

AGENDA  
AUGUST 9, 2000

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of July 12, 2000 Regular Meeting Minutes
- V. Approval of July 25, 2000 Special Meeting Minutes
- VI. Executive Director's Report
  - A. E-Slip Expansion Updates
    - 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> leg
    - 2. 3<sup>rd</sup> leg
  - B. Northern Expansion Update
  - C. Highway Improvements
  - D. Golden Meadow Seawall
  - E. Bayou Clean Up
- VII. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee:
    - 1. Authorize President Bernard to execute Landlord's Consent as per Allison Marine Contractors, Inc.'s request
    - 2. Delegate Executive Director as appointing authority for all employees of the Commission
    - 3. Authorize Executive Director to execute Agreements with KBA Lease Services, Inc.
    - 4. Authorize Executive Director to execute PCA Agreement for Corps Dredging Project
    - 5. Name Executive Director as accredited delegate of the Port Commission for AAPA Convention
  - B. Legal, Permits & Waterways Committee:
    - 1. Letters of No Objection
      - i. Forman Petroleum Corporation
      - ii. Maloney Dufrene Company, Inc.
      - iii. Roy Robino, Jr.
  - C. Construction & Development Committee:
  - D. Finance Committee:
    - 1. Approve payment of Invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
      - a. Picciola & Associates, Inc. \$ 29,348.90
      - b. Low Land Construction Co. \$214,450.76
      - c. South Lafourche Levee District \$ 85,000.00
      - d. LeBro Construction, Inc. \$ 13,197.60
      - e. LA Dept. of Transportation & Dev. \$ 10,084.53
  - E. Personnel Committee:
    - 1. Introduction of Jean Carriere, newly hired Harbor Policeman
    - 2. Introduction of Robbie Smith, new Construction Foreman
    - 3. Advertising for Mobile Equipment Operator 2
  - F. Communications Committee:
- VIII. Any other business
- IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
August 9, 2000

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Administration Building in Galliano Louisiana on Wednesday, August 9, 2000 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 Bernard called the meeting to order and requested that Secretary Terrebonne call the roll.

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

ABSENT: Ervin Bruce

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

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

Board Member Melancon veered from the Agenda to introduce Jean Carriere, a newly hired Harbor Policeman, and Robbie Smith, a Maintenance employee recently promoted to the position of Construction Foreman.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Wilbert Collins, and unanimously approved, the Board of Commissioners approved the minutes from the July 12, 2000 Regular Meeting.

Upon motion by Chester Cheramie, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne, and unanimously approved, the Board of Commissioners approved the minutes from the July 25, 2000 Special Meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

E-Slip Expansion Updates

2<sup>nd</sup> Leg – Port Engineer Larry Picciola reported that negotiations with Weeks Marine have been completed, and Port Attorney Loulan Pitre reported that a settlement has been negotiated for the amount of \$401,955.00. The Port still owes to Weeks Marine \$38,968.00 for a retainage from the contract, and the difference will be paid to the Port. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Harry Cheramie, and unanimously approved, the Board of Commissioners authorized President Bernard to execute a release

of Weeks' Marine from the litigation filed by the Commission in exchange for the settlement payment in the amount of \$401,955.00.

3<sup>rd</sup> leg – Port Engineer Joe Picciola reported that there is a project currently out for bid to dredge in front of the bulkhead just completed in Part A in front of Newpark and in Part B. A pre-bid conference was scheduled for August 9, 2000, and a bid opening was scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2000. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Wilbert Collins, and unanimously approved, the Board of Commissioners accepted the low bid for this dredging project, provided the project Engineer, the Port Attorney, and the Executive Director approve the lowest bid.

#### Northern Expansion

Port Engineer John Plaisance reported that five proposals were submitted for borings that need to be performed before the first leg of the Expansion can be constructed. Eustis Engineers was awarded the project. They are expected to begin borings next week.

Director Falgout reported that the Commission was invited by EDA to file a formal application for a \$1.5 million grant after EDA reviewed the Port's Pre-Application. Although the money has not been officially awarded yet, there is a 99% chance that the project will be funded. This grant will help defray some of the costs of the more than \$8 million needed to construct the first leg of the Expansion.

#### Highway Improvements

Director Falgout reported that the paving of the Beach Access road has been completed and looks very good. He then called upon Roy Francis with the LA 1 Coalition to update the Commissioners on the standings of the CARA bill.

#### Golden Meadow Seawall & Bayou Clean Up

LeBro Construction is cleaning up the bayou as part of the Embankment Stabilization project. Some undermining of the seawall was found as structures were removed. Rip rap was placed in those areas, and they will be covered with stone.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Executive Committee

President Bernard reported that Allison Marine wants to borrow money to finance construction on the site that they sublease from L & M Botruc, Inc. They need proof from the Board in the form of an executed Landlord's Consent that both Allison and L & M are not in default of their leases. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Wilbert Collins, and unanimously approved, the Board of Commissioners authorized President Bernard to execute the Landlord's Consent.

President Bernard informed the Commission that Civil Service requires a formal resolution delegating Executive Director Falgout as the appointing authority for all employees of the Commission. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney

Terrebonne, and unanimously approved, Director Falgout was named the appointing authority of the Commission.

President Bernard stated that the executive director has recommended to the executive committee that the committee purchase and/or lease computer software from KBA Visual Lease Services, a software provider that will maintain all leases of the Commission on computer. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Harry Cheramie and unanimously approved, Director Falgout was authorized to execute Lease Agreements with KBA Lease Services, Inc.

President Bernard reported that the Commission has been working toward having the Corps maintain responsibility to dredge Belle Pass since 1987. Finally, there is an Agreement to be signed between the Commission and the Corps (PCA Agreement). Once that happens, the Corps is prepared to advertise for bids for dredging the channel. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Chester Cheramie and unanimously approved, Director Falgout was authorized to execute the PCA Agreement.

President Bernard concluded the executive committee report by recommending that Director Falgout be authorized to represent the GLPC at the annual AAPA convention, providing the Commission with one vote on all matters to be decided by the Port Authorities. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Wilbert Collins and unanimously approved, Director Falgout was named the accredited delegate of the Port Commission for the AAPA Convention.

#### Legal, Permits, and Waterways Committee

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by P.T. Terrebonne and unanimously approved, letters of no objection were approved by the Board for Forman Petroleum Corporation, Maloney Dufrene Company, Inc., and Roy Robino, Jr.

Executive Director reported that the Coast Guard called to report on marking a channel from the Havoline Canal to the Houma Navigation Canal. It will be completed today. Every other pile pole will be lighted and have a day mark. This canal is the result of 5-6 years of persistence by the Ports of Terrebonne and Lafourche and will ease the traffic in Bayou Lafourche.

#### Finance Committee

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

## Personnel Committee

Chairman Melancon reported that the Commission is now advertising for the position of Mobile Equipment Operator 2. He also announced that on behalf of the Commissioners and all 25 employees of the GLPC, he commends the workers for acquiring \$9.8 million from Port Priority funding through a highly competitive Grant application process. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Wilbert Collins and unanimously approved, letters will be sent to all employees commending them for their efforts in the success of Port Fourchon.

## Communications Sub-Committee

Chairman Melancon reported that upon review of the communications system now in use by the Port, which arose as a result of Nextel deciding to no longer support the 800 system the Port currently operates, it has been determined that purchase of a new system is necessary. The total cost will be \$59,100. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by P.T. Terrebonne and unanimously approved, the board moved to adopt the new communications system and authorized Harbor Police Chief Gerald Guidry to execute any and all necessary documents on behalf of the Port Commission.

## Any other business

Carl Chauvin, a member of the audience, questioned whether there was a meeting of a majority of the Port Commission yesterday at any location where Port Commission business was discussed. The Board answered yes, there were Committee meetings yesterday. Mr. Chauvin questioned whether the notice of the Committee meeting was posted, and it was reported that it is posted on the bulletin board in the Commission Administration building in Galliano. Mr. Chauvin questioned whether the Executive Director's contract was discussed during that committee meeting, and Board Member Melancon answered that the Personnel Committee, of which he is Chairman, reviewed the Director's contract. He also offered to Mr. Chauvin to personally invite him to the next Committee Meeting and each one thereafter, if he so wished. Board Member Collins reminded Mr. Chauvin that he had spoken to him last week and told him to come to the Committee Meeting if he so wished.

Mr. Tom Bellantine from Newpark Resources, Inc. was at the meeting to invite all the members of the board to the grand opening of Newpark Drilling's new facility on 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Port Fourchon. Director Falgout asked Mr. Bellantine to take time to address the investment that Newpark has put into the Port. Mr. Bellantine reported that the Drilling Fluids company investment is in the area of \$3-4 million. The Environmental Services facility is an investment in the amount of \$2 million. These new facilities are state-of-the-art to service the offshore industry and do not store hazardous waste.

Mr. Jimmy Lafont announced to the board that he will be running for a seat on the Commission. He said that whether or not he is elected, he would like to help the board in any way that he can, as he is appointed out of Washington to work with the Coast Guard.

Mr. Terry Serigny also addressed the board and stated he is running for an open seat on the Board. He commended the Commissioners for the job that they are doing and revealed that he would like to have a part of it. He recognizes how critical the Port is for the economic development of this area.

Board Member Melancon made a request that Mr. Chauvin be mailed meeting notices in the future, and Mr. Chauvin requested a copy of yesterday's meeting notice and the last five meeting notices.

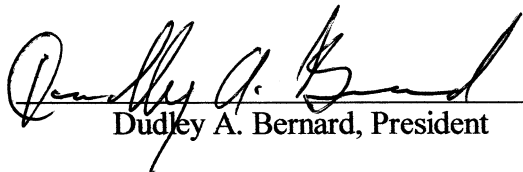
Board Member Collins said that since before he was elected to the Board, he had been hearing that the Committee meetings conducted by the Commission are illegal. Yet he has seen no reason for such allegations. Director Falgout addressed these concerns to Port Attorney Loulan Pitre who reported that the Open Meetings law and all its requirements are observed by the Commission. He also said that he finds it curious that complaints about Committee meetings are generated by people who do not historically attend even the Board Meetings. Director Falgout clarified that when no action is taken on an issue addressed in Committee, it is not necessary that it be reported at the Board meeting.

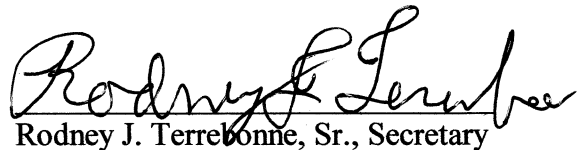
Mr. Chauvin questioned Board Member Melancon whether a consensus was ever reached during his committee meetings of members other than those on his committee. Board Member Melancon reported that he and his committee reach a decision, and all people attending the meeting are allowed to voice their opinions or ask questions, but there is never any vote taken of the entire board because that is illegal.

Mr. Chauvin requested that the tapes of the meeting be kept as evidence because it is his understanding that he tapes are not always kept in perpetuity.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Wilbert Collins and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Dudley A. Bernard, President

  
Rodney J. Terrebonne, Sr., Secretary