

Agenda
January 16, 1998

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes of December 10, 1997 Board Meeting
Approval of minutes of December 23, 1997 Special Meeting
5. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion
 - B. Highway Improvements
 - C. West Belle Pass
 - D. Deep Draft Berthing Facility
 - E. Warehouse
6. Committee Reports:
 - I. Executive:
 - A. Open bids for reefshells, etc.
 - B. Resolution of Support S. L. Levee Dist.
 - C. Change Order No. 1 E-Slip Dredging
 - D. Adopt Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance for 1998
 - E. Authorize Executive Director to execute contract with Locke Purnell for toll road legal services
 - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - A. Letter of No Objection
 - III. Construction & Development:
 - A. Consent to assignment Kajun Truck Plaza
 - IV. Finance:
 - A. Approval of Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:

1) Mike Hooks, Inc.	\$340,522.11
2) Mike Hooks, Inc.	\$467,736.61
3) Ronald Adams Contractor, Inc.	\$168,805.50
4) Cajun Trucking, Inc.	\$ 20,755.64
5) Larry Picciola, Inc.	\$ 18,976.50
6) Fleming Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 41,685.79
7) Allstate	\$ 17,068.00
8) Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$ 11,047.50
 - B. Financial Report
9. Any other business
10. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

JANUARY 16, 1998

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, January 16, 1998 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, Johnny Melancon, Tomey Doucet
Robert Champagne, Donald Vizier, Dudley Bernard and Larry Griffin

ABSENT: Vinton Crosby

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

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

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the minutes of the December 10, 1997 meeting were approved.

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the minutes of the special meeting of December 23, 1997 were approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Commencing his report, Director Falgout called upon John Plaisance, project engineer, for the E-Slip Expansion Project. Mr. Plaisance stated that the bulkhead portion is in the lien period. The dredging portion was complete and he recommends that the Board declare this project substantially complete. Mr. Plaisance presented Change Order #1 which Director Falgout explained was for additional dredging ordered by the Commission. The Change Order increases the contract price by \$81,190.56 bringing the total contract price to \$1,042,990.60. Further explanation will be presented in the Executive Committee report. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept, as substantially complete, the project entitled Expansion of E-Slip (Bulkhead).

In connection with highway embankment improvements, Director Falgout reported that the contractor is continuing work but is being hampered by weather conditions. In the Golden Meadow to Lockport project, there are two excavators working. He further stated that he met with Senator

Landrieu who has established a task force to work on obtaining federal OCS revenues for coastal states and especially Louisiana. There are twelve members on the task force including Director Falgout. Director Falgout further explained the process of getting funding.

In connection with the West Belle Pass project, Director Falgout stated that the bids were opened on January 9th with T. L. James having the low bid of \$4.5 million, which is \$300,000 over budget. A meeting is scheduled today and it is fully expected that the Corps will approve the bid.

Director Falgout called upon project engineer, Larry Picciola, for his report in connection with the Deep Draft Berthing Facility. Mr. Picciola stated that DOTD has approved the project and gave permission to advertise for bids, which will be opened on February 12th at 10:00 am.

Director Falgout called upon Mr. Edmond Cheramie, architect for the Port Fourchon warehouse and operations center, who stated that the warehouse was finished and he recommends the Board declaring it substantially complete. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept, as substantially complete, the project entitled Port Fourchon Warehouse. In connection with the operations center, Mr. Cheramie stated that the contractor is waiting for a break in the weather so that he can move on site.

In connection with Phase III of the E-Slip Expansion, Director Falgout called upon Mr. Marco Picciola, project engineer, who stated that DNR has placed the permit application on public notice.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

President Doucet stated it was time to open bids in connection with supplying limestone, sand and other construction material on an annual basis. He then called for any other bids. There being none, he proceeded to open the bids and read as follows:

HARRIS DUFRENE ENTERPRISES:

River Sand	\$10.00/cubic yard
Coastal Sand	\$9.00/cubic yard
Reefshells	\$21.00/cubic yard
Yellow Limestone, Ungraded	\$21.00/ton
Yellow Limestone, 610 Grade	\$20.00/ton
Yellow Limestone, 57 Grade	\$21.00/ton
Grey Limestone, Ungraded	\$22.00/ton
Grey Limestone, 610 Grade	\$22.00/ton
Grey Limestone, 57 Grade	\$22.00/ton
Mansize Rip Rap	\$26.00/ton
Gravel	\$40.00/yard
Mason Sand	\$35.00/yard
Dirt	\$10.00/yard

PAUL DUFRENE III BUILDERS, INC.:

