

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
APRIL 18, 1995

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port 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, April 18, 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,  
Tomey Doucet, Robert Champagne, Donald Vizier, Dudley  
Bernard, Larry Griffin

ABSENT: Johnny Melancon

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Davie Breaux, Asst. Director; George J. Ledet, Jr., Port Attorney; John J. Plaisance 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 led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Robert M. Champagne, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of March 14, 1995.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet announced it was time to advertise for summer employment. The Board will hire six college students, four from a drawing and two from the previous year.

President Doucet reported that Harris Cheramie of Port Fourchon Marina has requested to reduce the amount of property presently leased. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to negotiate with Mr. Cheramie in connection with reducing the amount of property under lease.

President Doucet presented the following ordinance for adoption. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Donald J. Vizier, and unanimously passed, the following ordinance was adopted:

## ORDINANCE NO. 60

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR COMMERCIAL USERS OF PUBLIC PORT FACILITIES TO UTILIZE OR OTHERWISE ENTER UPON SAID FACILITIES WITHOUT ISSUING A PROPER CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE OR WAIVER CONTRACT TO THE COMMISSION AND REQUIRING ALL PORT USERS TO REPORT ANY ACCIDENT OCCURRING AT PORT FACILITIES TO COMMISSION HARBOR POLICE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF SAID ACCIDENT.**

BE IT ORDAINED that the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission:

**SECTION 1.** It is hereby declared to be unlawful for commercial users to utilize or otherwise enter upon public port facilities without having issued an acceptable Certificate of Insurance to the Commission or executing a Waiver Contract with the Commission prior to entering upon or utilizing said facilities.

**SECTION 2.** An acceptable certificate of insurance shall be one that is on a form provided by the Commission and has all pertinent information and requirements completed and signed by an authorized representative of the users insurance carrier

**SECTION 3.** For commercial users having insufficient insurance or no insurance, at the sole discretion of the Commission, a Waiver Contract on a Commission Form may be accepted in lieu of insurance prior to entering upon port public facilities.

**SECTION 4.** For the purposes of this Ordinance, commercial user shall mean any person or company who is utilizing a public port facility for accommodation, business or financial gain, their employees, assigns, agents, and representatives associated with the activity at public port facility which include but not limited to welders, mechanics, delivery personnel, service personnel, visitors and anyone soliciting business on the premises.

**SECTION 5.** It shall be unlawful for any individual, corporation or other entity to fail to report an accident that has been caused or sustained or witnessed by said individual, corporation or other entity at or in relation to Port facilities, navigational aids, appurtenances, equipment, or any other Port improvement that is under the jurisdiction, administration or control of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

**SECTION 6.** For the purpose of this Ordinance, an accident is defined as any incident that results in personal injury, property damage, theft, vandalism or disturbance of navigational aids.

**SECTION 7.** Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred and No/100 (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both, in the discretion of the court having jurisdiction.

**SECTION 8.** 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.

President Doucet reported that B & V Marine Hardware has defaulted in its rental payment. The Committee has reviewed same and since proper notice has been given, it recommends cancelling the lease. Upon motion by Larry J. Griffin, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve cancelling the lease to B & V Marine Hardware, Inc.

**LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:**

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

Louisiana Land & Exploration Company  
RSI Group, Inc.

Board Member Crosby reported that the Coast Guard had issued notice of its intent to remove certain navigational aids in the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Committee objected to this removal and recommends that Director Falgout inform the Coast Guard of this objection. Upon motion by Vinton J. Crosby, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby object to the removal of navigational aids and does hereby authorize Director Falgout to inform the Coast Guard of this objection.

**CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:**

Chairman Bernard stated that a request had been received by Gulf Star Holdings to change their leases to Gulf Star Oilfield Services, Inc. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Gulf Star Holdings to change their leases to Gulf Star Oilfield Services, Inc.

**FINANCE:**

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

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

Upon motion by Donald J. Vizier, seconded by Rodney J. Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire in connection with the 1994 audit.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Falgout called upon the project engineers for reports in connection with the various projects pending.

#### **BEACH STABILIZATION:**

A. Dredging of Belle Pass - Mr. Larry Picciola reported that the project is complete except for the removal of scrap pipe and pipe rings along the beach, which Plaisance Dragline will do. Mr. Larry Picciola stated that the extent of liquidated damages is 159 days @ \$300.00 per day for a total of \$47,700.00. He also requested a certificate of substantial completion be approved so the lien period may begin. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald J. Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept as substantially complete the project entitled "Dredging of Belle Pass - 1993"; which completion includes 159 days of liquidated damages at a cost of \$300.00 per day for a total of \$47,700.00 in liquidated damages to be paid by Folk Construction.

In connection with beach stabilization, Director Falgout stated that the Commission has been trying to maintain access around the site. Problems have occurred with washouts when it rains. Culverts have been installed and the washouts have been reduced. There is now access to both the east and west sides of the beach.

In connection with the breakwaters, Director Falgout stated that the build up of sand behind the barges, seems to be causing rip tide currents between the barges. Commission personnel will install a sign at the entrance warning the public of this potential situation. Director Falgout also stated that warning lights will have to be placed on or in the vicinity of the barges. The Board discussed whether to install three-pile clusters or buoys. Director Falgout stated that the breakwaters are placed on navigational charts.

**WAREHOUSE** - Mr. Plaisance stated that the contracts with Stranco, Inc. have been signed. A pre-construction conference was held this morning. A notice to proceed will be issued soon.

**MULTI-USE DOCK EXTENSION** - Since Mr. Marco Picciola was not present, Director Falgout reported that the contract on Phase 1 has been recorded and a notice to proceed issued to the Contractor. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for April 26th. In connection with Phase 2, the final plans and specifications were submitted to EDA on March 31st for review.

In connection with the assumption of maintenance of Belle Pass by the Corps of Engineers,

Director Falgout reported that there is still no report on the potential impact of the harbor maintenance tax. He further stated that the Water Resources Development Act is still in Senate Committee.

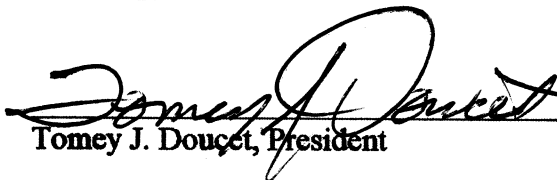
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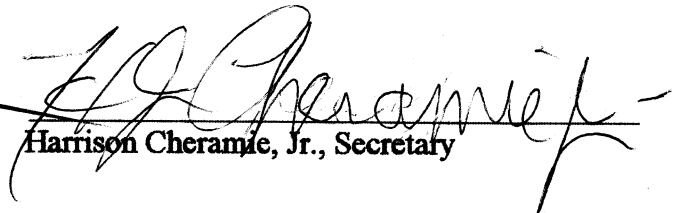
President Doucet recognized Mr. Vic Lafont with the South Louisiana Economic Council who addressed the Board in connection with the importance of the transportation system in Louisiana.

President Doucet also recognized Mr. Adrian Caillouet who stated that he is considering running for public office and he would be attending board meetings in the future.

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

ATTEST:

  
Tomey J. Doucet, President

  
Harrison Ceramic, Jr., Secretary