

Agenda

December 11, 1996

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes of November 13, 1996 Board Meeting
5. Committee Reports:
 - I. Executive:
 - A. Authorize Executive Director to negotiate liquidated damages in connection with E-Slip Bulkhead job.
 - B. LOOP Surface Lease Amendment
 - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - A. Letter of No Objection
 - III. Construction & Development:
 - IV. Finance:
 - A. October Invoices
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Approval of 1997 Budget
6. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion
 - B. Multi Use Dock Extension
 - C. E-Slip Bulkhead
 - D. Highway Improvements
 - E. West Belle Pass
 - F. Deep Draft Berthing Facility
7. Any other business
8. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

DECEMBER 11, 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, December 11, 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, Marco J. Picciola and Larry J. Picciola, Port Engineers; Loulan Pitre, Jr., Port Attorney; Gerald Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; and Louverda Duet, Port Secretary.

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

Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Vinton Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of November 13, 1996.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to negotiate liquidated damages in connection with the E-Slip bulkhead project.

President Doucet informed the Board that Director Falgout has renegotiated the LOOP lease. After reviewing the renegotiated terms, the Executive Committee recommends approving same. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve amending the LOOP lease to include a 2% escalation in rentals for the next ten years and giving LOOP the right to sub-lease with Board approval.

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:

Lafourche Parish Council
Chevron USA, Inc.
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CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that the members had received the Assistant Director's report.

FINANCE:

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the following budgets for the year 1997 to serve as the budgets for said Commission, for the same period: GENERAL FUND BUDGET, CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET and DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET. Chairman Vizier stated that the General Fund budget provides for a 4% salary increase for all Commission employees.

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

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve financial report for November, 1996.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

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

E-SLIP EXPANSION - Mr. John Plaisance stated that the contractor was issued notice to proceed for November 28, 1996. The steel sheet piles are presently being painted and the contractor is expected to be working on the site in early January, 1997.

MULTI-USE DOCK EXTENSION - Mr. Marco Picciola stated that he is still awaiting for final approval from DOTD in connection with PHASE I of the project. Mr. Picciola stated he spoke with Tanna Doucet of DOTD and she advised that the Testing Department had not submitted its final report and was backed up with several projects. In view of this situation, Mr. Picciola recommended that the Commission pay the Ports share of the retainage (\$5,833.70) to the contractor. Director Falgout

stated that the Commission had experienced problems with all port priority projects in getting the final payments. Therefore, he concurs in the engineer's recommendation. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the recommendation by Marco Picciola to pay Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co., Inc. the Port's share of the retainage (\$5,833.70) in connection with Phase I of the Multi-Use Dock Extension Project.

E-SLIP BULKHEAD - Mr. Larry Picciola stated that he has been speaking to the agent for the bond company to finalize this matter. He wrote a letter to Team Services to execute the substantial completion and change order; however, the letter was returned by the post office. Therefore, he recommends that Team Services be given until Friday to finalize this matter, then place them in default and proceed with the bond company so that the sub-contractors can be paid. Mr. Pitre, the port attorney, reminded the Board and the engineer that the bond company requested that no payments be made without their approval. There was discussion in connection with unknown sub-contractors; however, Mr. Authement with Sigma Industries stated that he felt all sub-contractors had come forward. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby grant Team Services, Inc. until Friday to finalize the E-Slip Bulkhead project, and if not finalized, they will be placed in default Monday and the Commission will proceed with the bond company to finalize and pay all sub-contractors.

In connection with the highway improvements on LA 1 from Fourchon to Leeville, Director Falgout reported that DOTD indicated it would take approximately ten months to complete. Final approval of the permit is forthcoming and the engineering work is progressing. Therefore, DOTD hopes to award the bid in February. Director Falgout stated that the Commission was hoping to use sand to widen the embankment; however, DOTD suggested using clay. Discussion followed.

In connection with the West Belle Pass project, Director Falgout stated he spoke to the Governor's office this morning and he and Port Attorney Pitre will meet with these representatives Friday in connection with the oyster leases in the area. In late summer of 1997, dredging and placement of rip rap along 17,000' of shoreline on the west side of Belle Pass will commence.

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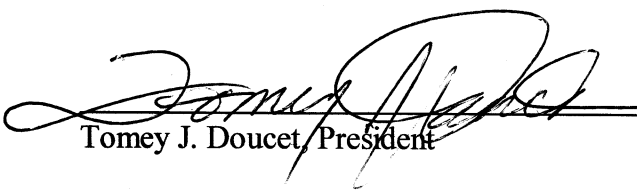
In connection with the deep draft berthing facility, Director Falgout reported that project engineer, Larry Picciola, submitted the revised preliminary plans to DOTD; however, the funds cannot be administered until after the legislative session when the Governor signs the capital outlay bill (in late May or early June). At that time, the Commission will be in a position to commence the project.

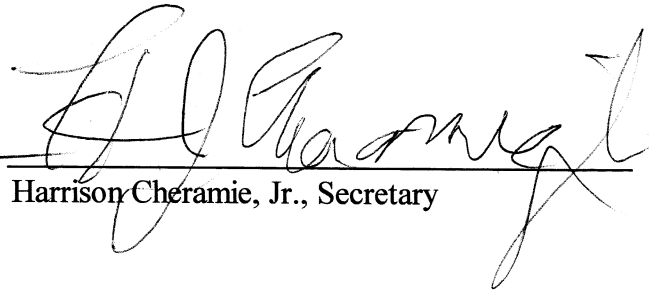
OTHER BUSINESS:

President Doucet introduced Mr. Charlie Fortier and Capt. Ronnie Woodruff with Tidewater Marine who informed the Board they have experienced three groundings of their vessels in the area south of day marker #8 in Belle Pass. They went on to further explain what occurred. After discussion, the Board decided to conduct a study of the area to see what is causing this problem.

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

ATTEST:


Tomey J. Doucet, President


Harrison Chéramie, Jr., Secretary