River Sand	\$11.00/cubic yard
Coastal Sand	\$10.00/cubic yard
Grey Limestone, Ungraded	\$21.00/ton
Grey Limestone, 610 Grade	\$21.00/ton
Grey Limestone, 57 Grade	\$22.00/ton
Mansize Rip Rap	\$28.50/ton

CAJUN TRUCKING, INC.:

River Sand	\$9.74/cubic yard
Coastal Sand	\$7.45/cubic yard
Reefshells	Will quote if reefshells becomes available again
Grey Limestone, Ungraded	\$18.40/ton
Grey Limestone, 610 Grade	\$18.49/ton
Grey Limestone, 57 Grade	\$18.99/ton
Mansize Rip Rap	\$26.00/ton
Grey Limestone #8 Grade	\$19.99/ton

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners will take all bids under advisement.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby support the South Lafourche Levee District in connection with its replacement millage tax.

Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve Change Order #1 in connection with the E-Slip Expansion (Dredging) Project.

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 62

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND IMPOSING TAXES ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE PORT AREA OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 1998

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission of the State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of its port area:

SECTION 1. That acting under the authority of a special election held in the port area of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission of the State of Louisiana (consisting of the entire Tenth Ward of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, as the boundaries and limits of said ward existed on the date of the creation of said Commission) on April 8, 1961, and by authority of Act 433 of 1981 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana of 1981 and Act 28 of the Extraordinary Session, a special tax of 7.25 mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all the taxable property in said port area be and the same is hereby levied, assessed and imposed on all of said property for the year 1998, for the needs and lawful purposes of said Commission.

SECTION 2. That the property administrative officers of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to spread said tax, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said parish for the year 1998, and to make the collection of the tax imposed for and on behalf of said Commission according to law, and that the tax herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to the taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall be published in "The Daily Comet", a newspaper published in the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana, in the manner provided by law.

This ordinance, having been submitted in writing, having been read and adopted by sections at a public meeting of said Commission, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole.

Director Falgout explained that Locke-Purnell was invited to the Executive Committee Meeting. They will join with Adams & Reese to provide the legal assistance, in conjunction with the Port attorney, necessary to move a toll road concept forward. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to execute a contract with Locke Purnell for toll road legal services. President Doucet stated that Director Falgout and Port Attorney Pitre will negotiate and report to the Board.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve sending letters of no objection to the following:

Chevron Pipeline
Kajun Sportsman

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that Kajun Truck Plaza was requesting a consent to its mortgage of the Port Fourchon property. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize President Doucet to execute a Consent to Leasehold Mortgage and Waiver of Lessor's Lien in connection with Kajun Truck Plaza, LLC transactions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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, particularly the following invoices over \$10,000.00:

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

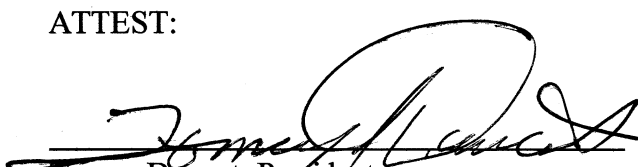
OTHER BUSINESS:

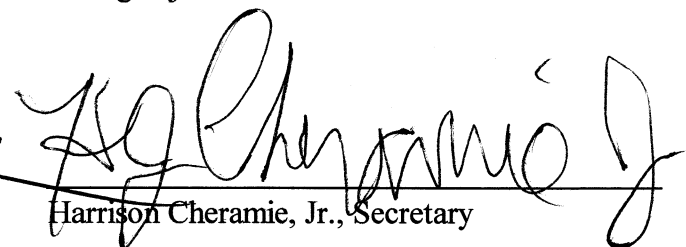
Director Falgout called upon Chief Guidry for a further report on the oil spill last week. Chief Guidry reported that the M/V STONE FUELER sank and damaged a Chevron pipeline offshore. He further stated that with the assistance of the Coast Guard, they were able to keep the Port open, carefully monitoring vessel traffic. Cmdr. Lynn Henderson with the Coast Guard commended Chief Guidry and the Harbor Police on their performance during the crisis. She further reported that approximately 743 barrels of oil had leaked, and reported on the clean up efforts. Chief Guidry stated that the tower was used at night to monitor vessel traffic, which was beneficial to the operation. Cmdr. Henderson stated that approximately 200 people were involved during the crisis.

President Doucet recognized Mr. Windell Curole, General Manager of the South Lafourche Levee District, who thanked the Board for its support in connection with their replacement millage tax.

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

ATTEST:


Tomey Doucet, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary