

Agenda

August 12, 1998

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes of July 8, 1998, Board Meeting
Approval of minutes of July 14, 1998, Special Meeting
5. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion
 - B. Deep Draft Berthing Facility
 - C. Operations Center
 - D. Highway Improvements
6. Committee Reports:
 - I. Executive:
 - A. Pay adjustments for maintenance and Harbor Police personnel
 - B. Bids on surplus equipment
 - C. Port Policy Review
 - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - A. Letter of No Objection
 - B. Marking Channel to Houma
 - III. Construction & Development
 - IV. Finance:
 - A. Approval of Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:
 1. Ronald Adams Contractor, Inc. \$161,635.50
 2. Edward Wisner Donation \$ 23,193.10
 3. Louisiana Land & Exploration \$ 11,128.03
 4. Cajun Trucking, Inc. \$113,309.70
 5. LA I Coalition \$ 25,000.00
 6. Picciola & Associates \$ 67,767.30
 7. Bonneval Construction Co., Inc. \$ 55,575.00
 8. L & A Contracting \$714,674.78
 9. Larry J. Picciola, Inc. \$ 11,248.00
7. Any other business
 - A. Coast Guard
8. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
August 12, 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 August 12, 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: Harrison Cheramie, Jr. Rodney Terrebonne, Johnny Melancon, Tomey Doucet, Ervin Bruce, Dudley Bernard and Larry Griffin

ABSENT: Vinton Crosby & Donald Vizier

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 Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the minutes of July 8, 1998 were approved.

Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the minutes of July 14, 1998 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. Mr. Plaisance stated the project was complete.

In connection with Phase III, E-Slip Expansion, Mr. Falgout called upon project engineer Marco Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported that he submitted a proposal to DOTD for review. DOTD assigned project numbers to the three parts of the project. He contacted DOTD this morning and was informed that by the end of the week he will receive a letter from them with brief comments which will address parts of the project which may need to be changed. Mr. Falgout stated that the Commission received their copy of the fully executed agreement with DOTD. Mr. Picciola suggested setting up a bid date and opening prior to the meeting in October. Mr. Doucet called for a motion for a resolution authorizing Picciola & Associates to advertise for bids and open bids prior to October Board Meeting. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners hereby authorize Picciola & Associates to advertise for bids and open bids prior to the October Board Meeting on Phase III, E-Slip Expansion.

In connection with the Deep Draft Berthing Facility, Mr. Falgout called upon project engineer Larry Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported that contractors were driving the sheets on site. He had to make a change to estimates previously submitted for payment because DOTD only allows back 5% retainage of materials and not 10%. The invoice previously submitted was in the amount of \$714,674.78, the replacement invoice is for \$752,377.97. He also mentioned the problem with getting estimates approved by DOTD. DOTD has first three estimates approved for payment and the Commission should receive payment for them by next week. Mr. Falgout stated that by the month of November L & A Contracting should be finished bulkheading; the next phase of the project would be the dredging. Mr. Picciola reported that as soon as he and Mr. Falgout come up with a plan for the disposal area then they can begin to advertise for bid sometime in October. President Doucet called for a motion to advertise for bids in connection with the dredging on the Deep Draft Berthing Facility Project. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners hereby allows Larry J. Picciola, Inc. to advertise for bids in connection to dredging on the Deep Draft Berthing Facility Project.

In connection with the Operations Center, Mr. Falgout called upon project engineer, Ed Cheramie for his report. Mr. Cheramie reported the contractors are finishing the framing work this week. The contractors started the exterior sheeting work and will be doing roof decking next week. Mr. Falgout asked how the project stands on completion time. Mr. Cheramie estimated completion by mid October. Discussion followed.

In connection with the Highway Improvements, Mr. Falgout called upon Project Engineer Larry Picciola for his report on the Overlay of Port Roads. Mr. Picciola reported he would like to advertise for bids for the Overlay of Port Roads prior to October Board Meeting. President Doucet called for a motion to authorize Larry Picciola, Inc. to advertise for bids for Overlay and Hard Surfacing of Port Roads in Port Fourchon, La. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Larry Picciola, Inc. to advertise for bids for Overlay and Hard Surfacing of Port Roads in Port Fourchon, LA.

In connection with Highway Embankment Stabilization, Mr. Falgout reported the projects are moving along and some are nearing completion. The Ronald Adams, Inc. project, widening the embankment from Fourchon to Leeville, has significantly improved the looks.

In connection with the Rip Rapping from Tidewater Dock to the Golden Meadow corporation limit Mr. Falgout reported it is nearing completion and is turning out better than anticipated. There is enough funds to address other areas with rip rap. Rip rap will be placed along the area south of the Leeville Bridge to the Texaco Dock, across from the old Noonies where the water is encroaching the highway, and the area north of Louisiana Shrimp where old material was placed which needs to be re-touched.

In connection with the Vegetative Planting, Mr. Falgout reported the project is moving along well. He anticipates the contractor, Mitch's Landscaping, will plant over 25,000 plants along the bayou sides between Larose to Valentine.

In connection with the Toll Road Feasibility Study, Mr. Falgout called upon Port Attorney Loulan Pitre for his update. Mr. Pitre reported he received a preliminary draft of the Economic Study which shows continued rapid growth from deep water activity within the next 8 years and then a possible leveling off. That part of the study will be used by revenue forecasters, who did their survey back in July, to create a model of what the revenue could produce. Mr. Pitre mentioned he should have the full revenue study report for the next meeting or meeting after next.

In reference to the La 1 Coalition Mr. Falgout called upon its Director Roy Francis for his report. Mr. Francis reported that he and Mr. Falgout had been meeting with DOTD ever since the Coalition was awarded the \$5.98 million of federal funding. One of the concepts DOTD and the Coalition came up with is dividing the project in two; the southern section will be from Golden Meadow to Fourchon and the northern section from Larose to U.S. 90. He mentioned the Coalition is going to try to fast track the southern section which is the most critical section. He mentioned Mid Continent Oil and Gas Association will agree to match \$200,000 instead of using the state's 20% match of federal dollars in moving these projects along. Discussion followed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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

Chairman Doucet stated the Executive Committee met and reported that Civil Service approved a Flexible Maximum Hire Retention Rate for Harbor Police Officers effective July 1, 1998 and a Market Grade Adjustment for Maintenance Personnel effective January 1, 1999. The Executive Committee recommends approving under Civil Service guidelines a Flexible Maximum Hire Retention Rate of 10.5% effective July 1, 1998 to Harbor Police Officers and Market Grade Adjustments of 10.5% to Maintenance Personnel effective January 1, 1999. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve under Civil Service guidelines a Flexible Maximum Hire Retention Rate of 10.5% for Harbor Police Officers effective July 1, 1998 and a Market Grade Adjustment of 10.5% for Maintenance Personnel effective January 1, 1999.

Chairman Doucet stated that bids for surplus equipment were opened which were advertised in accordance with the public bid laws. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the bids were awarded to the highest bidders as follows:

Brewer Wholesale	94 Jeep Cherokee	\$899.00
Brewer Wholesale	93 Dodge Ramcharger	\$899.00
Brewer Wholesale	94 Chevrolet Caprice	\$1,299.00
Brewer Wholesale	91 Dodge Ramcharger	\$29.00
Bobby J. Bruce, Sr.	Fiberglass Boat & Acces.	\$525.00

Chairman Doucet stated that the Board of Commissioners were still reviewing Port Policies and they will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

LEGAL, PERMITS, & WATERWAYS:

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

Board Member Griffin stated he did not have any letters of no objections to report.

Director Falgout reported the Greater Lafourche Port Commission and the Terrebonne Port Commission have jointly requested the Coast Guard to do some improvements in the former Freeport Sulphur channel between Houma Navigational Canal and the Havoline Canal. The Coast Guard has agreed to place buoys every ½ mile in this channel which will help movement of cargo between the Intracoastal and Port Fourchon and would help divert traffic from Bayou Lafourche. Discussion followed.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

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

Chairman Bernard stated he had nothing to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the invoices for July and recognizes the following expenditures of over \$10,000:

1.	Ronald Adams Contractor, Inc.	\$161,635.50
2.	Edward Wisner Donation	\$ 23,193.10
3.	Louisiana Land & Exploration	\$ 11,128.03
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Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Larry Griffin an unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners hereby approve the financial report for July, 1998.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cmdr. Lynn Henderson of the Coast Guard awarded Chief Guidry with a Citation from the Department of Transportation and the United States Coast Guard in appreciation in aiding the functions of the Coast Guard in enforcing the Coast Guard Safety Zone from April 26, 1998 to May 8, 1998. Chief Guidry thanked her and stated if it were not for the resources allowed him by the Board Commissioners, this could not be possible. Mr. Falgout commended Cmdr. Lynn Henderson for her cooperation in working with the Port Commission.

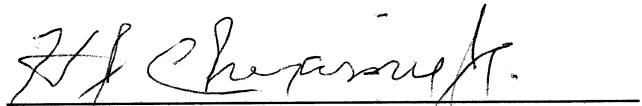
Harris Cheramie of Port Fourchon Marina pointed out a few issues which he feels needs to be addressed at the Port. He mentioned the lights on the Zeus barge not being low enough for small vessels; a sunken barge in flotation canal; and spraying for mosquitoes. Mr. Falgout addressed the issues and assured they would be taken care of. Discussion followed.

By a motion from Larry Griffin, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



Dudley Bernard, Vice President



Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary