

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 8, 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 Wednesday, November 8, 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, Larry Griffin

ABSENT: None

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

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

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of October 11, 1995.

EXECUTIVE:

President Doucet announced it was time to open bids for supplying reefshells, sand and/or other suitable materials for use at Port Fourchon. He then called for any other bids. There being none, he proceeded to open the bids and read as follows:

HARRIS DUFRENE ENTERPRISES:

River Sand	\$9.00/cubic yard
Coastal Sand	\$7.25/cubic yard
Reefshells	\$20.00/ cubic yard
Yellow Limestone (Ungraded)	\$17.00/ton
Yellow Limestone (610)	\$17.00/ton
Yellow Limestone (57)	\$17.00/ton
Grey Limestone (Ungraded)	\$20.00/ton
Grey Limestone (610)	\$20.00/ton
Grey Limestone (57)	\$20.50/ton
Mansize Rip Rap	\$25.00/ton
Regular Dirt	\$8.00/cubic yard
Top Soil	\$9.00/cubic yard

CAJUN TRUCKING, INC.:

River Sand	\$9.95/cubic yard
Coastal Sand	\$8.00/cubic yard
Reefshells	\$17.00/cubic yard
Grey Limestone (Ungraded)	\$16.95/ton
Grey Limestone (610)	\$16.95/ton
Grey Limestone (57)	\$17.25/ton
Mansize Rip Rap	\$23.00/ton*
*Barge Delivery-minimum/2 barges)	

Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Dudley Bernard, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the low bids in connection with the furnishing of reefshells, sand and/or other suitable approved material on an annual basis, as follows:

HARRIS DUFRENE ENTERPRISES:

1. River Sand	\$9.00/cubic yard
2. Coastal Sand	\$7.25/ cubic yard
3. Yellow Limestone (Ungraded)	\$17.00/ton
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5. Yellow Limestone (57)	\$17.00/ton
6. Mansize Rip Rap	\$25.00/ton
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In connection with the future dredging of Belle Pass, President Doucet reported that Louisiana Land & Exploration has agreed to allow placement of the dredged spoil on their property at Port Fourchon. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize President Doucet to execute a Spoil Easement and Servitude with Louisiana Land & Exploration Company in connection with the placement of dredged material at Port Fourchon.

President Doucet reported that a request for first right of refusal had been received from Gulf Star Oilfield Service in connection with Tracts A, B & C (bulkhead, warehouse and marshalling yard) off of N. Doucet Road for a period of six months for a consideration of \$5,000.00. The Committee has reviewed the request and recommends approval thereof. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon,

seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to execute a First Right of Refusal with Gulf Star Oilfield Services, Inc. for a six (6) month period for a consideration of \$5,000.00 in connection with Tracts A, B and C at Port Fourchon.

President Doucet reported that the Commission had been requested to pass a resolution in support of increasing the flow of fresh water down Bayou Lafourche. He called upon Director Falgout who stated that the Fresh Water District and Coastal Management initiated a project to add more fresh water down Bayou Lafourche through Donaldsonville through siphoning systems. It is projected that this would maintain fresh water in Bayou Lafourche. A lot of water would go through the Company Canal in Lockport and would effect the Intracoastal Canal which would prevent saltwater intrusion from the Houma Navigation Channel. There would be very little sediment occurring. The siphoning system would be operated when there is a differential between the river and Bayou Lafourche. When this project was proposed, it received interest from all the beneficiaries. However a group (mostly landowners who have built into what was the high bank of Bayou Lafourche) formed in opposition to this project. Therefore, all interested agencies and some outside interests met in support of a the project. It was decided that the Chamber of Commerce should keep the interested parties up to date. All agencies have been requested to pass a resolution in support thereof. Since the Port will definitely benefit, Director Falgout recommends the Commission adopting such a resolution. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby support increasing the flow of fresh water in Bayou Lafourche through Donaldsonville via a siphoning system project.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

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

Greater Lafourche Port Commission
Texaco, Inc.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that a request had been received from Deepwater Port Services, Inc. to sublease a small portion of their site to Martin Terminal. Martin has negotiated with Deepwater Port and they have come to an agreement. Upon motion by Vinton Crosby, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Deepwater Port Services, Inc. to sublease a portion of their site to Martin Terminal, Inc.

