

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**

**JUNE 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, June 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 Breaux, Asst. Director; George Ledet, Jr., Port Attorney; Andre Uzee from J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc., Marco Picciola and Larry Picciola, Port Engineers; Gerald A. Guidry, Asst. Director of Harbor Services; and Louverda Duet, Port Secretary.

President Doucet led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Donald Vizier, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 1995.

**EXECUTIVE:**

President Doucet introduced this year's college students hired to work for the summer.

President Doucet then announced it was time to open bids in connection with the sale of a 1988 Chevrolet. He asked for any other bids. There being none, he proceeded to open the bids and read as follows:

Michael Collins	\$212.00
Dudley Adams	\$800.00
Raymond Hymel	\$300.00

Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the bid of \$800.00 from Dudley Adams in connection with the sale of a 1988 Chevrolet.

President Doucet reported that the Executive Committee had met in connection with the selection of an engineer for the E-slip Bulkhead project. The Committee recommends Larry J. Picciola. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby select the firm of Larry J. Picciola, Inc. for the project "E-slip Bulkhead"

**LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:**

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

LUMCON  
CHEVRON USA

Board Member Crosby invited the public to attend the public hearing to be held by the Coast Guard tonight at 7:30PM. Director Falgout explained that the Coast Guard is proposing to remove certain navigational aids in the Ports jurisdiction, and the Commission has objected to same. Therefore, the Coast Guard has called a public hearing.

**CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:**

Chairman Bernard stated that Shell Pipe Line Corporation is requesting to lease property along Hwy. 3090 for the purpose of locating a pump station in connection with the MARS project. The Committee recommends leasing same. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing property along LA. HWY. 3090 to Shell Pipe Line Corporation.

**FINANCE:**

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon 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 Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for May, 1995.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Robert Champagne, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Stranco, Inc. in the amount of \$77,194.53.

Chairman Vizier requested that Director Falgout explain an ordinance the Committee is proposing. Director Falgout explained that the Committee has proposed to assess a fee for vessels docking at public port facilities. Because of the increased maintenance costs, the Commission is proposing a \$15 per day fee be imposed on oilfield service vessels utilizing the oilfield service dock and other port facilities. However, vessels showing proof of ad valorem tax payments to the parish will be exempt from the proposed fee. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Larry Griffin, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to prepare a proposed ordinance to assess a \$15 per day fee for utilizing the oilfield service dock and other port facilities by oilfield service vessels to be presented at the next meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In connection with the various on-going projects, Director Falgout called upon the project engineers for their reports:

#### BEACH EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURE:

Director Falgout stated that the dredging aspect of this project has been completed.

SEGMENTED BREAKWATERS - Director Falgout stated that the project is complete; however, there was one barge remaining because of a shortage of funds. However, he stated that Chevron is now willing to participate financially in placing the last barge. He will be meeting with Bertucci Const. (the original contractor) to look at the existing barges to determine whether or not to refurbish the barges to improve their effectiveness.

WAREHOUSE - Andre Uzee with J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. stated that contract time had commenced, and the contractor has filled in most of the site and has driven all the pilings.

MULTI-USE DOCK EXTENSION (PHASE 1 & 2) - Marco Picciola reported as follows:

Phase 1 - The Contractor is collecting material for construction, and work should start in early July.

Phase 2 - The bids are scheduled for opening on June 29th at 10:00 AM.

Director Falgout stated that he and board members Crosby and Melancon together with representative from Congressman Tauzin's office met with the Coast Guard in connection with marking the channel to the Houma Navigational Canal. The Coast Guard stated that if the Corps of Engineers does the bottom survey, they will look at it and make a determination from there. Cong. Tauzin's office then arranged a meeting with the Corps, who committed to doing the bottom survey and the Coast Guard marking the channel from the Haviland Canal to the Houma Navigational Channel. Discussion followed.

Director Falgout stated that he had received a letter from the Under Secretary of LA. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission indicating that the Commission will be taxed .20 cents per cubic yard on fill material removed under the proposed permit for dredging in the port (about 1.8 million cubic yards of material). He responded disagreeing with their interpretation of the statute proposed to assess this tax. He also notified Rep. Theriot, Senator Chabert and the Ports Association of Louisiana Board of the Commission's objection. They stated that if need be, legislation will be proposed to change the statute. His interpretation of the statute is that it is the intention of the state to obtain revenues from contractors mining sand in the river and selling same, and not to be assessed from public bodies maintaining navigational channels, even if the fill material is placed on private property because of a shortage of public property to place this material on. He was informed by PAL President that Wildlife & Fisheries was invited to their next meeting; however, they are reluctant to attend. WL&F stated they had received a letter from a port and are now reviewing their interpretation of the statute. Discussion followed.

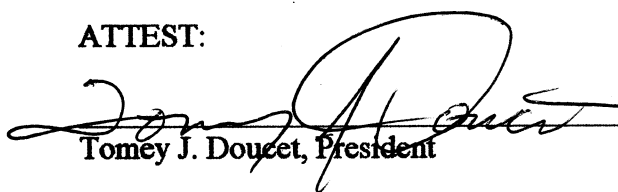
Director Falgout stated that some of the board members had expressed concern in connection with the increased vessel traffic in the port, commercial and recreational, and the hazard it presents at times. Therefore, he stated that harbor police patrols will be increased, particularly on weekends.

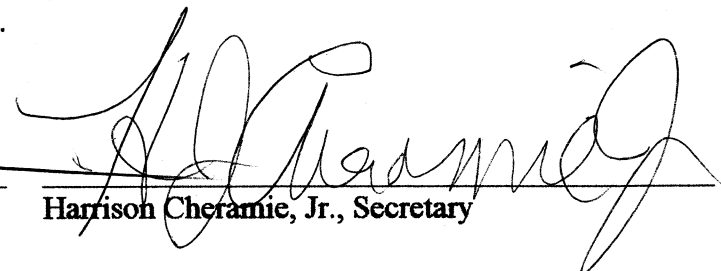
OTHER BUSINESS:

President Doucet introduced Mr. Aaron Caillouet, candidate for Parish President and Mr. Neco Doucet, candidate for Sheriff, who briefly addressed the Board.

There being no further business, upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Tomey J. Doucet, President

  
Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary