

# Agenda

June 11, 1997

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

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4. Approval of minutes of May 14, 1997 Board Meeting
5. Committee Reports:
  - I. Executive:
    - A. Introduce summer employees
    - B. Award Highway Improvements Contract
    - C. Award Warehouse Contract
    - D. Port Cancer Policy Upgrade
  - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
    - A. Letter of No Objection
    - B. Jet Ski usage in bayou
  - III. Construction & Development:
    - A. Request to lease - Aker Marine Contractor, Inc.
    - B. Request to lease - Francis Drilling Fluids
    - C. Request to lease - Bollinger Fourchon, LLC
    - D. Request to lease - Orgeron Properties, LLC (additional 200')
  - IV. Finance:
    - A. Approval of May Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:
      1. River Road Construction - \$160,269.48
    - B. Financial Report
    - C. Accept 1996 Annual Audit
2. Executive Director's Report
  - A. E-Slip Expansion
  - B. Highway Improvements
  - C. West Belle Pass
  - D. Deep Draft Berthing Facility
  - E. Personnel
3. Any other business
3. Adjournment

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

JUNE 11, 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, June 11, 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.

In the absence of the President, Vice President Bernard called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Rodney Terrebonne, Vinton Crosby, Johnny Melancon, Dudley Bernard, Donald Vizier and Larry Griffin

ABSENT: Tomey Doucet and Robert Champagne

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Davie Breaux, Asst. Director; John Plaisance, Marco Picciola II and Larry Picciola, Port Engineers; Loulan Pitre, Jr., Port Attorney; Gerald Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; Louverda Duet, Port Secretary; and Susan Martin, Port Bookkeeper.

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

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the minutes of the May 14, 1997 meeting were approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Commencing, Vice President Bernard called upon the college students who were selected to work this summer to introduce themselves.

In connection with the highway stabilization project, Vice President Bernard stated that bids had been received and reviewed and asked that Director Falgout explain. Director Falgout stated that the low bid was from Ronald Adams Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$1,665,918 which was about \$165,000 over the \$1,500,000 allocated. He stated that since the bid opening on June 20<sup>th</sup>, with the assistance of our legislative delegation, we were able to get the additional \$165,918 approved by the Joint Budget Committee, which funds are to be taken out of interest earnings from the capital outlay bonds. The Commission was required to send a letter of commitment to DOTD because the contract could not be awarded until they had full funding. The letter stated that the Commission would put up the \$165,000, but if other funds came forward (such as this) the Commission would not have to put up the money, or if the project was reduced, the Commission would not have to put up the money. Therefore, the contract can be awarded so that he can commence work in early July. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the low bid in the amount of \$1,665,918.00 by Ronald Adams Contractor, Inc. and does hereby award the contract to the said Ronald Adams Contractor, Inc. in

connection with STATE PROJECT NO. 773-29-0101 LA. 1 EMERGENCY EMBANKMENT STABILIZATION SOUTH OF GOLDEN MEADOW, PHASE I (CLAY EMBANKMENT) LAFOURCHE PARISH.

In connection with the construction of the Commission warehouse at Port Fourchon, Vice President Bernard stated that bids had been received and reviewed, and the Committee recommends accepting the low bid by Picciola & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$183,775. Director Falgout explained that \$150,000 was budgeted for this project. Eight bids were received ranging from \$183,775 to \$348,000. The architect, Edmond Cheramie, explained that the specs included a sewer treatment plant and electric routing for a generator (to serve both the warehouse and future office building when necessary), which was not taken into account when funds were budgeted. He stated that with acceptance of the contract, the paperwork can be started with the contractor to commence work around the beginning of July to allow Commission personnel to clean up the site. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Vinton Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the low bid in the amount of \$183,775 by Picciola & Associates, Inc. and does hereby award the contract to the said Picciola & Associates, Inc. in the connection with the Operations and Maintenance Building project.

Board Member Johnny Melancon entered the meeting.

Vice President Bernard called upon Director Falgout to explain the upgrading of the Commission employee cancer policy. Director Falgout stated that the last time the policy was updated was in 1993. He further stated that the total cost of the upgrade will be \$235. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the upgrade of the Commission cancer policy for its employees.

#### LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

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

BP Oil Pipeline Company  
Chevron  
Louisiana Power & Light

Board Member Griffin stated that the Commission had received numerous calls in connection with the jet skis and wave runners causing a wake in the no wake zone of Bayou Lafourche. He explained that when they are just going up and down there is no problem; however, when they start "hotdogging" it becomes dangerous to other vessels and the embankment. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Harbor Police enforce the no wake ordinance. Director Falgout stated that when these vessels operate in such a fashion, it creates a damaging wake. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Harbor Police to enforce the no wake ordinance in Bayou Lafourche.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Board Member Terrebonne stated that numerous requests for property at Port Fourchon had been received and he asked Director Falgout to explain.

Director Falgout stated that Aker Marine had requested to lease approximately 450' on the second leg of the E-Slip. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing a 450' tract of land on the second leg of the E-Slip to Aker Marine Contractor, Inc. on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease.

Director Falgout then stated that Francis Drilling Fluids was interested in leasing a 470' tract on the second leg of the E-Slip. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing a 450' tract of land on the second leg of the E-Slip to Francis Drilling Fluids, on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease.

Continuing, Director Falgout stated that Bollinger was interested in a tract on Doucet Road for expansion. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing 13,230 sq. ft. on N. Doucet Road to Bollinger Fourchon, Inc. on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease.

Director Falgout stated that Orgeron Properties was interested in extending their original lease by 200' on the Flotation Canal. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing an additional 200' on the Flotation Canal to Orgeron Properties, on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease.

