

Agenda

March 12, 1997

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes of February 12, 1997 Board Meeting
5. Committee Reports:
 - I. Executive:
 - A. Authorize Executive Director to execute DNR Agreement in connection with Fourchon Beach Access Road
 - B. Resolution approving general terms of settlement of litigation with Caillouet Land Corporation subject to approval of final documents
 - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - A. Letter of No Objection
 - III. Construction & Development:
 - A. A & W Contractors
 - B. Poopdeck, Inc.
 - IV. Finance:
 - A. Approval of February Invoices
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Approve 1996 Financial Report
6. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion
 - B. Multi Use Dock Extension
 - C. Highway Improvements
 - D. West Belle Pass
 - E. Deep Draft Berthing Facility
 - F. Port Operations Center and Warehouse
 - G. Fourchon bridge report
7. Any other business
 - A. Mike Callais - Lagniappe Motors
Re: Purchasing Locally
8. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

MARCH 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, March 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 Board Member Terrebonne call the roll.

PRESENT: Rodney Terrebonne, Vinton Crosby, Johnny Melancon, Tomey Doucet, Robert Champagne, Dudley Bernard and Larry Griffin

ABSENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and Donald Vizier

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; John Plaisance, Marco Picciola and Larry J. Picciola, Port Engineers; Louverda Duet, Port Secretary; and Susan Martin, Port Accountant.

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 February 12, 1997.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize and empower Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director, to execute an agreement between the Greater Lafourche Port Commission and the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Louisiana for services in connection with DNR Cooperative Agreement 435CM-97-17 (Fourchon Beach Access Road) in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the general terms of settlement in connection with the Caillouet Land Corporation litigation, subject to approval of final documents by the Port Attorney.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

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

Chevron USA (Revised Permit)
Lafourche Parish Water District #1
Foreman Petroleum Company

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that requests had been received from A & W Construction and Poopdeck, Inc. to lease property and asked Director Falgout to further explain. Director Falgout stated that A & W Contractors had requested property on the Flotation Canal between Lafarge and Orgeron Properties for the purpose of constructing housing quarters to house personnel to be used for sandblasting operations at the Port. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing a site on the Flotation Canal to A & W Contractors on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease.

Director Falgout further explained that Poopdeck, Inc. had requested to lease property on Hwy. 3090 for the purpose of opening a restaurant and lounge. After review, the Committee recommends leasing property to open a restaurant but the Commission will not allow a separate lounge. The owners were advised of the Board's decision. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing property along Hwy. 3090 to Poopdeck, Inc. on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease, for the purpose of opening a restaurant.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, 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 Johnny Melancon, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for February, 1997.

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for the year ending December 31, 1996.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

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

E-SLIP EXPANSION - Mr. John Plaisance reported that the notice to proceed was issued for November 28, 1996 and the contractor is on site driving sheet piles. He also requested approval for payment of the invoice to the contractor. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from River/Road Construction in the amount of \$393,287.08.

MULTI-USE DOCK EXTENSION - Mr. Marco Picciola reported that after numerous calls, DOTD has made a final review of the project and has turned it over for final processing. He also requested payment of the retainage to the contractor. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the retainage in the amount of \$57,413.45 to Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co., Inc.

DEEP DRAFT BERTHING FACILITY - Mr. Larry Picciola reported that plans were being put together to get the project started once approval is given by the legislature. Director Falgout reported that the project is subject to the legislature approving the port priority program at the next session to appropriate monies into the capital outlay program.

In connection with highway improvements, Director Falgout reported that the project is gradually taking shape; however, DOTD has not yet obtained the final permit approval. Some drawings were inadvertently left out; however a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow in Baton Rouge to iron out these problems. Board Member Griffin asked if the Leeville bridge was included in this project. Director Falgout stated that funds in the amount of \$900,000 had been appropriated to refurbish the electrical equipment on the bridge.

Director Falgout also reported that there is a possibility that Ronald Adams Contractors (the contractors for the embankment project) is interested in utilizing some materials (sand) in the E-Slip. He is in the process of getting the material tested. If it meets DOTD requirements, the material can then be barged to the project site rather than trucked, which will be of tremendous assistance since they will not have heavy trucks on the road. An estimated 600,000 cubic yards of material will be needed.

In connection with the LA 1 Coalition, Roy Francis reported to the Board that a brochure had been put together and a delegation was going to Washington to testify in connection with highways. Discussion followed. Director Falgout informed the Board that while they were in Washington, they would interview two government relations firms for the purpose of hiring one to pursue this cause in Washington.

In connection with the West Belle Pass project, Director Falgout reported that this project is now rapidly moving along since the Commission had acquired the oyster leases in the area. The state is now trying to move the project so that a contractor can be on site as early as September. Director Falgout reported that for an additional \$1,000,000 the entire channel as approved by Congress at 26' depth could be attained. Even though the project is a coastal restoration project, the material to do coastal restoration will be taken from the channel, which will improve navigation. Congressional authorization of the navigation project is estimated to be about \$5,700,000. The coastal restoration project will dredge all but about \$1,000,000 of those dollars. Therefore for an additional \$1,000,000 Congress can get a fully authorized navigation project. We will be discussing this with out congressional delegation.

In connection with the Port Operations Center and Warehouse, Edmond Cheramie, architect, reported that he is waiting for a soil report. The warehouse has been designed and he plans to request approval to go out on bid in order that the contract may be awarded at the May meeting. He also introduced Daniel Bruce, Jr., who will be working with him on the project.

In connection with the refurbishing of the Fourchon bridge, Director Falgout reported that an engineering study had been performed by Badeaux & Associates. Chevron needs the bridge to have the ability to carry 18-wheeler loads. The estimate to repair the bridge is approximately \$757,400, of which Chevron had committed itself to about half that amount; therefore, Director Falgout reported that he is investigating the possibility of using the Department of Economic Development to secure a 50% grant. In addition to creating jobs, an added benefit would be an improved beach access road.

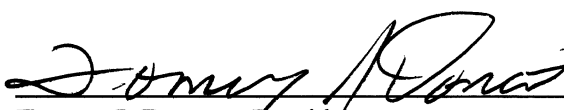
Director Falgout stated that at 2:00 PM this afternoon, the Handicapped Fishing Wharf will be dedicated.

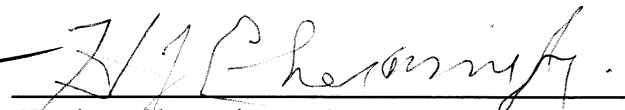
OTHER BUSINESS:

President Doucet introduced Mr. Mike Callais with Lagniappe Motors, who addressed the Board in connection with providing local dealers the opportunity to bid on vehicles, etc. Director Falgout explained the bidding process to Mr. Callais. Discussion followed.

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

ATTEST:


Tomey J. Doucet, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary