

Agenda

November 13, 1996

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes of October 9, 1996 Board Meeting
5. Committee Reports:
 - I. Executive:
 - A. Resolution requesting COE & State to build locks
 - B. Motion to give Executive Director Authority to hire and fire all Commission Employees
 - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - A. Letter of No Objection
 - C. Navigation Survey
 - III. Construction & Development:
 - A. N. Doucet Road Extension
 - B. Hereema Utility Bore
 - IV. Finance:
 - A. October Invoices
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Budget Revisions
6. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion
 - B. Multi Use Dock Extension
 - C. E-Slip Bulkhead - 60 days liquidated damages
 - D. Highway Improvements
 - E. Excavator
 - F. Handicapped Fishing Wharf
7. Any other business
8. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 13, 1996

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 13, 1996 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 prescribed 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 and Marco J. Picciola, Port Engineers; Loulan Pitre, Jr., Port Attorney; Gerald J. Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; and Louverda A. Duet, Port Secretary.

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

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of October 9, 1996.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Upon motion by Larry J. Griffin, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to request that the Corps of Engineers and the State of Louisiana construct locks in the Golden Meadow area.

Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby delegate to the Executive Director all powers to take action with respect to employees of the Commission, including but not limited to the right to appoint and terminate employees, and to take any and all actions of an appointing authority contemplating the Civil Service Rules of the State of Louisiana, subject to and as limited by applicable laws, rules and regulations.

E-SLIP BULKHEAD - Mr. Neal Angelette representing Larry J. Picciola, Inc. reported that the change order and certificate of substantial completion have been sent to the contractor; however, the contractor has not responded. He is requesting approval to send a certified letter to the contractor to address this problem. The engineer is recommending that 60 days at \$500 per day be applied to liquidated damages. The actual project went 120 days over the date of completion; however, the engineer feels that 60 days should be granted for material delays for the project. Port Attorney Pitre reminded the Board that we have a letter from the bond company stating that no further payments be made without their approval. Mr. Steve Authement of Sigma Industries addressed the Board in connection with the problems encountered as the sub-contractor on the project (and also completed the job). Director Falgout informed Mr. Authement that he should send a letter to that effect and also plead his case on why liquidated damages should not be assessed. He recommended to the Board that they not make a decision today in connection with the assessment of liquidated damages. Discussion followed.

Director Falgout reported that he is working with DOTD on the capital outlay funds appropriated for LA 1 improvements between Golden Meadow and Port Fourchon. He further reported that DOTD will do a 100' test site tomorrow using sand dredged from the slip. DOTD is working on the final specifications for excavation of the slip and will also bid out the project to haul the sand to site. DOTD is working on the necessary permits for placing rip rap material. Discussion followed.

Board Member Melancon inquired about the posts in Bayou Lafourche in Leeville. Director Falgout stated that this was a Wave Dampening Fence funded by the State administration through Coastal Zone Management to slow down the wave action in order to stop coastal erosion. Material will be placed behind the fence. Discussion followed.

Director Falgout informed the Board that the Commission has the excavator since November 1st; however, it was being repaired and will be ready to work this week. He stated that it will be working on repairing levees at the Port. He also stated that he is working with DOTD to do embankment stabilization using the same excavator that the Bayou Freshwater District owned, which now belongs to the Lafourche Basin Levee District. They also have a dragline on a spud barge to address the areas the excavator cannot reach. The Levee District will be paid through the capital outlay funds. Director Falgout stated that he gave a presentation to the Levee District about the work being done in this area. The necessary inter-agency agreements are being processed. Discussion followed.

Director Falgout further stated that Plaisance Dragline, the contractor on the handicapped fishing wharf, will commence work soon. The Commission received a 50% match from the State Coastal Management Section to finance this wharf, which will be a great asset to the Port. Discussion followed.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

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

Marshland Enterprises, Inc.
BP Oil Pipeline Company
Mr. C. J. Hebert
Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.
Mr. Donald J. Vizier
Exxon Company, USA

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard reported that the extension to N. Doucet Road and the HEEREMA Utility Bore have been completed.

FINANCE:

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. And unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for October, 1996.

Chairman Vizier stated that the Committee has reviewed the budget revisions for 1996 and recommends approval. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the budget revisions for 1996.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Commencing his report, Director Falgout called upon the project engineers for reports on the ongoing projects at Port Fourchon:

E-SLIP EXPANSION - Mr. John Plaisance reported that the paperwork had been processed and the contractor is in the 45 day period allowed to gather his materials. A pre-construction conference has been scheduled for November 19th.

MULTI-USE DOCK EXTENSION - Mr. Marco Picciola stated he spoke to DOTD ten days ago and was told that the paperwork is being finalized on the Plaisance Dragline project. It should be completed within the next week at which time the retainage can be paid.

Director Falgout stated that CHEVRON will contribute up to \$50,000 in connection with the design study on the Fourchon Bridge and ask Asst. Director Breaux to further explain. Mr. Breaux stated that CHEVRON will donate the funds to do an engineering study with four different weight designs on the bridge. Badeaux & Associates will perform the study.

In connection with the navigational survey about problems between oilfield and fishing vessels at the Port, Director Falgout stated that 69 responses had been received and the Harbor Police is still acquiring responses. Director Falgout commended the Harbor Police for their efforts.

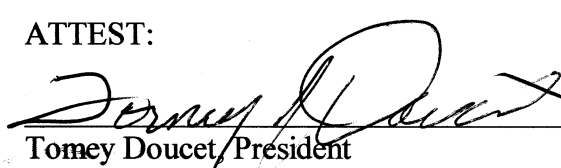
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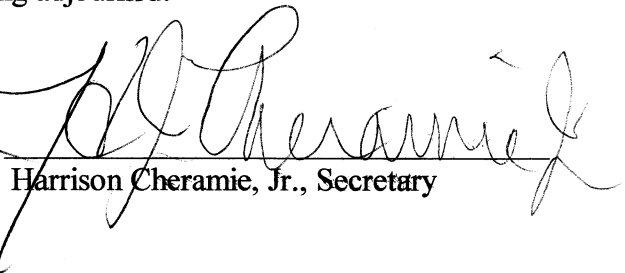
President Doucet asked Chief Guidry about abandoned vessels. Chief Guidry reported that they are working on four cases at this time.

President Doucet stated that he felt that major bayou clean up should be done on an annual basis instead of waiting for a build up of abandoned wharves, etc. Discussion followed.

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

ATTEST:


Tomey Doucet, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary