

Agenda

April 15, 1998

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes of March 11, 1998 Board Meeting
Approval of minutes of March 23, 1998 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 & Operation Center
6. Committee Reports:
 - I. Executive:
 - A. Advertise for summer employment.
 - B. Congressional Visit
 - C. Discuss toll road feasibility study
 - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - A. Letter of No Objection
 - B. Net fishing in Port
 - III. Construction & Development:
 - A. R & A Electrical request to sublease
 - B. Edison Chouest request to lease
 - C. Offshore Logistics request to assign lease
 - D. Cajun Sportsman request to lease
 - E. Advertise bids for 770' bulkhead Martin Terminal Lease
 - IV. Finance:
 - A. Approval of Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:
 1. Larry J. Picciola, Inc. \$21,171.42
 2. Theriot, Duet & Theriot, Inc. \$26,250.00
 3. Bonneval Construction Company, Inc. \$38,000.00
 - B. Financial Report
7. Any other business
 - A. Coast Guard
8. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
APRIL 15, 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, April 15, 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.

In the absence of President Doucet, Vice President Bernard called the meeting to order and requested that Member Terrebonne call the roll.

PRESENT: Rodney J. Terrebonne, Johnny Melancon, Vinton J. Crosby, Robert Champagne, Donald Vizier, Dudley A. Bernard, and Larry J. Griffin

ABSENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and Tomey Doucet

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

Vice President Bernard led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, Seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the minutes of the March 11, 1998 meeting.

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney J. Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 23, 1998.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

In connection with Phase III of the E-Slip Expansion project, Director Falgout stated that yesterday DOTD made the recommendation to the Joint Legislative Committee in connection with the port construction projects for 1998, to be submitted to the Legislature for approval. Of the eight projects totaling \$24,000,000, the Commission has the second highest ranked project, with the State funding \$9,792,000 of the \$10,880,000 project over a two year period. This is approximately 40% of the total allocation. In addition, Director Falgout stated he sat in at the Senate hearing last night hoping that the bill that would authorize the cash management system for DOTD to allocate funds for programs would be heard. But it is being heard this morning. Director Falgout stated he feels comfortable that the Senate will vote favorably. Then the bill would go to the House of Representatives. Director Falgout further stated that \$63,000,000 worth of projects were approved but not yet constructed under the Port Priority Program. The passage of this bill would allow additional projects to move forward which would act to draw down the unspent funds. Discussion followed.

In connection with the permit aspect of the project, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Marco Picciola who stated that there were errors in the public notice, which has since been corrected. He has discussed this matter with the federal agencies involved and he feels that they would have no problem approving this project; however, they want to discuss the future plans of the Port. Mr. Picciola suggested setting up a meeting. In connection with the soil borings, Mr. Picciola stated that he is awaiting the analysis report.

Director Falgout called upon project engineer John Plaisance for his report in connection with Phase II Dredging. Mr. Plaisance stated that the lien period expires on April 25th at which time the retainage can be paid to the contractor. Director Falgout stated that there was a problem with the tire system on the bulkhead, which was corrected by Commission personnel. Discussion followed in connection with future bumper systems.

In connection with highway improvements, Director Falgout stated that the excavators were still working in Bayou Lafourche. In connection with the Leeville project, the contractor Ronald Adams Contractor, will commence working again. Director Falgout explained the conditions needed to complete the project.

Director Falgout stated that West Belle Pass project was moving along. The rock job is almost complete; however, the COE cannot get a firm commitment from T.L. James as to when the dredge will arrive.

Director Falgout called upon Larry Picciola, engineer for the Deep Draft Berthing Facility, who stated that a pre-construction meeting was held on April 1st and the notice to proceed was issued on April 13th. The contractor has already started moving in equipment. Mr. Picciola stated that 16th Street would be completed first and accepted so that the Commission can lease property.

Director Falgout called upon architect Edmond Cheramie for his report on the operations center. Mr. Cheramie stated that the contractor was progressing.

In connection with resurfacing of the roads in the Port, Director Falgout called upon project engineer, Larry Picciola, who stated that the project will be bid in late August.

In connection with highway improvements, Director Falgout stated that he has been informed that the contract was awarded in connection with the section of Hwy. 308 north of the Intracoastal Canal (which is closed). The contract calls for removing the bridge and installing a culvert. There will be no restrictions on weight limits.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Vice President Bernard stated it was time to advertise for summer employment. Director Falgout stated that in the past the Commission had hired six college students; however, because of additional vegetative planting the Commission plans to do, they could use as many as eight. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to advertise for the hiring of college students for summer employment.

Director Falgout stated that the Commission and the LA 1 Coalition will be hosting a breakfast for Rep. Billy Tauzin at Port Fourchon Monday morning. Rep. Tauzin will present an update on the highway bill now in Congress and navigation projects.