FINANCE:

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 October, 1995.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Stranco, Inc. in the amount of \$39,682.88.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Company in the amount of \$53,606.83.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of two harbor police units through state contract, which units are to be budgeted in 1996.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

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

WAREHOUSE FACILITY - John Plaisance reported that the contractor had poured the foundation, the column bases and most of the entrance ramps, and has begun to erect the building.

MULTI-USE DOCK EXTENSION - Marco Picciola reported that the contractor has completed 80% of the driving of the steel sheet piles, and has accomplished 44% of the work with 49% of time elapsed. Mr. Picciola stated that the project should be completed by late January-early February. The contractor has sub-contracted the earth work to Cajun Trucking, the low bidder of Phase II of this project. Mr. Picciola stated that Phase II should be started before Phase I is complete.

E-SLIP EXTENSION: - In the absence of Larry Picciola, Director Falgout stated that construction is scheduled to begin before the end of the month even though the contractor has had some financial problems. However, he did get his performance bond and the contracts are awaiting signature. Director Falgout stated that procedures have been taken to insure that all parties are paid and no liens filed against the project. He further stated that the project should be complete by late June/early July.

In connection with dredging, Director Falgout stated that we are still in the review period with our permit and he has meetings scheduled next week. In connection with the Water Resources Development Act, there is still speculation that Congress will address this in early 1996. In connection with the West Belle Pass Restoration project, they are trying to work out problems with oyster leases where the spoil is to be deposited and marsh created. DNR and the Corps are involved in this project.

Director Falgout reported that he will address the Fire District Board at its December 4th meeting concerning the lack of fire protection at the Port. Problems have arisen in the past, and there has been no response from the Fire District about resolving these problems. Director Falgout stated that he would like some of the board members to attend also.

Director Falgout reported that the Lafourche Parish Coastal Zone Management will be conducting a demonstration project by taking spoil dredged hydraulically from an existing oilfield canal and placing same in a semi-impounded area to create marsh. Texaco has donated \$25,000 and BTNEP has donated \$75,000. The Commission has donated the use of the excavator to build low retainer levees to hold the spoil. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to execute an agreement with the Lafourche Parish Council for the use of the excavator in connection with the demonstration project, wherein the Council will hold the Commission harmless in connection with the activity at the site.

OTHER BUSINESS:


President Doucet recognized Miki Mayon with the Ambulance District who addressed the Board and requested support of the renewal of their 3.10 mill property tax. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby support the ten (10) year 3.10 mill property tax renewal for acquiring, maintaining and operating hospital facilities (in particular the furnishing of ambulance service throughout the Tenth Ward of Lafourche Parish, pursuant to an Agreement with Ambulance Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana).

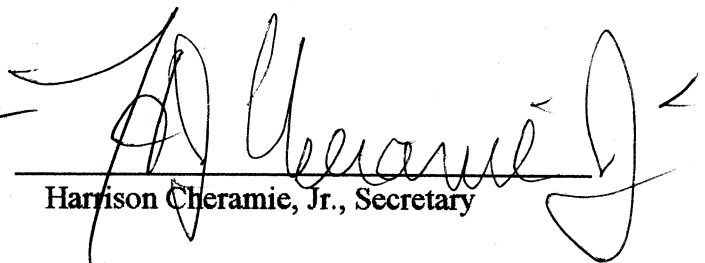
President Doucet then recognized Mr. Bobby Bergeron and Dr. Mike Robichaux, candidates for Senate, who addressed the Board.

Discussion was initiated in connection with the importance of our highways below the Town of Golden Meadow and the Leeville bridge.

There being no further business, upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


Tomey Doucet, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary