

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

**JULY 12, 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, July 12, 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; John J. Plaisance, Marco Picciola and Larry Picciola, Port Engineers; Gerald A. Guidry, Asst. Director of Harbor Services; Louverda Duet, Port Secretary; and Susan Martin, Port Bookkeeper.

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

Upon motion by Donald J. Vizier, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of June 12, 1995.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

President Doucet called upon Director Falgout to explain the request by AMBAR to an assignment of their lease. Director Falgout explained that AMBAR was requesting the Commission's consent to the assignment of their lease to SouthTrust Bank of Alabama. Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Donald J. Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby consent to the assignment of AMBAR's lease to SouthTrust Bank of Alabama on the terms set forth in the Assignment, pending attorney review and approval.

In connection with the request by Martin Terminal, President Doucet called upon Director Falgout for explanation. Director Falgout explained that Martin Terminal is requesting approval by the Commission to assign their leases to Hibernia Bank and in order to effectuate said assignment several documents need approval and execution. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the assignment by Martin Terminal, Inc. of their leases to Hibernia Bank, pending attorney review and approval.

President Doucet reported that the Committee had reviewed the proposed ordinance in connection with establishing a docking fee for vessels utilizing non-leased port facilities and recommends that option of same be delayed until such time as the Committee can further review. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby agree to delay the adoption of a proposed ordinance to establish a docking fee for vessels utilizing non-leased port facilities until a further review can be made.

**LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAY:**

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

CHEVRON USA  
CHEVRON USA (modify existing permit)

In connection with the proposed channel to the Houma Navigation Canal, Board Member Crosby reported the Corps had forwarded the bottom survey, which will be reviewed.

**CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:**

Chairman Bernard stated that a request had been received from Robbie Crosby to lease property at Port Fourchon. Director Falgout explained that Mr. Crosby has requested approximately 150' on Highway #3090 to a depth of 300' for the purpose of constructing a hardware store. This property is unimproved and will be leased for 10 cents per square foot. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing 150' X 300' on Highway #3090 to Robbie Crosby for the purpose of constructing a hardware store.

**FINANCE:**

Mr. Michael Bergeron of Bergeron & Associates presented the 1994 audit report to the Board for approval. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the 1994 audit report prepared by Bergeron & Associates.

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

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for June, 1995.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Stranco, Inc. in the amount of \$188,889.37.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Barriere Construction Co. in the amount of \$47,584.26.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Plaquemine Contracting Co. in the amount of \$19,393.91.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Folk Construction Co. in the amount of \$105,330.10. (retainage less liquidated damages).

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve purchase of the following:

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| 1. Two Chevrolet Automobiles                                       | \$ 34,781.56 |
| 2. Joint purchase of excavator<br>with South Lafourche Levee Dist. | \$150,000.00 |
| 3. Computer  | \$ 9,915.00  |
| 4. Work performed by Anchor<br>Drilling                            | \$ 12,423.50 |

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

In connection with the port projects, Director Falgout called upon the port engineers for their reports:

**BEACH STABILIZATION PROJECT:**

A. Dredging - Project Engineer Larry Picciola stated that the project was now complete.

B. Segmented Breakwaters - Director Falgout stated that Chevron had now committed to funding the placement and fill of the remaining barge. They will contribute \$80,000 - \$100,000 for beach restoration. Director Falgout stated it will cost approximately \$42,000 to place and fill the remaining barge. With the remaining funds, the existing barges in the middle of the project where failure has occurred will be repaired. Project Engineer Marco Picciola stated that he spoke to the contractor and they are moving and sinking the barge today, and will start adding the stones. He reminded the Commission that the placement of this barge and additional stone is an extension of the contract. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the fill and installation of the remaining barge and placement of stone therein to the extent of the funds received from Chevron; said work being an extension of the contract in connection with the Segmented Breakwaters project.

WAREHOUSE - Project Engineer John Plaisance stated that the notice to proceed was issued on April 24th. The contractor has filled in most of the site and has driven all pilings, and is in the proceed of cutting the pilings to correct lengths.

**MULTI-USE DOCK EXTENSION:**

PHASE 1 - Project Engineer Marco Picciola stated that the contractor is presently collecting material for construction, and work should start during the next two weeks.

PHASE II - Mr. Picciola stated that bids were opened on June 29th. After review of all bids, it is his recommendation that the project be awarded to Cajun Trucking, Inc., the low bidder. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby award the contract in connection with the "Multi-Use Dock Extension, Phase 2" project to Cajun Trucking, Inc.; said bid being in the amount of \$374,978.52.

In connection with the Golden Meadow-Fourchon International Tarpon Rodeo held last weekend at Port Fourchon, Director Falgout called upon Board Member Johnny Melancon (Chairman of the rodeo), who stated that the rodeo was a great success, and thanked the Commission for providing the public boat launch.

Director Falgout advised the Board that the proposed one-time supplemental pay to classified state employees has been implemented and should be approved by the Board. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the one time supplemental pay the Commission's classified employees.

Director Falgout stated that as Executive Director has assumed the position of hiring, firing and determining compensation for professional services; however, authorization has never been set by the Board. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Executive Director of the Commission to hire, fire and determine just compensation for professional services to the Commission.

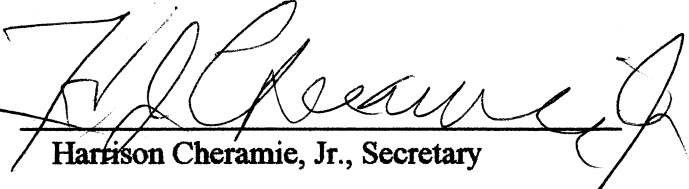
**OTHER BUSINESS:**

President Doucet further stressed the importance of LA 1 south of Golden Meadow and the Leeville bridge to the community and economy of the South Lafourche area.

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

ATTEST:

  
Tomey J. Doucet, President

  
Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary