

Agenda

June 10, 1998

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes of May 13, 1998, Board Meeting
5. Executive Director's Report
  - A. E-Slip Expansion
  - B. Highway Improvements
  - C. West Belle Pass
  - D. Deep Draft Berthing Facility
  - E. Operations Center
6. Committee Reports:
  - I. Executive:
    - A. Adopt resolution to enter into contract with Louisiana Department of Economic Development for grant funding for the Regional Initiative Program.
    - B. Authorize Executive Director to renew contract with Harbor Insurance Services, Ltd.
    - C. Introduce Serena & Phil
    - D. Introduce College Students
  - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
    - A. Letter of No Objection
    - B. Chevron Pipeline Relocation
  - III. Construction & Development:
    - A. Request by Global Industries
    - B. Request by Harris Ceramic
    - C. Request by ERA Aviation
  - IV. Finance:
    - A. Approval of Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:

1) Lafourche Parish Water District No. 1	\$21,057.50
2) Picciola & Associates	\$53,266.50
3) Bonneval Construction Co., Inc.	\$79,310.75
4) Ronald Adams Contractor, Inc.	\$241,111.00
5) L & A Contracting Company	\$94,622.93
    - B. Financial Report
7. Any other business
8. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
June 10, 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 June 10, 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 Board Member Terrebonne call the roll.

PRESENT: Rodney "PT" Terrebonne, Johnny Melancon, Tomey Doucet, Robert Champagne, Donald Vizier, Dudley Bernard, Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and Larry Griffin

ABSENT: Vinton Crosby.

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Davie Breaux, Asst. Director; Loulan Pitre, Port Attorney, John J. Plaisance, Marco Picciola and Larry Picciola, Port Engineers; Gerald Guidry, Harbor Police Chief, Cindy F. Dufrene, Port Secretary.

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

Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the minutes of May 13, 1998 meeting were approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In connection with Phase II- E-Slip Expansion, Director Falgout called upon project engineer John Plaisance for his report. John Plaisance stated the project was complete.

In connection with Phase III of the E-Slip Expansion, Director Falgout called upon project Engineer Marco Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola stated he received the Coastal Use Permit and the Corp of Engineers informed him their permit would be forthcoming within the next 10 days. He stated he is proceeding on design. His goal is to hand carry submittal to DOTD about two weeks prior to the end of the month. He stated he is hoping review would take about 30 days which would put advertising in August and construction to begin sometime in September. Mr. Falgout explained that Phase III would have to be broken down into two 4+ million dollar projects because the Commission was allocated \$9.8 million dollars for over the next two years. Mr. Picciola stated the first Phase would be called Part 1 which would begin right at the end of 16<sup>th</sup> St. and would take off down the leg, come across, and come back up about 400 ft. Part II would complete the bulkheading. Part III would be the dredging phase.

In connection with the Highway improvements, Mr. Falgout stated that Ronald Adams, Inc. is moving along. Mr. Falgout stated they put more trucks on the job and noticed over the past month that they have completed a large area and are nearing completion. Mr. Falgout stated that the college students the Commission employed are planting plants along the new embankment which Ronald Adams constructed.

Mr. Falgout also stated the rock repair job is proceeding well. The area includes from just north of Tidewater Dock all the way to the Golden Meadow corporation limit. Dock owners have been identified and are underway for compensation for wharf removal. Mr. Falgout stated Cajun Trucking as of this moment is looking over the area to determine their bid to remove remaining wharves. Mr. Falgout stated he is hoping that within the next two weeks the Commission would be able to start on this project. Discussion followed.

In connection with the Highway Embankment Stabilization Project, the Lafourche Basin Levee District's excavator working from the Intracoastal northward had computer problems which have been fixed. Mr. Falgout stated it was back in operation. Hopefully within the next month the planting operation in that area will begin which would be done by contract and be paid for through the capital outlay funds.

In reference to the capital outlay funds, the Commission had submitted a request for this year through the capital outlay system of the state for further funding of the project in the area south of Golden Meadow. It was not included in the administrations proposal for capital outlay. Senator Robichaux was successful in putting it in the bill by senate amendment which hopefully will stay in. There's a conference committee today that is addressing capital outlay. Hopefully the Commission will have \$500,000 in Priority 2 and \$1,500,000 in Priority 5. Priority 2 money is designated for this year and Priority 5 money can be elevated to another Priority, which would have to be passed in legislation at a later date. If the money is not elevated to another Priority, then the money will be shifted into Priority 2 next year. Director Falgout commended Senator Robichaux for getting the Commission the funding for that section of highway.

Board Member Harrison Cheramie, Jr. entered the meeting.

In connection with port roads Mr. Falgout recalled how the Commission was successful in getting an Economic Development Grant of \$600,000 dollars to match \$1,200,000 of the Commission's money to overlay the port roads. He called upon project engineer Larry Picciola for an update on the port roads. Mr. Picciola stated he is still surveying the streets and culverts which should be finished by the end of next week. Gore Engineering is scheduled to take soil samples next week.

In connection with the revenue study for the toll roads, the Department of Economic Development (DED) approved the study and participation in the Regional Initiative Program (RIP). The Commission will receive \$75,000 from DED and the Commission will match with \$25,000 to initiate the study. Mr. Falgout thanked Vic Lafont and the South Louisiana Economic Council for their efforts in securing this grant. Mr. Falgout stated that he, Port Attorney Loulan Pitre and Roy Francis, Executive Director for the LA 1 Coalition, will meet with representatives from Wilbur Smith & Associates tomorrow to further discuss the study and are anxious to move along immediately.

Mr. Falgout then introduced Roy Francis to address the board about LA 1 Coalition activities. Mr. Francis stated the LA 1 Coalition through Congressman Tauzin had submitted request for federal highway funding. Two projects were listed, one for the study for \$750,000 and one for the Leeville Bridge (constructing a new overpass) for \$1,500,000 which the congress conference committee cut the funding by 25%. On the Senate side, Senator Landrieu and Senator Breaux issued \$4.3 million dollars more towards the project which gave a total \$5,980,000 towards the studies. Mr. Francis also stated that he, Mr. Falgout, Representative Mitch Theriot and Senator Mike Robichaux met with Secretary Denton of DOTD. They asked Secretary Denton to embrace the project and to put it in this years priorities. They also asked to allow them to play a part in the study process in which Secretary Denton agreed. Attorney Loulan Pitre commended Roy Francis for doing a great job on acquiring these fundings. Mr. Falgout commended the Board for participating in funding and being supportive of the LA 1 Coalition and pointed out how the Board's investment is paying off many fold..

In connection with the West Belle Pass Project, Mr. Falgout stated it is moving along and is nearing completion. He stated the Commission has received considerable benefits on this project but not nearly what was anticipated. It was originally thought the West Belle Pass Project would end up dredging pretty much the entire channel. Cross sections were done about 4 years ago for this project which estimated about 2.3 million cubic yards in the channel. T. L. James cross sections estimated 3.6 million cubic yards, far more than which was needed to fill the West Belle Pass Project. T. L. James said the spoil area is full. Assistant Director Breaux met with T. L. James and the Corps of Engineers yesterday. The Corps has not determined if the spoil area is full yet. The Commission requested T. L. James to do additional work for the Commission which the Commission would pay for. T. L. James has another job to go to and does not want to do additional work in the Pass. Mr. Falgout stated the depth is 20 ft. throughout the port which the Commission was hoping to get 24 ft. It would cost around \$2 million to dredge the entire channel to that depth. The Commission had requested \$1,000,000 from Congress from the Energy Water Appropriations Bill. Mr. Falgout stated if Congress authorizes this appropriation then the Commission may be able to find additional authorization for the Corps to come in and finish the job.

In connection with the Deep Draft Berthing Facility, Mr. Falgout called upon project engineer Larry Picciola for an update. Mr. Picciola stated the contractor drove the deadman piles yesterday. The sheet piles were delayed and are expected to arrive June 26. Mr. Falgout asked if he knew when the road would be finished. Mr. Picciola stated they were not sure when the road would be finished. A density test will be taken this week to see where they stand. He stated 3/4 of the road is in good shape, the other part still needs work. The aggregate will be done as soon as they meet certain standards.

In connection with the operations center, Mr Falgout called upon Assistant Director Davie Breaux for an update. Mr. Breaux stated the cement was poured on the first floor. It will be another seven days before bolting plates and pulling forms off.. After the 14 day cement break test they will start framing and standing up walls and the building should move along faster.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Tomey Doucet, Chairman  
Dudley Bernard, Member  
Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Member  
Donald Vizier, Member

Chairman Doucet stated the executive committee request the board to adopt a resolution to authorize Executive Director, Ted Falgout, to sign a contract with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development for granting funding for the Regional Initiative Program. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously adopted, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Executive Director, Ted Falgout, to sign contract with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development for granting funding for the Regional Initiative Program.

Chairman Doucet stated the executive committee request authorizing Executive Director, Ted Falgout, to renew contract with Harbor Insurance Services, Ltd. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners do hereby authorize Executive Director, Ted Falgout, to renew contract with Harbor Insurance Services, Ltd.

Chairman Doucet introduced the 2 new employees to the Commission, Serena Lefort and Phil Castro.

Chairman Doucet introduced the college students working with the Commission this summer. They are as follows, Beau Bouvier, Derek Lafont, Kyl Cheramie and Jamie Arceneaux. Mr. Doucet stated three students were missing and they are Brandon Simoneaux, Hugh Cheramie and Desmond Crosby.

Chairman Doucet called upon Port Attorney Loulan Pitre for an update on lawsuit between RAM Industries and the Port Commission. Mr. Pitre explained that RAM Industries did some work at C-Port, LLC and they filed suit against C-Port, LLC stating they owed them money and named the Port Commission as a defendant. Mr. Pitre stated that he and C-Port's lawyer agree there's no legal basis to name the Port Commission as a defendant and C-Port has offered to defend and indemnify the Port Commission against this claim. Mr. Pitre made a request to the Commission to adopt a resolution to authorize him to accept defense and indemnity by C-Port, LLC of this claim by RAM Industries. Board Member Melancon requested to add to the resolution that all copies of any correspondence be forward to Attorney Pitre. Mr. Pitre said that this was something he had already requested and had been agreed upon. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes its Attorney, Loulan Pitre, Jr., to accept the offer of defense and indemnity by its lessee, C-Port, LLC with respect to litigation filed by RAM Industries, Inc. against C-Port, LLC and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, provided the Greater Lafourche Port Commission's attorney shall receive and review pleadings and developments in such litigation on behalf of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Robert Champagne, Chairman  
Vinton Crosby, Member  
Larry Griffin, Member

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:

Chevron Co. USA  
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In connection with the Chevron Pipeline Relocation, Mr. Falgout explained he is negotiating with Chevron to lower their pipeline. Chevron would have to replace their 10" oil line, remove their existing 10" oil line and remove their existing 6" CO2 line. The 10" oil line is at critical depths in some places in the channel at -24'. The total cost of removal reboring would be approximately \$1.2 million dollars. Chevron has agreed if the Commission would pay \$400,000 they would pay the remainder of the cost of the relocation of the line and of the removal of the two existing lines. Discussion followed. He stated there was one more pipeline to contend with which is Tennessee Gas high pressure 6" CO2 gas line and he will be negotiating with Tennessee Gas to lower it. Mr. Falgout recommends the Commission authorize him to sign a contract with Chevron Pipeline to pay \$400,000 and Chevron Pipeline Company would pay the remaining cost to remove pipelines. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Ted to sign a contract with Chevron Pipeline to pay \$400,000 and Chevron Pipeline Company would pay the remaining cost to remove pipeline.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE:

Dudley Bernard, Chairman  
Rodney Terrebonne, Member

Chairman Bernard stated that a request had been received by Global Industries to sublease their facility to Martin Terminal, Inc. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve Global Industries to sublease their facility to Martin Terminal, Inc.

Chairman Bernard stated a request had been received by Harris Cheramie to lease property outside of the fence of the Commercial Marina. Mr. Falgout explained Mr. Cheramie's request to the Board. Discussion followed. The Board decided to take no action on this request.

Chairman Bernard stated a request had been received by ERA Aviation. Mr. Falgout explained that ERA Aviation wants to lease an additional 100' of property which is already leased to C-Port, LLC because C-Port may construct tanks on this property and this will cause a problem for ERA's flight safety zone. Mr. Falgout stated no action can be taken by the Board and he will continue to work with ERA and C-Port on this situation. Discussion followed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Donald Vizier, Chairman  
Tomey Doucet, Member  
Harrison Cheramie, Jr. Member  
Johnny Melancon, Member

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 and in particular the following invoices over \$10,000:

1)	Lafourche Parish Water District No. 1	\$ 21,057.50
2)	Picciola & Associates	\$ 53,266.50
3)	Bonneval Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 79,310.75
4)	Ronald Adams Contractor, Inc.	\$241,111.00
5)	L & A Contracting Company	\$ 94,622.93

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for May, 1998.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

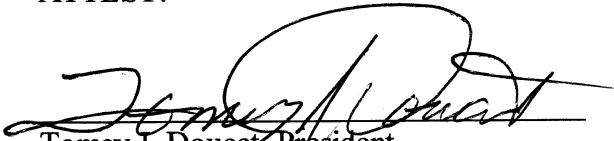
Board Member Cheramie asked what the Water District is doing to provide the port with more water. Mr. Falgout stated that the Water District has a number of improvements planned to get more water to the port. Discussion followed.

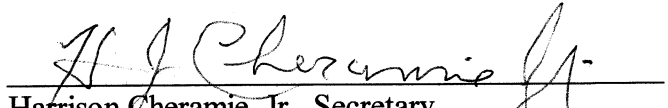
Lt. Cmdr. Lynn Henderson commended the Harbor Police for helping the Coast Guard with enforcing their safety zone last month and asked the Harbor Police to meet with them in June to discuss sub-policing VTS in the fall.

Board Member Vizier asked Lt. Cmdr Henderson about the Leeville Bridge Closures. Lt. Cmdr. Henderson stated there will be 4- 60 hour closures to boat traffic for repairs to the bridge. She also stated that August 3 to October 2 the Leeville Bridge will be closed to vessel traffic from 7 AM - 9AM, 9:30AM - 12PM, 12:30PM - 3PM, 3:30 PM - 7PM, Monday through Friday except on Federal Holidays. Discussion followed.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Tomey J. Doucet, President

  
Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary