

Agenda

October 8, 1997

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes of September 10, 1997 Board Meeting
5. Committee Reports:
 - I. Executive:
 - A. DOTD Resolution
 - B. S. L. Levee District
 - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - A. Letter of No Objection
 - III. Construction & Development:
 - C. Approval of lease to Production Management Co.
 - D. Approval of lease to C-Port, LLC (9th St.)
 - E. Approval of sub-lease by Buckner Rental to V-J Carro
 - F. Approval of sub-lease by Cenac Environmental to Allwaste Environmental
 - IV. Finance:
 - A. Approval of Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:

1)	River Road Construction	\$120,825.85
2)	River Road Construction	\$ 36,709.32
3)	Sola Communications, Inc.	\$12,259.50
4)	Cheremie & Whitney Architects	\$17,280.00
5)	Ronald Adams Construction	\$504,897.00
 - B. Financial Report
6. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion
 - G. Highway Improvements
 - H. West Belle Pass
 - D. Deep Draft Berthing Facility
7. Any other business
8. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

OCTOBER 8, 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, October 8, 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 (in the absence of Secretary Cheramie) call the roll.

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

ABSENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr.

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

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

Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Johnny Melancon, and unanimously passed, the minutes of September 10, 1997 were approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet presented to the Board a proposed resolution authorizing Director Falgout to execute documents in connection with the Deep Draft Berthing Facility (State Project No. 578-29-0005), which the Committee reviewed and recommends adopting. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, be it resolved that Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all contracts of whatever kind on behalf of said Commission and to do all things necessary in the premises, pertaining to STATE PROJECT NO. 578-29-0005 (DEEP DRAFT BERTHING FACILITIES, LAFOURCHE PARISH). Director Falgout explained that this project was approved through the Port Priority Program in the last legislative session, with DOTD funding approximately \$1.2 million of the \$2.5 million (anticipated cost including additional bulkhead).

President Doucet then introduced Mr. Windell Curole, General Manager of the South Lafourche Levee District, who addressed the Board in connection with the millage replacement proposed by the Levee District.

President Doucet then introduced Mr. Roy Francis, Administrator of the LA 1 Coalition, who gave his report on the Coalition's efforts to improve the highway system in this area.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Chairman Champagne stated there were no requests for letters of no objection.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that the following companies were requesting to lease property from the Commission and requested that Director Falgout explain:

Director Falgout stated that Production Management Co. was interested in leasing a site on the 3rd leg of the E-Slip. Upon motion by Larry J. Griffin, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize leasing a site on the third leg of the E-Slip to Production Management Company, Inc.

Director Falgout explained that C-Port, LLC was interested in leasing the back portion of 9th Street (they presently lease the property on both sides of the street) because they are encountering a problem with traffic continuing through 9th Street since it is a public street. They propose to put a gate to close off that portion of the street. The Commission no longer needs this street to be accessed by anyone other than C-Port. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize leasing the back portion of 9th Street to C-Port, LLC.

In connection with the request by Buckner Rental to assign their lease to V. J. Caro, Director Falgout stated that a number of months ago this request was made. Port Attorney Pitre reviewed the proposed document and made some changes. Director Falgout stated that the reason for this action was because Caro owned the building situated on the lease and Caro wants assurance that should Buckner relinquish the lease that he would not lose his building. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Buckner Rental Service, Inc. to assign its lease to V. J. Caro, Jr., on such terms and conditions as stated in said document.

Continuing, Director Falgout informed the Board that Cenac Environmental had requested to sublease a portion of its site to Allwaste Environmental, who is presently operating out of the Newpark facility. There are new regulations which prohibit subleases involving tanks and other leases on the Newpark site, causing Allwaste to look for another site to store their clean tanks. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Cenac Environmental Services, Inc. to sublease a portion of its facility to Allwaste Environmental Service, on such terms and conditions as contained in said document.

Director Falgout informed the Board that Martin Terminal had requested to sublease a portion of its lease to Halliburton, who needs additional dock space since they do not have sufficient space at their facility. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Martin Terminal, Inc. to sublease a portion of its facility to Halliburton Energy Services.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of all invoices received the previous month, particularly the following invoices over \$10,000.00:

1.	River Road Construction Co.	\$120,825.85
2.	River/Road Construction Co.	\$ 36,709.32
3.	Sola Communications, Inc.	\$ 12,259.50
4.	Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$ 17,280.00
5.	Ronald Adams Construction	\$504,897.00

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for September, 1997.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Commencing his report, Director Falgout called upon John Plaisance, project engineer, for a report on the Expansion of E-Slip project. Mr. Plaisance stated that in connection with the bulkhead portion of the project, the contractor had finished the major components. Completion is anticipated in mid-October.

In connection with the dredging portion of the project, Mr. Plaisance reported that the contracts were in the process of being signed, but the contractor indicated that they would begin dredging operations in late October. Director Falgout stated that the dredge pipe (24") will cross under N. J. Theriot Road since the discharge will be in the impoundment area; however, there is a water line in the area which as to be considered. Commission personnel will prepare that area. Mr. Plaisance further stated that he had spoken to the contractor about doing additional dredging in the E-Slip to 25' all the way to the channel. Director Falgout informed the Board that since we had a good price with this contractor, it was recommended that the dredging be performed under this contract rather than the Deep Draft Berthing Facility project.

