

AGENDA
JULY 18, 2001

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider June 13, 2001 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion Update
 - B. Highway Improvements
 - C. Millennium Port Update (LEERC)
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee:
 - 1. South Lafourche Airport
 - 2. Harbor Policy Salary Consideration
 - 3. Grievance Policy
 - 4. Memorials
 - 5. Consider resolution in support of capital outlay funds for the Leeville Bridge, Golden Meadow Locks, and other Regional Projects
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee:
 - 1. Letters of No Objection
 - i. Greater Lafourche Port Commission
 - C. Construction & Development Committee:
 - 1. Proposals for Lot 211A
 - 2. Bids for Highway Embankment Project
 - 3. Jet Cinema
 - D. Finance Committee:
 - 1. Consider payment of Invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Consider June 2001 Financial Statement for approval
 - 3. Audit Report
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Any other business
- IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
July 18, 2001

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, July 18, 2001 at 10:30 AM.

President Melancon called the meeting to order, and Secretary Collins called the roll.

PRESENT: Johnny Melancon, Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, Ervin Bruce, Harry Cherie, Beau Martin, Chuckie Cherie, and Jimmy Lafont

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Ervin Bruce, the minutes of the June 13, 2001, regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Project Engineer John Plaisance reported that construction is progressing well. The Contractor continues to drive the timber pilings and pour concrete for the deadmen, as well as work on the access road. The water system has been completed, and the driving of the steel sheet piles has begun. Director Falgout reported that we have submitted our Maritime Forest Ridge Project permit as an Amendment to the Northern Expansion permit, as requested by DNR. He also reported that we are considering mining the material out of the slips instead of hydraulically dredging it to fill the land along the first leg.

Highway Improvements and Millennium Port – Director Falgout reported that we've received considerable press for our efforts to gain recognition of the impact for offshore oil and gas activity. The Regional Director of MMS, Chris Oynes, has requested a meeting with the Port Commission and industry representatives next Thursday, July 26th. Roy Francis, Executive Director of the LA 1 Coalition, reported that the appropriations bill which allocates \$3 million to the Leeville Bridge has made it out of both the House and Senate Committees. He also reported that CARA is supposed to be brought to the Resource Committee at the end of July, with significantly stronger support than was received last year.

Millennium Port – Director Falgout reported that the Millennium Port Authority has submitted a draft Cooperative Endeavor Agreement that builds the framework for the Authority, the Port Commission, and the Port of New Orleans to work together to study the feasibility of building a Millennium Port in Lafourche Parish.

Committee Reports

Executive – Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on June 26, 2001, at the Operations Center in Port Fourchon. Present at this meeting were John Melancon, Sr., Donald Vizier, Larry Griffin, and Wilbert Collins, Sr., and no members were absent. The Committee also met on July 17, 2001, at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present at this meeting were John Melancon, Sr., Donald Vizier, Larry

Griffin, and Wilbert Collins, Sr., and no members were absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

Chairman Melancon presented for the board's consideration the lease of the South Lafourche Airport. Attorney Pitre reported that he has completed the draft agreement, and if it is approved by the Port Commission today, it will be presented to the Airport Commission on Wednesday evening, and then to the Parish Council at the next council meeting. The Cooperative Endeavor Agreement would enable the Port Commission to become the chief operator of the Leonard J. Miller Airport. The Agreement would be subject to the approval of the Louisiana DOTD and the FAA. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the draft Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

President Melancon veered from the agenda and allowed Senator Reggie Dupre to address the board of Commissioners. Senator Dupre commended the board for its move to acquire the airport, and he suggested that the board consider changing its name in the 2003 session from the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to the Greater Lafourche Intermodal Transportation Commission since it operates a seaport, could potentially operate an airport, and is actively involved in intermodal initiatives. Senator Dupre requested that the board adopt a resolution in support of the Capital Outlay bill for funding of the Leeville Bridge, the Golden Meadow Locks, and other regional projects. Senator Dupre will meet with Mark Drennan of the State Bond Commission office on Monday, July 30, to discuss these projects and insist they be funded. Senator Dupre also announced that he is opening up an office in Galliano behind the old annex. It will probably be ready in about a month, and it will make him more readily accessible to the people of Lafourche Parish.

Chairman Melancon presented for the board's consideration the Harbor Police force's salaries. Director Falgout explained that over the last month, two officers have left because of better salaries offered elsewhere. Civil Service has made available several means through which to increase the officers' pay. Director Falgout recommended that the officers be given a \$1.48 per hour raise across the board so that the entry-level salary would be increased by 17%. Larry Griffin motioned that the officers be given a \$1.48 raise. The motion was seconded by Chuckie Cheramie, and discussion followed. As a result of the discussions, Mr. Griffin withdrew his motion. Mr. Harry Cheramie moved that the police officers receive a 17% raise across the board, and Mr. Larry Griffin seconded that motion, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Chairman Melancon presented for the board's consideration the Grievance Policy of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. Director Falgout reported that the policy is designed to outline the employee's rights and the procedure to be followed when such rights are violated. Upon motion by Harry Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Grievance Policy as submitted.

Chairman Melancon presented for the board's discussion the subject of Memorials. Director Falgout explained that the board has discussed naming several initiatives of the port after deceased members of the Commission. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Vin Bruce, the board unanimously approved naming the proposed new Leeville Bridge the Tomey J. Doucet Memorial Bridge and the new Sanctuary the Harrison J. Cheramie, Jr. Memorial Sanctuary.

Chairman Melancon presented for the board's consideration a resolution to be adopted in support of the regional projects that are part of the capital outlay funding request as submitted. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the resolution in support of all seven regional projects.

Permits & Waterways - Chairman Jimmy Lafont reported that the committee met on June 26, 2001, at the Operations Center in Port Fourchon. Present at this meeting were Jimmy Lafont, Wilbert Collins, Sr., and Beau Martin, and no members were absent. The Committee also met on July 17, 2001, at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present at this meeting were Jimmy Lafont, Wilbert Collins, Sr., and Beau Martin, and no members were absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

Chairman Lafont presented for the board's consideration a request for a letter of no objection from the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved issuing a letter of no objection to the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

Chairman Lafont reported that three buoys have already been placed in the Caminada Bay Channel, and he believes that it will be well marked within a few months. He reiterated that the Coast Guard must receive positive feedback so that they will allow the buoys to remain there. Director Falgout suggested that we go to the shrimp sheds in August to receive feedback from the users of the channel.

Director Falgout reported that he and Chief Terrebonne had discussions with the Coast Guard about the buoy system at Belle Pass. The Coast Guard felt that the buoys at the entrance were not necessary because they were very often being dragged off location. Director Falgout and Chief Terrebonne commented that they were in fact needed and that the reason they were being dragged off is because they are so small and unlighted. The Coast Guard has agreed to removing the sea buoy, and moving the present buoys further offshore and adding bigger, lighted buoys marking the entrance to the Pass.

Director Falgout reported that the Corps of Engineers is currently dredging the channel. Assistant Director Davie Breaux reported that the contractor has completed dredging the offshore reach to the jetties and is proceeding further in Port. They are estimating that the job will be complete in 20-30 days.

Construction & Development - Chairman Ervin Bruce reported that the committee met on June 26, 2001, at the Operations Center in Port Fourchon. Present at this meeting were Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, and Chuckie Cheramie, and no members were absent. The Committee also met on July 17, 2001, at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present at this meeting were Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, and Chuckie Cheramie, and no members were absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration the proposals received for Lot 211A. Director Falgout reported that this was our first effort at advertising property available for lease. Several companies expressed interest in this property, but only Magnum Mud submitted a proposal for this site. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously agreed to authorize Director Falgout to negotiate a lease with Magnum Mud and authorized President Melancon to execute said lease.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration the bids received for the highway embankment project. Director Falgout reported that the work for this project will include rebuilding the embankment from Galliano to Larose. LeBro Construction Company, Inc. was low bidder at \$124.50 per hour. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously accepted the low bid from LeBro Construction for \$124.50 per hour.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration the availability of the Jet Cinema property. Director Falgout reported that the Commission has looked at purchasing that property for several months. The Port Attorney has reviewed the appraisal of the property and performed a title search, and a structural engineer reviewed the building. All appears to be in order to proceed with a purchase. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Johnny Melancon, the board agreed to purchase the Jet Cinema for \$200,000.00, with Commissioners Harry Chermie and Jimmy Lafont voting against the purchase.

Finance Committee - Chairman Larry Griffin reported that the committee met on June 26, 2001, at the Operations Center in Port Fourchon. Present at this meeting were Larry Griffin, Donald Vizier, and Harry Chermie, and no members were absent. The Committee also met on July 17, 2001, at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present at this meeting were Larry Griffin, Donald Vizier, and Harry Chermie, and no members were absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's consideration the invoices for the month and recognized expenditures over \$10,000. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved payment of all invoices.

Chairman Griffin presented the Financial Statement for the month of June, which was unanimously approved upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Ervin Bruce.

Chairman Griffin reported that the audit report has been completed, and Mr. Mark Felger with Bergeron & Lanaux had presented a full Audit Report to the committee. Mr. Felger stated that the Port Commission had been issued an unqualified opinion, which indicates that the audit of the financial records of the Commission led the auditors to conclude that the Financial Statements are a fair representation of the Commission's financial condition and the results of its operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The report showed that the Commission has approximately \$50 million in total assets, most of which is tied up in current and future development projects. Mr. Felger reported that the firm issued a Management letter which addressed the Port's contract for legal services as well as the payment of per diems to Commissioners. Mr. Felger said that the report shows that the Commission is continuing to properly manage the resources that it has, and that the port is showing very good, sustained growth while it strengthens its financial position. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the audit report.

Public Comment

Mr. Bobby Burguieres with Magnum Mud thanked the Commission for awarding the lease to the company. He reiterated that they are very excited about acquiring the additional property to expand their growing business in the Port.

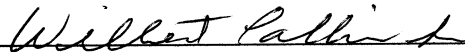
Any other business

Commissioner Chuckie Cherie reported that the organizers of the Golden Meadow Tarpon Rodeo would like to extend their gratitude to Harbor Police Lieutenant Larry Terry, the police officers, Maintenance Foreman Wilson Picou, and the rest of the maintenance department for a job well done at the rodeo. The rodeo was a big success this year.

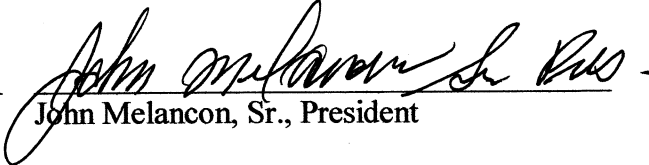
Adjournment

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:



Wilbert Collins, Sr., Secretary



John Melancon, Sr., President