

Agenda

July 8, 1998

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Swearing In Appointed Commissioner
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of minutes of June 10, 1998, Board Meeting
Approval of minutes of June 17, 1998, Special Meeting
6. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion
 - B. Highway Improvements
 - C. West Belle Pass
 - D. Deep Draft Berthing Facility
 - E. Operations Center
7. Committee Reports:
 - I. Executive:
 - A. C-Port Request to assign tract G to C-Port 2 L. L. C.
 - B. Policy Review
 - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - A. Letter of No Objection
 - III. Construction & Development:
 - A. Bridge over Chevron Canal Repairs
 - IV. Finance:
 - A. Approval of Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:
 - 1) L & A Contracting Company \$164,766.75
 - 2) Bonneval Construction Co., Inc. \$ 65,896.75
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Audit Report - Tommy Lanaux
8. Any other business
9. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
July 8, 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 July 8, 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 Terrebonne, Vinton Crosby, Johnny Melancon, Tomey Doucet, Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, Dudley Bernard and Larry Griffin

ABSENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr.

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.

President Doucet announced it was time for the swearing in of appointed board member Ervin Bruce. Mr. Bruce was then sworn in by Mr. Leroy Martin, Parish Accessor. Mr. Bruce stated he was deeply honored to be a part of the Port Commission, thanked the members for choosing him and promised he will do his best for the port.

Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the minutes of June 10, 1998 Board Meeting were approved.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the minutes of June 17, 1998 Special Meeting were approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In connection with the E-Slip Bulkhead Extension, Mr. Falgout called upon project engineer Larry J. Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported the date had been set to accept bids on September 3, 1998. President Doucet called for a motion authorizing accepting bids on September 3rd, 1998 on the E-Slip Bulkhead Extension. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Vinton Crosby, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize accepting bids on the E-Slip Bulkhead Extension on September 3rd, 1998. Mr. Picciola also mentioned he was working with Mr. Falgout in coordinating this project with dredging work at the port. Mr. Falgout explained they were working in combining some small dredging needs into one project which would give it the advantage of being a larger job at lower prices. Mr. Falgout stated they are trying to combine the Deep Draft Berthing Facility with these jobs and other dredging that may be needed.

In connection with the Phase III of the E-Slip Expansion, Mr. Falgout called upon project engineer Marco Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported plans are 95% - 98% complete and under the suggestions of Ted and Davie, he met with the lessee of that particular property this week and their comments were incorporated into the plans and specs. Plans and specs are expected to be finished Thursday and a courier will deliver them to D. J. Webre at DOTD Friday. DOTD will begin their review process and with the new fast tract system, the review should take about 30 days.

In reference to the Highway Embankment Stabilization Projects, Mr. Falgout stated that Ronald Adams, Inc. is completing his segment of the embankment improvements from Fourchon to the Leeville Bridge. They are hoping to be in position to put the aggregate stone material on the side of the road prior to the Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo which would provide an additional amount of safety for that stretch of road. The contract is ended now and there is no more money for any further placement of goods and embankment unless the Commission gets additional appropriations. With Representative Mitch Theriot and Senator Mike Robichaux's efforts through the House and Senate the Commission was successful in getting an additional \$500,000 appropriated in the capital outlay for this year in Priority 2. Mr. Falgout stated it will take an effort and the Governor's commitment to sell the bonds. Hopefully the bonds will be sold and Governor and the Division of Administration will give the Commission authority to move on with this project as early as September.

Mr. Falgout stated that bids will be opened on Friday, at 10:00 AM on July 10, 1998 for the Vegetative Planting Project which will consist of planting giant cut grass from Larose north to Lockport where the Lafourche Basin Levee District machine is doing embankment work.

Mr. Falgout stated that Cajun Trucking, Inc. is mobilizing today on site to do the stone rip rap project from Tidewater Dock to the Golden Meadow corporation limit. The excavator is preparing embankment starting from south of Tidewater Dock heading north. The stone should be in place within the next couple of days. Mr. Falgout stated it will cause traffic problems because one side of the road will be shut down. Discussion followed.

In reference to the ISTEA Legislation, Mr. Falgout stated the LA 1 Coalition met with DOTD to try to place funding for that project ahead of others in the state's priority list. Discussion followed.

In reference to the Toll Road, Mr. Falgout stated it is moving along and called upon Port Attorney Loulan Pitre for an update. Mr. Pitre stated that the toll revenue firm, Wilbur Smith, Inc. has been in the area and are doing traffic survey's. The firm will use the survey information to plug into their model of how the transportation routes of this road works. The firm is also doing a detailed amount of Economic Study which involves studying the deepwater developments and how they relate to the port and how over time they would relate to the toll road and how the road should be used. This study will show what revenue would be expected from the toll and what amount of bonds would have to be sold to build this road. Mr. Pitre stated he should have a preliminary report on the economic study before the next board meeting.