In connection with the toll road feasibility study, Director Falgout called upon port attorney Loulan Pitre, who stated that the Commission sought proposals for the two leading companies who prepare these economic feasibility studies. The proposal from Wilbur Smith was more detailed for a lessor price, just over \$92,000. Mr. Pitre stated that the Commission should budget an additional \$7,000 - \$8,000 (bringing the total of \$100,000) to facilitate getting the research done. Mr. Pitre stated that an application had been submitted to the Department of Economic Development for the \$100,000 needed to fund the study (75%/25% match). He recommended that the Commission authorize signing the contract with Wilbur Smith upon the condition that DED fund 75% of the cost of the study. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Rodney J. Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the contract with Wilbur Smith in connection with the toll road feasibility study upon the condition that DED fund 75% of said study, and does hereby authorize Director Falgout or Port Attorney Pitre to execute said contract.

President Doucet entered the meeting.

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:

1. Bois D-Arc Operating Corporation
2. Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.

Director Falgout stated a concern has arisen in the past and again this year in connection with net fishing in Pass Fourchon and within the jetty system. In the early 90's the Commission passed an ordinance that impacted net fishing in the Port. The ordinance covering the jetty system was rescinded when the Commission and the commercial fishermen worked out an agreement to alleviate problems. Director Falgout stated that traffic has increased tremendously in the past year. There is also the possibility that the dredge may be working at that time, which would add to the problem. Director Falgout further stated that something needs to be done prior to the opening

of the upcoming season. He stated that an opinion was requested from USCG, but they did not have all the data and could not render a decision. Capt. Ryan with USCG did state that Rule 9 addressed these matters. Boardmember Melancon, stated that they did not have a recommendation at this time. They need further time to study it. Vice President Bernard recognized Timmy Alario, commercial fisherman, who addressed the Board on behalf of the fishermen. Discussion followed.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Upon motion by Rodney J. Terrebonne, seconded by Donald J. Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by R & A Electrical Service to sublease a portion of their property to Lone Star Trucking Corporation.

Director Falgout explained that C-Port was requesting to lease approximately 13.36 acres on the third leg of the E-Slip. Upon motion by Rodney J. Terrebonne, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing a 13.36 acre site (Tract I) on the third leg of the E-Slip to C-Port, LLC, on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease.

Member Terrebonne stated that a request had been received from Offshore Logistics to assign its leases to Air Logistics. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Offshore Logistics to assign its leases to Air Logistics.

Member Terrebonne stated that a request had been received by Kajun Sportsman to sublease property. Director Falgout stated that Kajun Sportsman is requesting two sites on the Flotation Canal, the remainder of the property on the canal and the site being released by Orgeron Properties; however, Director Falgout stated that Orgeron Properties had decided not to relinquish their site. Upon motion by Rodney J. Terrebonne, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Kajun Sportsman to lease a tract of land on the Flotation Canal, on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease.

Director Falgout also reported that Kajun Sportsman has made an offer to lease a 5 acre tract in the front marina vicinity, which had originally been leased by Port Fourchon Marina. At the time that Port Fourchon Marina released this property, an offer of right of first refusal was made to Port Fourchon Marina. Since the Commission now has a bona fide offer to lease at \$18.00 per waterfront foot plus 12 cents per square foot from an interested party. It must first be offered to Port Fourchon Marina. If they refuse, then it will be offered to Kajun Sportsman (the interested party). Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to offer the 5 acre tract in the front marina to Port Fourchon Marina, Inc. at \$18.00 per waterfront foot plus 12 cents per square foot. If Port Fourchon Marina refuses, then the property will be leased to Kajun Sportsman, on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease.

In connection with property to be leased to Martin Terminal, Inc., Director Falgout informed the Board of the need to bulkhead the 770' of waterfront. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to advertise for and accept bids in connection with the bulkheading of the 770' tract to be leased to Martin Terminal, Inc.

FINANCE:

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne 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:

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| 1. | Larry J. Picciola, Inc. | \$21,171.42 |
| 2. | Theriot, Duet & Theriot, Inc. | \$26,250.00 |
| 3. | Bonneval Construction Co. | \$38,000.00 |

Upon motion by Donald J. Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report or March, 1998.

OTHER BUSINESS:

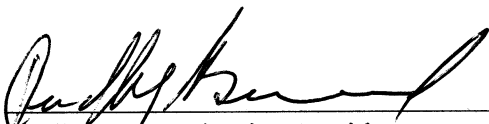
Capt. Dan Ryan with the United States Coast Guard presented the Harbor Police Division with a public service commendation in connection with the assistance rendered by Chief Guidry and the Harbor Police after the vessel collision which occurred on January 7, 1998 ½ mile southeast of Belle Pass.

Member Griffin stated that the port secretary, Louverda duet, was leaving and on behalf of the board, thanked her for her years of service.

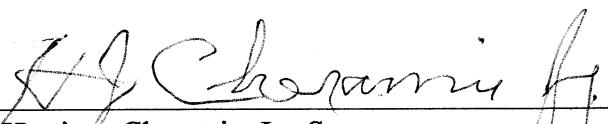
Member Melancon thanked the audience for attending the meetings.

There being no further business, upon motion by Larry J. Griffin, seconded by Rodney J. Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



Dudley Bernard, Vice President



Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary