

# Agenda

February 12, 1997

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance

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4. Approval of minutes of January 15, 1997 Board Meeting
5. Committee Reports:
  - I. Executive:
    - A. Open bids for surplus equipment
    - B. Open bids for reefshells, etc.
    - C. Authorize Executive Director to execute all documents concerning State Projects No. 737-29-0100 and No. 737-29-0101
    - D. Trash along LA 1 south of Leeville
    - E. Select architect for Fourchon Operations and Maintenance Building
  - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
    - A. Letter of No Objection
    - B. Installation of Hazzard Buoys
  - III. Construction & Development:
    - A. D & C request to terminate tracts A, B & C and C-Ports request to lease Tracts
    - B. C-Port, LLC request to lease Tract C
    - C. Martin request to lease remaining ½ of slip vacated by Newpark
  - IV. Finance:
    - A. January Invoices
    - B. Financial Report
    - D. Adopt System's Survey & Compliance Questionnaire in connection with 1996 Audit
6. Executive Director's Report
  - A. E-Slip Expansion
  - B. Highway Improvements
  - C. West Belle Pass
  - D. Deep Draft Berthing Facility
  - E. Flotation Canal Levee Repairs
  - F. Application for hard surfacing road
7. Any other business
8. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 12, 1997

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, February 12, 1997 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 J. Terrebonne, Vinton Crosby, Johnny Melancon, Tomey Doucet, Robert Champagne, Dudley Bernard and Larry Griffin

ABSENT: Donald Vizier

Also present were Ted Falgout, Executive Director; Davie Breaux, Asst. Director; Andre Uzee (J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc.), Neal Angelette (Larry J. Picciola, Inc.), Port Engineers; Gerald Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; Louverda Duet, Port Secretary; and Susan Martin, Port Accountant. Port Attorney Loulan Pitre, Jr. entered after the meeting had commenced.

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 January 15, 1997.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet announced it was time to open bids in connection with the sale of Commission surplus equipment. He then called for any other bids. There being none he proceeded to open the bids and read as follows:

1985 OLDSMOBILE	Judy Richoux	\$250.00
	Golden Motors	\$505.00
	Brewer Wholesale	\$575.00
1992 DODGE RAMCHARGER	Samuel Terrebonne	\$250.00
	Golden Motors	\$1,210.00
	Brewer Wholesale	\$1,775.00
1986 FORD PICKUP	Golden Motors	\$125.00
	Brewer Wholesale	\$175.00
140 HP JOHNSON ENGINE	Elmo Crochet, Sr.	\$230.00
100 HP MARINER ENGINE	Adrian Danos	\$327.00

1025 XEROX COPIER	Donna Diamond	\$102.50
DFI COMPUTER	Kenneth Chabert	\$75.00
	Robert Duet	\$100.00
	Dwayne Griffin	\$501.50
	Laurie Comeaux	\$1,001.51
	Donna Diamond	\$50.00
	Alan Matherne Co.	\$150.00
ACER COMPUTER	Dwayne Griffin	\$200.00
	Laurie Comeaux	\$301.51
	Donna Diamond	\$55.00

Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the high bids for each individual item.

President Doucet announced it was time to open the bids in connection with the supplying of reefshells, etc. on an annual basis. He then called for any other bids. There being none, he proceeded to open the bids and read as follows:

CAJUN TRUCKING, INC.	River Sand	\$9.74 cu. yd.
	Coastal Sand	\$7.45 cu. yd.
	Reefshells	\$17.68 cu. yd.
	Gray Limestone (Ungraded)	\$17.74 ton
	Gray Limestone (610 Gradation)	\$17.74 ton
	Gray Limestone (57 Gradation)	\$18.49 ton
	Rip Rap	\$26.00 ton

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the bid by Cajun Trucking, Inc. in connection with supplying reefshells and other suitable approved material to the Commission on an annual basis.

Upon motion by Larry J. Griffin, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Ted Falgout, Executive Director, to execute any and all documents in connection with the following projects:

STATE PROJECT NO. 737-29-0100 (LA HWY. 1 AND HWY. 308 Embankment Stabilization from Lockport to Golden Meadow Floodgate, Engineering, Right-of-Way, Utilities and Construction); and

STATE PROJECT NO. 737-29-0101 (LA HWY. 1 Emergency Embankment Stabilization south of Golden Meadow, Engineering, Right-of-Way, Utilities and Construction)

Director Falgout explained that these agreements will allow the Commission to expend the funds appropriated by the Legislature in connection with these projects. Port Attorney Pitre also requested that the Commission authorize him to request opinions from the Attorney General regarding the powers of the Commission and the Lafourche Basin Levee District in connection with these projects.

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Loulan Pitre, Jr., Port Attorney, to request opinions from the Attorney General regarding the powers of the Commission and the Lafourche Basin Levee District in connection with State Project No. 737-29-0100 and State Project No. 737-29-0101.

President Doucet stated that the Committee discussed initiating a one-time trash pickup along LA 1 particularly in the Leeville area where trash has accumulated from the last tropical storm. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to initiate a one-time trash pick up along LA 1.

In connection with the Port Fourchon building, President Doucet stated that the Committee recommends hiring the firm of Cheramie & Whitney Architects to draw up the plans. The estimated fee will be \$38,900.00. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the employment of Cheramie & Whitney Architects in connection with the Port Fourchon Operations & Maintenance Building at an estimated fee of \$38,900.00.

#### LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

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

Marshland Enterprises, Inc.  
Chevron USA  
Lafourche Parish Council, CZM  
Chevron USA  
Mr. Paul Autin  
Mr. Sidney Triche

Chairman Champagne reported that the hazard buoy had been installed in Belle Pass marking a rock obstruction outside of the channel.

#### CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard reported that four requests had been received and requested that Director Falgout explain. Director Falgout explained that Danos & Curole had requested to relinquish their lease and C-Port had requested to take over that property. He also reported that C-Port has requested to lease additional property adjacent to their current lease. He further stated Martin Terminal has requested

to lease the portion of the slip presently under lease to Gulf Star Oilfield Services.

Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Danos & Curole Marine Contractors, Inc. to relinquish the lease covering Tracts A, B and C along N. Doucet Road. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing Tracts E, D and F ( formerly A, B, and C) along N. Doucet Road to C-Port, L.L.C. on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease.

Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing Tract C (adjacent to Tract B) along N. Doucet Road to C-Port, L.L.C. on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease.

Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing the remaining half of Slip #1 on Bayou Lafourche to Martin Terminal, Inc. on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease; said slip to be relinquished by Gulf Star Oilfield Services, Inc.

#### FINANCE:

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Vinton Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of all invoices received the following month.

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Vinton Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for January, 1997.

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire in connection with the 1996 annual audit.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In connection with the various ongoing projects, Director Falgout called for engineering reports as follows:

E-SLIP EXPANSION - The contractor is continuing to remove material in preparation for constructing bulkhead. Andre Uzee with J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. reported that the bad weather had caused a delay in painting the sheet piles; however, that has been accomplished and they are to start driving Monday.

In connection with highway improvements, Director Falgout reported that the permit for embankment work is still on public notice. National Marine Fisheries wanted more information and Director Falgout provided same. They are presently discussing mitigation concerns with DNR; however, they hope to have the permits in hand in the next few days at which time construction can commence south of the floodgates.

In connection with the West Belle Pass project Director Falgout stated that they had met with COE and DNR on numerous occasions to redefine the limits of the project so as to deal with only those oyster leases directly impacted. Hopefully this month, the oyster leases can be acquired.

In connection with the deep draft berthing facility, a plan review and site visit was conducted with DOTD. They have agreed to include the project in this year's funding; therefore, it will not be necessary to compete with other projects. The grant will be for \$1,164,500 which is a 90%/10% match for construction costs with the Commission funding the engineering cost. Work is scheduled to commence in the fall of 1997 with completion in the summer of 1998. Board Member Cheramie inquired about the project and Director Falgout explained that the project consists of 300' of bulkhead in the E-Slip and dredging. The project was relocated from the multi-use dock to the E-Slip when that site was leased to C-Port.

Continuing, Director Falgout reported that the repairs had been made to the breach in the Flotation Canal Levee. It took longer than the contractor anticipated; however, since there was an agreed price of under \$10,000, the contractor did not charge the extra time.

Director Falgout reported that application has been submitted for hard surfacing the roads at Port Fourchon through the Department of Economic Development. The \$1.6 grant (which is a 50/50 match) will be to hardsurface all aggregate roads and overlay the existing asphalt roads. Board Member Cheramie inquired whether or not this included the road across the bridge. Director Falgout stated that it did not since a grant request had been submitted for that road as well as a request for additional funds to improve or construct a new bridge. The estimate for a new bridge is \$800,000 and Chevron is interest in participating. Discussion followed in connection with types of bridges.

Director Falgout reported that he and Windell Curole with the Levee District had drafted a letter in connection with the Bayou Lafourche Siphoning Project stating that they support gathering the facts about the project. At this time, it is too early to make a decision on whether or not to support the project itself. Director Falgout inquired whether the Commission would support such an effort. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby support gathering facts in connection with the Bayou Lafourche Siphoning Project.

President Doucet requested a report on the La 1 Coalition. Director Falgout stated that the Coalition which was formed as a result of the Commission's effort to seek improvements to the highway system from Highway 90 to Port Fourchon and Grand Isle, is in the process of preparing to file the necessary documentation to be included in the ISTEA legislation coming up. The deadline is February 25<sup>th</sup>. Congressman Tauzin will spearhead our efforts in Washington. Discussion followed.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

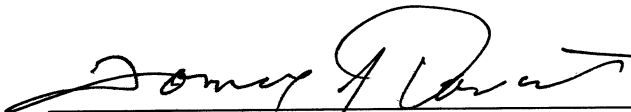
Board Member Melancon inquired about the handicapped fishing wharf. Asst. Director Breaux stated that the construction is almost complete with the concrete ramp to be poured soon.

President Doucet recognized Mr. Roger White with C-Port who presented the Commission with a framed drawing of their proposed facility at Port Fourchon.

Chief Guidry requested that President Doucet recognize the fishermen present in the audience. Mr. Tim Alario addressed the Board in connection with the problem of right of passage of vessels. Discussion followed and President Doucet informed the fishermen that the pass near the jetty system will not be closed to fishing as long as all vessels comply with steering rules and regulations. A copy of the regulations was given to the fishermen.

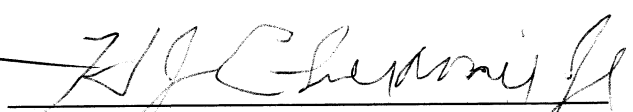
There being no further business, upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



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Tomey J. Doucet, President



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Harrison J. Cheramie, Jr., Secretary