In reference to the West Belle Pass Project, Mr. Falgout stated that the Corps of Engineers looked at the elevations of the spoil area and have determined that T. L. James has met the minimum elevations. T. L. James is finished with the project and is moving out. This was one of the first type

of projects of this nature and the Corps of Engineers has learned a lot from this project. Around 1.5 million cubic yards of material was dredged out of the channel at no cost to the Commission and was placed into the West Belle Pass disposal area and the beach disposal area, plus 17,000 linear feet of rip rap was placed on the western edge of the channel. Discussion followed.

In reference to the Deep Draft Berthing Facility, Mr. Falgout called upon Project Engineer Larry Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported that the project was moving along. The contractor should be finished with the deadmen within the next 2 weeks. The sheet piles had come in last week and 16th Street has 400 feet at the entrance left to work on. Discussion followed.

In reference to the Operations Center, Mr. Falgout called upon Project Engineer Ed Cheramie for his report. Mr. Cheramie reported the project is coming along. Contractors are working on framing the stairway to pour concrete. The wall framing is about 95% complete. The roof framing will be worked on next week. The project is about 35% complete but time is around 50% because of foundation work. He stated the contractor feels confident they will be okay on their time schedule.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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

Chairman Doucet stated the executive committee received a request from C-Port, L.L.C. to assign Tract G to C-Port 2, L.L.C. Chairman Doucet called for a motion for this request. Port Attorney Loulan Pitre requested that this assignment be subject to his final review for technical changes in the document. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve C-Port, L.L.C.'s request to assign Tract G to C-Port 2, L.L.C. on condition of final review for technical changes in the document by Port Attorney Loulan Pitre.

Chairman Doucet stated the Board of Commissioners had a list of different policies to review and asked the Board to review policies for the next board meeting.

LEGAL, PERMIT'S, WATERWAYS:

Larry Griffin, Chairman
Vinton Crosby, Member
Ervin Bruce, Member
Tomey Doucet, Member

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve sending letters of no objection to the following:

Mark Williams

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Dudley Bernard, Chairman
Rodney Terrebonne, Member
Tomey Doucet, Member

Chairman Bernard stated the committee met and discussed the Bridge over Chevron Canal repairs. Chairman Bernard asked Director Ted Falgout to explain. Mr. Falgout stated that sometime back Chevron agreed to fund an engineering study to increase the load tonnage on the bridge which is now only 3 tons to 40 tons allowing 18 wheelers with legal loads to cross the bridge. Badeaux & Associates Engineers did the study and came up with a cost estimate of \$767,400. Chevron had committed \$350,000 to this project and has \$320,000 remaining. Mr. Falgout and Chevron representatives approached the Department of Economic Development for assistance and expressed their concerns that the loss of this bridge would cause an economic hardship in the area. The Department of Economic Development committed to putting \$300,000 into the project if the remaining \$147,000 is guaranteed by another entity. Mr. Falgout stated if the Commission would guarantee to be that entity it would only contribute \$147,000. If the project bids comes in higher than \$767,400 then the Commission would have the option like the other contributors to refuse to contribute. If the project comes in lower the Commission's monies would not be spent until Chevron's \$320,000 and the State's \$300,000 has been spent. The bids are expected to be lower than \$767,400. Mr. Falgout and the construction and development committee recommend participation in the project up to \$147,000 and if the project comes in short of \$767,400 the Commission would not fund anything up to \$620,000. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby agree to participate in the Chevron Canal Repairs Project up to \$147,000.

FINANCE :

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

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of all invoices received the previous month and in particular the following invoices above \$10,000:

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| 1) | L & A Contracting | \$164,766.75 |
| 2) | Bonneval Construction | \$ 65,896.75 |

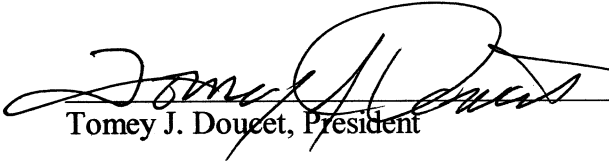
Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for June, 1998.

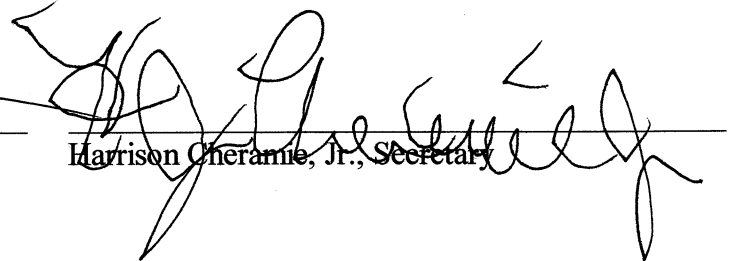
Chairman Vizier then introduced Mr. Tommy Lanaux from Bergeron & Lanaux for an update on audit report as of December 31, 1998.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

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

ATTEST:


Tomey J. Doucet, President


Harrison Cheranne, Jr., Secretary