Director Falgout stated that Louisiana Machinery was interested in a 200' tract on La 3090 to establish a machine shop. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing a 200' tract on LA 3090 on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease.

Board Member Cheramie inquired about how much property was left to lease. Director Falgout stated that approximately 90% of new development are either leased or under first rights to lease. It is anticipated that the second leg of the E-Slip will be dredged by November. The final phase of the slip was not slated for dredging until the year 2005, if ever. However, now with the interest in property at the Port, permitting will commence immediately.

## FINANCE:

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the audit for the year ending December 31, 1996.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of all invoices received the previous month, including the invoice form River/Road Construction in the amount of \$160,269.48

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for May, 1997.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In connection with the E-Slip Expansion, Director Falgout called upon project engineer John Plaisance, who stated that the contractor had finished driving sheet piles and the timber piles for the deadman. He is now pouring the concrete deadman and welding the waler onto the steel sheet piles. Director Falgout inquired when the dredging aspect of the project should be ready for bid. Mr. Plaisance stated that bids can be taken in late August and the contract awarded in September.

In connection with the highway improvement project Director Falgout called upon Roy Francis with the La 1 Coalition, who gave an update to the Board. Mr. Francis stated that a governmental relations firm from Washington was hired to identify funding sources. He has received their first preliminary report. Mr. Francis also stated that Congressman John Cooksey, who sits on the Transportation Committee, came down to look at the area. He and others also met with Senator Mary Landrieu and Secretary Denton of DOTD, who gave their full support to the proposed projects. Mr. Francis further explained the projects in connection with completing the four-lane highway.

In connection with the West Belle Pass project, Director Falgout stated that the Corps Of Engineer's target date to have the dredge there is December 1<sup>st</sup>. They are working on land right agreements with LL&E, who may donate the land to the state; however, Corps Of Engineers has assured Director Falgout that this will not delay the project.

Director Falgout called upon project engineer Larry Picciola for a report on the Deep Draft Berthing. Mr. Picciola stated that the plans and specifications were complete and a meeting is scheduled with Director Falgout and Asst. Director Breaux for final review before submitting to DOTD.

In connection with the recent Baroid fire, Director Falgout stated that a great deal was learned about shortcomings in connection therewith and about things that were handled correctly. There is a need to improve the firefighting capabilities at Port Fourchon. A meeting was held of everyone involved to identify the strengths and weaknesses and what can be done to improve. Director Falgout stated that Chief Guidry will have a report at the next meeting. Chief Guidry stated that one of the outcomes of the meeting was that the companies at the Port will form a coalition to better handle catastrophes at the Port in the future. Board Member Melancon inquired about the fire unit at the

Port. Larry Raymond of the Fire District stated that the truck had malfunctioned. Discussion followed.

Director Falgout stated that everyone is aware of the water problem at Port Fourchon, particularly when the oilfield is active, such as it is now. The Water District is unable to provide the quantity of water the Port utilizes, which is approximately 50 million gallons per month. With the nearest plant being 60 miles from the largest consumer, it would be a nightmare trying to design a system to bring enough water to the Port. Therefore, Director Falgout stated that he has looked into a reverse osmosis system, which pulls out impurities and salt and produces clean fresh water. The first step is to dig a test well to find out if this system is feasible. The cost of the well is \$30,000. If it is not feasible, it would cost an additional \$9,000 to abandon the well. If feasible, then you move to the next phase, which is testing the well to identify the proper amount of sand (\$50,000 cost). A pump is installed to test the water to determine if it is worthwhile going to the final stage, which is a production well. The total cost at that point would be \$100,000. Then the reverse osmosis system can be installed, which would cost approximately \$500,000 and could provide over \$400,000 gallons of clean water per day. Director Falgout stated he would like to present a proposal to the Water District to share in the cost of Phase 1 through production. If clean water is produced for sale, then the Commission's cost would be reimbursed. Discussion followed about the location of the test well. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to participate with the Water District in sharing the cost to install a water plan at Port Fourchon.

Concluding his report, Director Falgout stated that at the last meeting a problem between a Lessee and a Commission employee was brought up. He and the Executive Committee further discussed the matter and Director Falgout stated he would write a letter to the lessee of his findings. Secretary Cheramie stated that he wanted it to go on record that he does not agree with the decision of the Executive Director.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

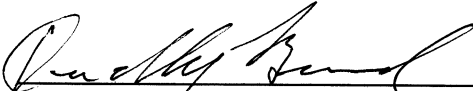
Board Member Vizier inquired about the Leeville bridge. He stated that should a major accident occur incapacitating the bridge, there is no plan for traffic flow. Director Falgout stated that the LA 1 Coalition realizes that the bridge is critical to the Parish and the Port. Roy Francis with the Coalition stated that they are looking into a contingency plan to locate a ferry or other system should the bridge be rendered unable to move traffic. Discussion followed.

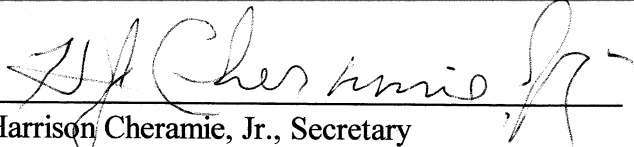
In connection with the refurbishment of the bridge and the re vampment of the electrical system and some mechanicals on the bridge. Board Member Vizier also stated that they should look into extending the fender system around the bridge.

Vice President Bernard recognized Mr. Bobby Orgeron who addressed the Board in connection with his cement business and urged the Commission to request that contractors in the port buy locally.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
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Dudley Bernard, Vice President

  
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Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary