

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 14, 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, February 14, 1995, 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 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 Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Vinton Crosby, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 1995.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet announced it was time the election of officers. He then opened the floor for nominations. Board Member Griffin presented a motion to retain the present officers with the exception of Treasurer. It was seconded by Robert Champagne. President Doucet called for any other nominations. Vinton Crosby made a motion to close nominations. It was seconded by Rodney Terrebonne. President Doucet stated that the officers were as follows:

President
Vice President
Secretary

Tomey J. Doucet
Dudley Bernard
Harrison Cheramie, Jr.

President Doucet then called for nominations for Treasurer. Harrison Cheramie, Jr. nominated Donald Vizier. The motion was seconded by Dudley Bernard. President Doucet called for any other nominations. Larry Griffin presented a motion to close nominations. It was seconded by Rodney Terrebonne. Donald Vizier was elected Treasurer.

President Doucet stated that the Executive Committee discussed insurance requests on all port property used by commercial vessels, etc. The Committee recommends that all commercial users be required to name and waive the Commission on their insurance policies. He stated that small shrimping vessels with no insurance will be required to execute contracts stating that they will take responsibility for their vessels and any occurrence thereon and not hold the Commission responsible for any occurrences. The Committee recommends authorizing Director Falgout to commence working on this matter. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to execute procedures necessary to require commercial users of port property to name and waive the Commission under their insurance policies and to prepare a contract for vessels with no insurance.

President Doucet stated that the South Lafourche and Cut Off bridge closures were in the USCG Notice to Mariners and the deadline for comments was March 3rd. He also stated that the installation of VHF radios on the bridges in the Tenth Ward was in the notice.

President Doucet informed the Board that the Commission will enforce the state law and port ordinance in connection with trash placed on wharves and banks of Bayou Lafourche and other navigable waterways in Commission jurisdiction. Discussion followed.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

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

Chevron USA
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Gary Lee et al
Exxon Pipeline Company
Shell Pipeline Corporation

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that Gulf Star Holdings had requested to sub-lease a portion of their site to Danos & Curole Marine Contractors. Director Falgout pointed out the property to be sub-leased on a map. He then called upon Errol Falgout with D & C who stated that D & C will manage the shore base operations of the lease and keep a pool of laborers at the base. Director Falgout stated that he had reviewed the lease and had forwarded it to Port Attorney Ledet for review. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the sub-lease by Gulf Star Holdings, Inc. to Danos & Curole Marine Contractors, Inc. of a portion of the lease site at Port Fourchon, pending review and recommendation by Port Attorney George J. Ledet, Jr.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet appointed Johnny Melancon to the Finance Committee.

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

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Robert Champagne, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for January, 1995.

Upon motion by Donald J. Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 59

An ordinance levying and imposing taxes on all property subject to taxation in the port area of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission of the State of Louisiana for the year 1995.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission of the State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of its port area:

Section 1: That acting under the authority of a special election held in the port area of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission of the State of Louisiana (consisting of the entire Tenth Ward of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, as the boundaries and limits of said ward existed on the date of the

creation of said Commission) on April 8, 1961, and by authority of Act 433 of 1981 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana of 1981 and Act 28 of the Extraordinary Session, a special tax of 7.24 mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all the taxable property in said port area be and the same is hereby levied, assessed and imposed on all of said property for the year 1995, for the needs and lawful purposes of said Commission.

Section 2: That the property administrative officers of the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to spread said tax, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said parish for the year 1995, and to make the collection of the tax imposed for and on behalf of said Commission according to law, and that the tax herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to the taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

Section 3: That this ordinance shall be published in "The Daily Comet," a newspaper published in the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana, in the manner provided by law.

This ordinance, having been submitted in writing, having been read and adopted by sections at a public meeting of said Commission, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

YEAS: Harrison Cheramie, Jr. Rodney Terrebonne, Vinton Crosby, Johnny Melancon, Sr., Robert M. Champagne, Donald J. Vizier, Dudley Bernard and Larry Griffin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 14th day of February, 1995.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In connection with the beach stabilization project, Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer Larry Picciola who stated that Plaisance Dragline was moving material on the beach to de-water it. Director Falgout stated that the Commission had hired a dozer to knock down the back levee to help dry the material. Discussion followed in connection with when the beach will be opened.

Mr. Picciola informed the Board that the excavator being jointly purchased with the South Lafourche Levee District was delivered in Thibodaux. They are waiting for the aluminum track to be delivered. Delivery to the Levee District yard is expected by March 15th.

In connection with the warehouse facility, Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer Plaisance who stated that he had received verbal approval from D. J. Webre with DOTD this morning. He recommends awarding the contract. Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby award the contract in connection with the "Warehouse Facilities" in the amount of to Stranco, Inc.

In connection with the Multi-Use Dock Extension, Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer Marco Picciola who recommended awarding the contract to the lowest bidder pending approval by the port attorney. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby award the contract in connection with "Multi-Use Dock Extension (Extension of Sheet Piling Length)" in the amount of \$1,298,601.00 to Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co., pending approval by Port Attorney George J. Ledet, Jr.

In connection with the LA 308 improvements, Director Falgout stated that the low bidder was Barriere Construction, who was awarded the contract, and work should commence soon. However, there is some delay in connection with a gas line running along the highway.


Director Falgout informed the Board that he was working on combining several existing permits into one less confusing document for development at the Port which will suit the needs of the Commission for the next five years.

OTHER BUSINESS:

President Doucet introduced Mickie Mayon with the Lafourche Ambulance District who addressed the board in connection with operations of the district.

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

ATTEST:


Tomey J. Doucet, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr. Secretary