In connection with the Deep Draft Berthing Facility, Director Falgout called upon Mr. Larry Picciola, project engineer, who stated that comments were received Monday from DOTD along with the new procedural manual. He is making these changes along with the revisions and expansions of the project. Director Falgout reported that the original project has been moved to another section of the E-Slip with the construction of an additional 300' of bulkhead (at Commission cost) and an additional 110' of bulkhead adjacent to the Deep Draft Berthing Facility all the way to 16th Street. Cal Dive International will lease the whole section.

In connection with the highway improvements, Director Falgout reported that Ronald Adams Contractor has progressed very well on the section north towards Leeville. He is now working on widening the embankment. Director Falgout reiterated that this is a short term solution with the La 1 Coalition working on the long term solutions to the problem. We are working towards a 10' shoulder in the next overlay to make the road safer and convenient during emergence situations. He was hoping to get an additional \$400,000 in the proposed bond sale later this month, but has

discovered that this project did not get in. Senator Mike Robichaux will find out why. If we cannot get funds from this bond sale, we will try to get in on the net sale in November or December. Director Falgout further reported that the Lafourche Basin Levee District excavator started work today on LA 308 North of Larose. It will make a lift north to Valentine and come back down on LA 1 side, then make another lift similar to or larger than the embankment being constructed in the lower part of the parish.

Continuing, Director Falgout reported that a section of A. J. Estay Road has suffered serious damage due to increased truck traffic and the fact that this is the old part of the road, wherein the foundation is clay rather than sand. Quotes to repair have been solicited and received, with the low quote being from Fleming Construction Co. At \$82.00 square yard. They will put repair approximately 385 square yards with 12" of hot mix asphalt, for a total cost of approximately \$32,000.

In connection with the West Belle Pass project, Director Falgout reported that it is still on schedule.

In connection with the operations building, Director Falgout called upon Edmond Chermie, architect, who stated that delivery of the building (warehouse) is expected the first week of November. The contractor is now working on the slab. In connection with the office building, final plans should be ready later this month. He expects to open bids in December in order that the contract can be awarded at the December meeting.

Director Falgout reported that he had sat with the people in the Port Priority Program in order to submit the Commission's concept for the third leg of the E-Slip (PHASE III). The deadline for submission is November 1st. The estimated construction (excavation and bulkhead) cost is \$9.3 million. He is hoping to get substantial funds from the Program. Under the Program, any one port cannot receive more than 20% of that year's allocation, which has traditionally been \$3 million per year. It is hoped that the monies coming out of the legislative to the Program will be increased, which would increase the contribution to the individual ports. This means that the Commission can get as much as \$6-8 million over a two year period to build the third leg of the E-Slip, if the application is successful. The following resolution was offered by Larry Griffin, who moved for its adoption, and seconded by Vinton Crosby:

A resolution authorizing the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to prepare and submit an application to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for assistance in the implementation of a port improvement project; providing for the necessary documentation of the need for the port improvement; and providing for other matters in connection therewith

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has a need for port improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission desires to apply for state matching funds pursuant to Chapter 47 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, to implement a project to improve its port operation and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is fully aware of its obligations under said statute; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is a political body duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under said statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission acknowledges that a formal application will be prepared and submitted to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program.

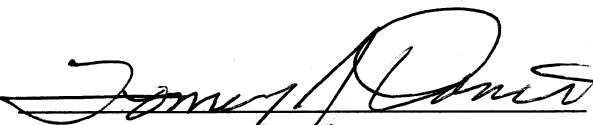
SECTION 2. That at the appropriate time and upon approval of funding assistance and prior to commencement of work on the project, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission agrees to execute a Project Agreement and a Statement of Sponsorship pursuant to the statute.

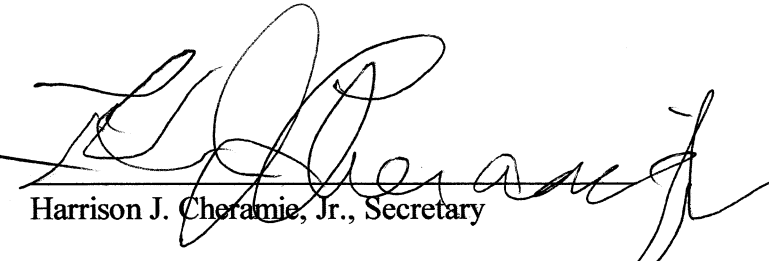
SECTION 3. That Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director, is hereby designated Authorized Representative for the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to effect the preparation of an application to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for funding assistance of a port improvement project.

SECTION 4. That said Authorized Representative's responsibilities shall pertain to technical matters only and shall not include any official act on behalf of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

There being no further business, upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned.

ATTEST:


Tomey J. Doucet, President


Harrison J. Cheramie, Jr., Secretary