATERWAYS:

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

Nichols State University  
Greenhill Petroleum Corporation  
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Corporation

FINANCE:

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Rodney J. Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board does hereby approve payment of all invoices received the previous month.

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Vinton J. Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for April, 1993.

Chairman Duet presented a Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire for adoption by the Board in connection with the 1992 audit. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Donald J. Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt a Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire as required part of the Commission's financial and compliance audit as of December 31, 1992, in compliance with the request of the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Larry J. Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Plaquemine Contracting Co. in the amount of \$101,481.74.

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Donald J. Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Wood Resources Corporation in the amount of \$159,455.14.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In connection with the multi-use dock project, Director Falgout called upon the engineers for their reports as follows:

PHASE 1 - Mr. Plaisance reported that the only item left is the aggregate and the repair of the coating on the bulkhead. In connection with the repair of the coating, Mr. Plaisance recommended to the contractor complete sandblasting and

re-coating of the bulkhead. Director Falgout inquired about the working days under the contract. Mr. Plaisance said that the Board must decide how much liquidated damages to assess, after reviewing the conditions which existed during construction. Further discussion followed.

PHASE II - Mr. Plaisance stated that dredging in the front of the multi-use dock is complete and approximately 40% of the dredging in the channel has been completed. The whole project is about 60% complete.

PHASE III - The final contract has been approved by DOTD. Notice to proceed will be issued as soon as Phase I is complete.

PHASE IV - Mr. Picciola stated that the contractor has completed all work on the bulkhead item. He began work on backfilling of the wedge area while site work is continuing. The project is 95% complete.

E-SLIP & BULKHEAD IMPROVEMENTS - Mr. Picciola stated that bids were received in May 4th. After review, he recommends awarding of the base bid (\$1,296,818.57) to River Valley Services, Inc. He also informed the Board that they must adopt a resolution showing intent to award the contract. Discussion followed in connection with use of wooden cap bulkhead as opposed to steel cap bulkhead. Upon motion by Larry J. Griffin, seconded by Vinton J. Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby intend to award a contract to the low bidder, River Valley Services, Inc., in connection with the project "Bulkhead and Improvements to E-Slip" pending approval from the Department of Transportation and Development; said contract to be in the amount of \$1,296,818.57.

In connection with hurricane recovery, the following reports were given:

STONE JETTY REPAIRS - Mr. Picciola stated that work began on April 12th. All work has been completed on the basic proposal (main jetty system). The alternate work area has some additional work to be done along with some corrective measures. Under the alternate work, the contractor built the crown too wide and the rocks did not go out as far into the Gulf as was planned. Therefore, the contractor will utilize stones from the crown and tonnage that was short (300 tons) to extend out further into the Gulf. Mr. Picciola stated a barge will hold 700-800 tons. Board Member Vizier inquired about getting the full barge to extend the system further. Director Falgout pointed out that we were \$30,000 over budget on the alternate which was bid as \$42 a ton rather than \$31 a ton (basic proposal). Discussion followed in connection with negotiating with the contractor for additional tonnage at a lower price. The Board authorized Mr. Picciola to negotiate with the contractor for additional tonnage at the basic price or less.

BEACH EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURE REPAIRS - Mr. Picciola stated that the engineering report was submitted to the Commission last week for review. Director Falgout stated he forwarded the report to FEMA and DNR (25% match). However, the Commission must now choose a plan. After review, Director Falgout and Mr. Picciola recommended Plan C (Segmented Offshore Breakwater). Mr. Falgout explained that this plan is closer to budget, will render the beach accessible to the public and will stabilize the beach. He stated that a similar project had been installed at Holly Beach and reports are that the project is working

and not causing erosion in the non-project area. Hopefully FEMA and DNR will concur, then we can commence the permitting process, which is rather lengthy. Upon motion by Larry J. Griffin, seconded by Vinton J. Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve Plan C (Segmented Offshore Breakwater) in connection with the Beach Erosion Control Structure Repairs. Board Member Duet inquired about the barges to be used in the project. Mr. Picciola stated that he contacted marine brokers who advised that barges are not hard to find. In connection with the permit, Director Falgout stated that the

engineering report was commissioned by FEMA to address specific area destroyed by the hurricane; however, that does not mean that we cannot request a permit for additional barges. Further discussion followed in connection with breakwater concepts.

COMMERCIAL MARINA - Director Falgout stated that rip rap will be put in place. Asst. Director Melancon stated that construction will commence tomorrow now that the slope has been prepared.

In connection with the Warehouse project, Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer Plaisance who reported that completion of the preliminary design will be complete by the end of May and he anticipates advertising for bids in August.

Continuing, Director Falgout informed the Board that he received a letter from General Jude Patin' with DOTD inviting him to serve on the Ports and Waterways Council, which will work towards development of Louisiana's Model Statewide Intermodal Transportation Plan. The first meeting will be held on June 3rd.

Director Falgout also reported that at the Ports Association of Louisiana meeting held earlier this month, he was elected Treasurer.

Director Falgout announced a joint effort between the Commission and the Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District to improve and protect the bayou sides from Larose to Golden Meadow in fifty selected sites. He stated that permits had been obtained from COE and DNR. Work will commence in the near future. The Freshwater District will furnish the equipment and manpower and the Commission will manage the project.

In connection with the buoys, Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer Larry J. Picciola who reported that all field work had been completed, a 100' channel has been established and final maps are being prepared.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

Board Member Vizier stated that he has received a complaint from Mr. Jim Duet about the contractor who is doing the work on the highway throwing trash into the bayou near his boat. Harbor Police Chief Guidry will investigate the matter.

Treasurer Duet introduced Mr. Mike Cuneo who addressed the Board in connection with a new entity in the Chamber of Commerce which will get involved in governmental affairs.

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

ATTEST:

  
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Brent Duet, Treasurer

  
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Harrison J. Cheramie, Jr., Secretary