

Agenda

July 9, 1997

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

4. Approval of minutes of June 11, 1997 Board Meeting
5. Committee Reports:
 - I. Executive:
 - A. Introduce new police officer
 - B. Renewal of contract with Fire Dist.
 - C. Appoint delegate to AAPA Convention
 - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - A. Letter of No Objection
 - B. Ammend No Wake Ordinance
 - III. Construction & Development:
 - A. Request to lease to R & A Electrical Services, Inc.
 - B. Request to lease to MER Services
 - IV. Finance:
 - A. Approval of May Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:
 1. River Road Construction - \$243,300.25
 2. Larry J. Picciola, Inc. - \$15,000.00
 3. LA 1 Coalition - \$25,000.00
 - B. Financial Report
6. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion
 - B. Highway Improvements
 - C. West Belle Pass
 - D. Deep Draft Berthing Facility
 - E. Waterwell
 - F. Rodeo update
 - G. Port Newsletter
7. Presentation by Dr.'s Iver Van Herden and Greg Stone - Storm Driven Waves
8. Any other business
9. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

JULY 9, 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, July 9, 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 Terrebonne, Vinton Crosby, Johnny Melancon, Tomey Doucet, Robert Champagne, Donald Vizier and Larry Griffin

ABSENT: Dudley Bernard

Also present were Ted 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.

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

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Vinton Crosby, and unanimously passed, the minutes of the June 11, 1997 meeting were approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet stated that the Committee has reviewed the scope of service agreed to be performed by the Fire District this past year in connection with their contract dated October 9, 1996 and is recommending that the contract not be renewed at this time. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby agree not to renew the contract dated October 9, 1996 with the Lafourche Parish Fire District No. 3.

President Doucet stated that the AAPA convention is coming up in September and it is necessary to appoint a delegate to said convention. The Committee recommends appointing Director Falgout. Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Ted M. Falgout as delegate to the AAPA Convention.

President Doucet then called upon Harbor Police Chief Guidry to introduce the new police officer. Chief Guidry introduced Joseph Colson.

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:

Chevron USA Production Company

Chevron USA, Inc.

Mr. Scotty Chabert

Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company

Chairman Champagne asked Director Falgout to explain the proposed amendment to the No Wake Ordinance. Director Falgout stated that a gap exists in the no wake zone in that area one mile south of Golden Meadow Floodgate to 2 miles north of Leeville. There is now an erosion concern in that area caused by wakes. Therefore, the Waterways Committee recommends establishing that area as a no wake zone, and also extending the no wake zone to include the area further south of Belle Pass from the northern extremities of the jettys to the entrance of the jetty system. Upon motion by Robert Champagne seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve amending the NO WAKE ORDINANCE to include that area between one mile south of the Golden Meadow floodgate to two miles north of Leeville and to extend the no wake zone to include the area further south of Belle Pass from the northern extremities of the jettys to the entrance of the jetty system.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Acting Chairman Terrebonne stated that two requests had been received to lease property at Port Fourchon: R & A Electrical Serviced and MER Services. He then requested that Director Falgout explain. Director Falgout explained that R & A Electrical Service, an electrical and refrigeration sales and service company, requested approximately 200' on LA 3090 to establish their facility. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing a 200' tract on LA 3090 to R & A Electrical Services, Inc. on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease.

Director Falgout then informed the Board that MER Services, a company involved in labor crews and equipment rental, also requested to lease 200' on LA 3090. 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 to MER Services, on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease.

FINANCE:

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 following invoices over \$10,000.00:

1.	River/Road Construction Co.	\$243,300.25
2.	Larry J. Picciola, Inc.	\$ 15,000.00
3.	LA 1 Coalition	\$ 25,000.00

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

In connection with the E-Slip Expansion, Director Falgout called upon John Plaisance, project engineer, who stated that the contractor has finished driving sheet piles and timber piles for the deadman and is now pouring the concrete deadman and welding the wales onto the steel sheet piles for the bulkhead portion. In connection with the dredging portion, Mr. Plaisance stated that the process of obtaining cross sections has begun. He hopes to be ready to bid out the project in August.

In connection with the Commission warehouse, Director Falgout called upon Mr. Edmond Cheramie, project architect, who stated that the contracts are ready to be signed and a notice to proceed will be issued immediately thereafter. He stated that he had schematic plans for the office building to be reviewed by Mr. Falgout and Mr. Breaux.

In connection with the highway improvements, Director Falgout stated that the contract with Ronald Adams Contractor had been signed and the notice to proceed issued. The contractor has subcontracted with Bertucci to do the segment north of Leeville, which requires earthen material, filter cloth and rip rap for shoreline protection. This work will be done by water, which will not impede vehicle traffic. The contractor will commence work from south of Fourchon going North after the Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo.

Director Falgout reported that Port Attorney Pitre requested an opinion from the Attorney General as to whether or not the Lafourche Basin Levee District could do embankment work in Bayou Lafourche (in conjunction with the Commission) above the Larose Floodgate using their excavator. The Attorney General's opinion stated that the District can perform this work for the Commission as long as they are deepening the channel. Therefore, Director Falgout stated that he will negotiate with the District to utilize their excavator in Bayou Lafourche above the Larose floodgate to Lockport, particularly along Highway 308 where serious encroachment has occurred.

Further, in connection with highway improvements, Director Falgout stated that the Capital Outlay Bill was passed in this session of the legislature allocating an additional \$400,000 for the project south of Golden Meadow and an additional \$400,000 for the project north of Golden Meadow in Priority 2 funding. An additional \$1.1 million was allocated for south of Golden Meadow and \$1.2 North of Golden Meadow in Priority 5 funding. Discussion followed in connection with the LA 1 overlay project currently going on. Director Falgout further stated that the Attorney General is of the opinion that the Commission can work in Bayou Lafourche outside its jurisdiction as long as the Commission felt that this was protecting the highway to the port, which would impact us. Attorney Pitre further stated that although he did not specifically request that opinion (and did not feel we needed to request it formally), the logical consequence of the opinion he requested is that the Commission can do work

outside its jurisdiction as long as it contributes to the development of the Port. In informal discussions with the Attorney General's office, they have concurred. Discussion followed.

In connection with the West Belle Pass project, Director Falgout stated that they are still on schedule. Material will be removed from Belle Pass to protect and restore marsh west of Belle Pass. Dredging is still scheduled to commence December 1st. The scheduling is critical since there is about a 19' - 20' depth at the entrance channel on the sandbar. Vessels have hit bottom in rough seas and a rig has hung up recently. Dredging will be to a 27' depth to the northern extremities of the Port. Director Falgout reported that pipelines will have to be relocated. Tennessee Gas and Chevron have been notified of the need to bury these lines deeper, at their cost. We are waiting their response.

In connection with the Deep Draft Berthing Facility, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Larry Picciola who stated that the plans are complete and are ready to be submitted to DOTD. Director Falgout stated that the funds for this project were allocated under this years Port Priority Program. He further stated that changes are being made where there will be no extended review of projects by DOTD (which have delayed payment in past projects). They call it a "fast track" system and Director Falgout hopes to get this project in.

In connection with the proposed water well at Port Fourchon, Director Falgout informed the Board that the Water District has agreed to share the cost. In the meantime, M-I Drilling Fluids is drilling a well at this time, and they have agreed to furnish samples for analysis.

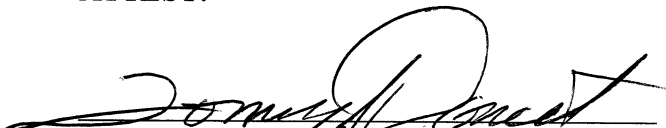
Director Falgout stated that the Golden Meadow-Fourchon International Tarpon Rodeo held last weekend was a great success. Board Member Johnny Melancon stated that the 1998 admiral will be Mr. Al Bankston.

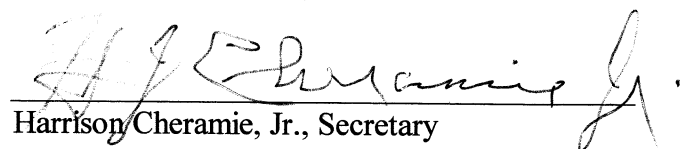
Director Falgout stated that the help of Randolph Publications the Commission will be publishing a port newsletter on a quarterly basis.

Director Falgout then introduced Drs. Iver Van Herden and Greg Stone who gave a presentation on storm driven waves and barrier island restoration. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, upon motion by Donald J. Vizier, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


Tomey J. Doucet, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary