

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
JANUARY 10, 1995

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, January 10, 1995, at 10:30 A.M. 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 Secretary Cheramie call the roll.

PRESENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Rodney Terrebonne, Vinton Crosby, Johnny Melancon, Tomey Doucet, Robert Champagne, Donald Vizier, Dudley Bernard and Larry Griffin

ABSENT: None

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Davie J. Breaux, Asst. Director, John J. Plaisance, Marco J. Picciola and Larry J. Picciola, Port Engineers; Gerald A. Guidry, Asst. Director of Harbor Services; Louverda Duet, Port Secretary; and Susan Martin, Port Bookkeeper.

President Doucet requested that Board Member Melancon lead in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 1994.

President Doucet then introduced Judge John J. Erny who swore in the new board.

President Doucet informed the Board that the agreement with the South Lafourche Levee District for the purchase of an excavator has been completed with a 50-50 share of the cost of operation and maintenance of same. The Commission will contribute \$150,000 toward the purchase. He further informed the Board that the excavator presently working in the bayou will be there until June 30, 1995.

President Doucet stated that the Coast Guard had put out the notice to mariners in connection with the bridge closures. Commencing 90 days from the date of the notice the South Lafourche and Cote Blanche bridges will not open to boat traffic from 2 PM to 3 PM and from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM during weekdays during the school session.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve sending letters of no objection to the following applicants:

1. Lafourche Parish Council
2. Chevron USA
3. Mr. John A. Gravois
4. Chevron USA

Board Member Crosby presented a motion to the Board to authorize Director Falgout to negotiate for the purpose of VHF marine radios to be installed on the bridges in the South Lafourche area in order to have communication with vessels. Board Member Vizier stated that he had spoken to Parish President Steve Wilson, who will recommend to the Council that they participate in the purchase of these radios. The motion was seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously adopted. Director Falgout stated that the bridges must open for barges carrying fuel at any time.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard called upon John Plaisance, project engineer for the Warehouse Facility who stated that he reviewed the bids and recommends that the bid be awarded to Stranco, Inc. (low bidder) pending approval by Port Attorney Ledet and DOTD. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby award the contract to Stranco, Inc. in the amount of \$932,031.80 in connection with the project "Warehouse Facility", pending approval by Port Attorney George Ledet, Jr. and DOTD.

In connection with the Multi-use Dock Extension, Chairman Bernard called upon project Engineer Marco Picciola who stated that he had reviewed the bids and recommends awarding the contract to Plaisance Dragline pending review and approval by DOTD. Mr. Picciola stated that Plaisance's bid included sales tax; however credit will be given to the Commission by way of change orders. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby award the contract to Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co. in the amount of \$1,298,601 in connection with the project "Multi-Use Dock Extension (Extension of Sheet Piling Length) subject to review and approval by DOTD.

FINANCE:

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of all invoices received the previous month.

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Vinton Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for December, 1994.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In connection with the beach stabilization project, Director Falgout reported that the Contractor had removed the pipe from the beach. In the next week, the Contractor should execute an agreement with Plaisance Dragline for shaping of the beach, which should be ready for the summer months. Director Falgout also indicated that the segmented breakwaters are working as evidenced by the build up of sand. He also stated that Chevron may still participate in the placement of the last remaining barge.

Director Falgout informed the Board that he has had contact with a contractor on the east coast who has app. 1 1/2 million tons of rip rap available to the Port (delivered) at no cost. This material would be offloaded from ocean-going barges and placed on smaller barges (the cost being incurred from that point). This rip rap can be used on various projects in and around the Port, and also along the highways between the Larose and Golden Meadow floodgates. Discussion followed.

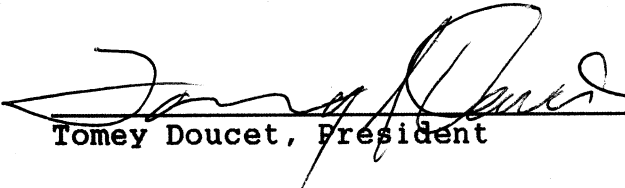
Director Falgout stated that the Bayou Vision Infrastructure Committee (which he chairs), which is part of the South Louisiana Economic Council, is working with the congressional delegates towards completion of the LA 1 relocation to Highway 90, and then to the Grammercy-Wallace bridge, which will provide an excellent access to the interstate. He further explained the workings of the Committee to the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Board Member Griffin welcomed the new board member, Johnny Melancon.

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

ATTEST:


Tomey Doucet, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary