

AGENDA
JULY 12, 2000

- I. Call to Order
 - II. Roll Call
 - III. Pledge of Allegiance
 - IV. Swearing in of new board member, Harry Ceramic
 - IV. Approval of June 14, 2000 Minutes
 - V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion Updates
 1. 2nd Leg
 2. 3rd Leg
 - B. Northern Expansion Update
 - C. Highway Improvements
 - D. Golden Meadow Seawall
 - E. Bayou Clean Up
 - VI. A. Executive:
 1. Authorize Asst. Director Davie Breaux to execute utility right of way documents
 2. Authorize President to execute Plan Change No. 2 - Phase II - Leg III E-Slip Development
 3. Committee Member Appointments
 4. Adopt resolution authorizing change to signature card with Bank One
 5. Adopt resolution authorizing change to signature card with State Bank & Trust Co.
 6. Request of assignment of lease by B & V Marine Hardware to Fourchon Seafood, Inc. Authorize President to execute said assignment.
 - B. Legal, Permits, & Waterways:
 1. Letters of No Objection
 1. Chevron USA, Inc.
 - C. Construction & Development:
 1. Road Improvements to Fourchon Beach
 - D. Finance:
 1. Approval of Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:

1. Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$ 34,009.79
2. Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$ 14,295.00
3. Low Land Construction Co.	\$109,876.84
4. Bergeron & Lanaux, CPA's	\$ 11,641.00
5. Mike Hooks, Inc.	\$178,092.27
6. Weeks Marine, Inc.	\$ 73,232.92
7. Tennessee Gas	\$240,000.00
 2. Financial Report for June, 2000
 3. Bergeron & Lanaux - present Annual Financial Statement
 - E. Personnel:
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
JULY 12, 2000

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 12, 2000 at 10:30AM 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 Bernard called the meeting to order and requested that Secretary Rodney Terrebonne call the roll.

PRESENT: Johnny Melancon, Chester Cheramie, Dudley Bernard, Donald Vizier,
Larry Griffin, Rodney Terrebonne, Wilbert Collins, and Harry Cheramie

ABSENT: Ervin Bruce

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Joe Picciola, Larry Picciola, and John Plaisance, Port Engineers; Loulan Pitre, Port Attorney; Gerald Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; Susan Martin, Accountant Administrator; and Addie Callais, Administrative Specialist.

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

President Bernard welcomed Harry Cheramie to the Board of Commissioners, and Representative Loulan Pitre swore in Board Member Cheramie.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Chester Cheramie and unanimously passed, the minutes of the June 14, 2000 meeting were approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

E-Slip Expansion Updates

2nd Leg – Port Engineer Larry Picciola reported that he had been talking with Weeks Marine off-and-on and has learned that they have completed with Oceaneering the two repairs that they said they would do. The repairs were acceptable, but now the two companies are working on negotiating a fixed price. Oceaneering had submitted a price with contingencies for all of the repairs necessary, but Weeks rejected it demanding a fixed price instead. Once that firm price is obtained, they would like to turn over to the Port Commission the responsibility of completing the repairs. Larry suggested, after consulting with Attorney Pitre and Director Falgout, that the Commission move forward with the pending lawsuit if no answer is obtained from Weeks and Oceaneering prior to the next meeting. Attorney Pitre reported that we have two alternative proposals on the table to Weeks right now. One is for a cash settlement, and the other is to have Oceaneering complete the repairs with certain terms. The ball is completely in Weeks' court, but if the Commission hears nothing by next meeting, Attorney Pitre recommended

that the pending litigation be pursued. Attorney Pitre asked that Larry communicate very firmly to Weeks that they need to respond definitively and quickly to resolve this matter because the Commission is ready to take action.

3rd Leg – Port Engineer Joseph Picciola reported that the contractor has completed 71% of the work with only 57% of the allowed time elapsed. Part A of the project is complete and has been accepted. Part B is being completed now. The contractor is finished driving timber and steel sheet piles and pouring the concrete deadmen and is now doing the necessary welding and painting. There is a change order involved with this job that entails moving an existing Haul Road further up 16th Street to get around C-Port's recently constructed tank foundations. The Commission had to pay the contractor to install a culvert and initiate the new Haul Road.

Northern Expansion Update

Port Engineer John Plaisance reported that he got the proposal from Gore Engineering, Inc., a geotechnical engineering firm, for the boring. The proposal is in the amount of \$54,400.00. That is a very high price, but half of that cost is for the use of a marsh buggy. Director Falgout suggested that John contact other companies to see if a better proposal can be obtained. Because the Commission is pressed for time to begin this project, it was suggested that the Commissioners accept the proposal in the amount of \$54,400.00 from Gore Engineering with the stipulation that if a better price is offered before the August meeting, such a price will be accepted. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne, and unanimously accepted, the Commissioners approved the proposal from Gore Engineering with the understanding that a better bid would be sought.

Director Falgout reported that the Commission's request for an extension on the planting requirement involved in Part A Mitigation was formally accepted by DNR with a letter indicating that planting should occur next spring. The original permit that allowed for the mitigation of Part A of the Northern Expansion project required that planting begin within 120 days of completion. However, with the drought conditions experienced in the Port area at the end of the spring, it was conceded that planting would not be highly successful. Thus, within the next few months, the Commission will bid for the plants to be placed next spring

Highway Improvements

The EIS Study from Fourchon to Golden Meadow is still scheduled to be completed by October, and the Feasibility Study from Larose to US 90 has a proposed public hearing scheduled for August, with the Study scheduled to be completed by September.

Director Falgout asked Mr. Francis to give a brief summary of the accomplishments of the Coalition in light of recent questioning of Parish Officials on the need to invest Parish money into the LA 1 Coalition. Mr. Francis provided a lengthy list of accomplishments that culminated with the Commission agreeing that the accomplishments were well worth the Commission's investment.

Golden Meadow Seawall

The Commission is prepared to give the Town of Golden Meadow the materials necessary to complete this job. Director Falgout reported that Mayor Bouziga said the town should finish up within the next month or so.

Bayou Clean Up

Work began on July 11, 2000 in Larose and is currently taking place in the Galliano area. As the Contractor moves down the bayou, his work will slow because there is more debris to be removed the further South he travels. The Contractor will be investigating any undermining of the Golden Meadow seawall that may become evident as the debris is removed and will place all rip-rap generated from the job as embankment protection. It is not too late for anyone in the public to contact the Port Commission to request that something they own be removed as part of this project.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

On a daily basis, the Port Commission has to address right-of-way issues with utility services as tenants need service provided to them, and companies need the right to cross properties in specific locations. In order to greatly expedite the Planning and Development of the Port, Director Falgout suggested that Davie Breaux be authorized to execute all right-of-way documents that are requested by utility companies. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously approved, Davie Breaux was authorized to execute right-of-way documents on behalf of the Commission.

As earlier discussed in Joseph Picciola's report, there is a \$1900.00 plan change in Phase II – Leg III E-Slip Development. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously approved, President Bernard was authorized to execute Plan Change No. 2.

President Bernard reported the Committee Assignments that had occurred as a result of the death of Commissioner Harrison Chermie and the appointment of Commissioner Harry Chermie to his seat. No approval is needed for this action as assigning the committees is wholly at the discretion of the President, and such action lies within his power.

The Permits Committee is comprised of Chairman Larry Griffin, Wilbert Collins, and Harry Chermie. Construction and Development is made up of Chairman Ervin Bruce, Larry Griffin, and Chester Chermie. Finance Committee members are Chairman Donald Vizier, Johnny Melancon, and Rodney Terrebonne. Executive Committee members are Chairman Dudley Bernard, Johnny Melancon, Donald Vizier, and Rodney Terrebonne. The Personnel Committee is made up of Chairman Johnny Melancon, Ervin Bruce, and Rodney Terrebonne.

Since Commissioner Rodney Terrebonne was elected Secretary of the Board at the June 16th, 2000 special meeting and as an officer is authorized to sign Commission checks, it was necessary to add his name to the Signature Cards at Bank One and State Bank. Upon

motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Wilbert Collins and unanimously accepted, the Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution authorizing the change to the signature card with Bank One. Upon motion by Chester Cheramie, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously accepted, the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the change to the signature card with State Bank & Trust Co.

Fourchon Seafood, Inc., the parent company of B & V Marine Hardware, Inc., wishes to acquire the assets of B & V Marine Hardware, Inc., in order to reduce the cost of acquiring insurance on two separate properties under two separate business names. B & V Marine Hardware wishes to assign its lease with the Port Commission to Fourchon Seafood, Inc. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Wilbert Collins and unanimously approved, the commission authorized President Bernard to execute the assignment of lease by B & V Marine Hardware, Inc. to Fourchon Seafood, Inc.

LEGAL, PERMITS, AND WATERWAYS:

Chairman Griffin presented a letter of no objection from Chevron, USA. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Chester Cheramie and unanimously approved, the Board accepted Chevron, USA's letter of no objection.

Chairman Griffin reported that Tennessee Gas Co. is on-sight boring their pipeline crossing in the Pass to 75 feet, so by the end of this year, there could be about 30 feet of water coming into the jetties and then about 27 feet of water coming onto the docks from the jetties.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Road Improvements to Fourchon Beach

Joe Picciola updated the Commissioners on this project reporting that paving of the Fourchon Beach road was substantially completed on June 30, 2000. According to an Intergovernmental Agreement signed between the Lafourche Parish Council and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, the Parish Council is going to pay for this work upon receipt of an invoice from the Contractor. When the Port Commission receives a copy of the paid invoice from the Parish, the Commission will reimburse the Parish for the funds spent paying for the work. Then, the Parish will reimburse the Commission for the base bid price of this contract, which is from the Fourchon Bridge to the turn-off onto the Chevron Beach Road, by December 2001 or when the funding becomes available from Phase III of Road Sales Tax District 2, whichever occurs first.

Donald Vizier veered from the Agenda to inquire whether President Bernard had heard anything about Vin Bruce's operation. Larry Griffin said that he had talked to Vin last night and that everything was going good. He was feeling great.

FINANCE:

Chairman Vizier presented the invoices and recognized those that were in excess of \$10,000 for June 2000. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Wilbert Collins and unanimously approved, the Board approves payment of the invoices.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Harry Cheramie and unanimously approved, the Financial Report for June 2000 was approved.

Mark Felger, a partner with the accounting firm of Bergeron & Lanaux of Houma, reported that the firm had completed its annual audit of the Port's financial statements and had issued an unqualified opinion, which is the highest rating that can be assigned. An unqualified opinion means that the financial statements that are prepared are a fair representation of the financial position of this agency as a result of the operations of the Port Commission in accordance with general accounting principles. Bergeron & Lanaux also issued an unqualified opinion in reference to the use of the federal monies acquired from FEMA for repairs from hurricane damage.

PERSONNEL:

Chairman Johnny Melancon reported that Harbor Police Officer James Wright had resigned his position with the Port, and a new officer had just been hired to replace him. He also reported that the Commission is seeking a list of qualified candidates from Civil Service for the position of Construction Foreman.


ANY OTHER BUSINESS:


In any other business, Terry Serigny was in the audience and informed the Commissioners that he will be running for an open seat in the upcoming election.

Donald Vizier asked about the big green buoy that was on the West side of Belle Pass but is now on the beach. Chief Guidry said that it has been reported to Dulac, and someone is in the process of getting it.

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

ATTEST:


Dudley A. Bernard, President


Rodney J. Terrebonne, Sr., Secretary