

AGENDA
MAY 8, 2002

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider April 10, 2002 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion Update
 - a. Construction status:
 - i. West Bulkhead – John Plaisance
 - ii. East Bulkhead – John Plaisance
 - iii. Hydraulic Dredging – John Plaisance
 - iv. Bucket Dredging – Larry Picciola
 - B. Highway Improvements
 - C. Millennium Port Update
 - a. US Army Corps of Engineers' Feasibility Study
 - D. Airport Update
 - a. Construction status:
 - i. Airport Road – Joe Picciola
 - ii. Restriping Runway
 - iii. Master Plan
 - E. Clovelly Road
 - a. Construction status:
 - i. Road improvements – Joe Picciola
 - F. Jet Cinema Renovation
 - a. Construction status - Edmond Cheramie
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. **Executive Committee**
 - a. Consider memorializing South Lafourche Airport
 - b. New Harbor Police Officer
 - c. Review applications and hire summer employees
 - d. Consider approving Landlord Agreement for Latelco lease
 - e. Consider assignment request from MB Energy to Trinity Storage Services
 - f. Edward Wisner use of excavator
 - B. **Permits & Waterways Committee**
 - a. Letters of No Objection
 - i. Chevron USA, Inc.
 - ii. Raymond Melancon
 - iii. Hunt Petroleum Corp.
 - C. **Construction and Development Committee**
 - a. Consider granting right of entry, along with ingress and egress to the United States of America for Port Fourchon Navigation Channel Project
 - D. **Finance Committee**
 - a. Consider payment of invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
 - b. Consider approving April 2002 Financial Statement
 - c. Sale of excess equipment
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Any other business
- IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
May 8, 2002

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, April 10, 2002 at 10:30 AM.

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

PRESENT: John Melancon, Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, Ervin Bruce, Harry Cheramie, Chuckie Cheramie, and Jimmy Lafont

ABSENT: Beau Martin

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the minutes of the April 10, 2002, regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer John Plaisance reported that the West Bulkhead project is in Substantial Completion, and the contractor's lien time is running. The East Bulkhead project was issued a Notice to Proceed for April 15, 2002, and the contractor is driving timber piles on-site. Lowland also is having steel sheets painted at their yard in Thibodaux. The Hydraulic Dredge is on its way down to Fourchon, and dredging should begin next week. Weeks Marine has started building the retainer levees for the Maritime Forest Ridge. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the Contractor on the Bucket Dredge project is still digging and has almost completed its first pass around the proposed slip.

Highway Improvements – Director Falgout reported that the Energy Bill is now through Congress. The news that it had passed came while he was in Washington, meeting with both the Assistant Administrator of the Department of Energy and Congressman Tauzin. Senator Landrieu has put language into the Energy Bill that will generate \$200 million per year for Louisiana in royalties from the federal OCS sales. The House version of this bill does not have this provision and is different from the Senate version in other ways, so the bill must go to Conference Committee, which is chaired by Congressman Tauzin.

Director Falgout also reported that on Dateline NBC last night, there was a segment on the country's deadliest highways, which highlighted Highway 308. The Port's Public Relations Office has spoken to Hoda Kotb about doing a segment on the highway's importance to the nation's energy.

Director Falgout reported that he had the opportunity to testify before the US Minerals Management Service last week on the upcoming 5-year leasing program. MMS is recognizing the impacts of the lease sales on the existing infrastructure. He also reported that he and Representative Pitre are working through the state highway priority program to overlay and put embankments on the existing 2-lane highway from Golden Meadow to the Leeville Bridge. This project was not in the 5-year program but it now is. He also reported that he attended a meeting with Environmental Agencies, DOTD, and contractors from the Association of General Contractors to review the Draft EIS document on the proposed elevated 4-lane from Golden Meadow to Fourchon. There was a request to place a collection system on the entire elevated highway to collect rainwater off of the highway and dispose of it in an environmentally friendly

manner. Through the aid of the Association of General Contractors, it was recognized that such extreme measures were not warranted for this project. Director Falgout also reported that National Public Radio will be in port Friday for an interview about the threat of coastal erosion.

Millennium Port – Director Falgout reported that Governor Foster has toned down his momentum for establishing a Millennium Port. It is the opinion of the ports in this state that he has made the right decision because assumptions made in the original study about developments in Central and South America were inaccurate. The Ports Association of Louisiana is recommending to the Governor and the state that a study assessing all of the ports in the state be completed and a strategic plan for the state's ports be developed from this study. The Corps is in the process of completing their study of the Feasibility of a 50-ft channel in Port Fourchon.

Airport – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the paving is complete on the whole length of Airport road. Striping will occur next week. There was one section where there appeared to be a base failure or bad asphalt. A technician is coming from Lafayette tomorrow to examine the failure, and it will be repaired. Director Falgout reported that the restriping of the runway has been completed, and it has provided a great visual enhancement to the facility. He also reported that the master plan is underway and preliminary reports should be forthcoming. It is estimated that completion will be in about 8 months.

Clovelly Road – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that plans have been completed, and the Parish, the Drainage District, the Levee District, the landowners, the farmers, and several oil companies have all been consulted on this job and may play some role in improving this road. The total cost of improving this road will exceed the \$100,000 committed by the Commission in this first year of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Parish, but with the cooperation of the agencies and private interests that have been consulted, the Commission's investment should be enough to accurately repair both the drainage and the road leading to the boat launch.

Jet Cinema Renovation – Architect Edmond Cheramie reported that the design development was presented at the Committee meeting and that he would like to have approval of this design and the proposed budget to proceed with the bids. The project time frame has been delayed by about 3-4 weeks because of a medical situation that arose with a consulting mechanical engineer. A new mechanical engineering firm is being brought into this project, and bids are expected to be received by the August board meeting, with construction completed sometime around April 2003. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved the design and budget of the Jet Cinema Renovation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on April 24, 2002, at the Operations Center in Fourchon and on May 6, 2002, at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present at these meetings was John Melancon, Larry Griffin, Wilbert Collins, and Donald Vizier, and no member was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

President Melancon presented for the board's consideration memorializing South Lafourche Airport to honor past South Lafourche Airport District President Leonard Miller, Jr. and long-time board member Harrison Cheramie, Jr. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved renaming South Lafourche Airport to the South Lafourche Leonard Miller Jr. Airport and the terminal building the Harrison Cheramie, Jr. Terminal.

President Melancon then informed the Commission that Director Falgout will hire a new Harbor Police Officer, Kirk Landry, who resides in Golden Meadow and has over 15 years in law enforcement experience.

President Melancon then asked Director Falgout to present the applications for summer employment. He reported that Hunter Guidry, Jarvis Pitre, and Gavin Duet will work for the Commission this summer. Usually, the Commission hires six summer employees, so the remaining three positions will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. The beginning pay for the first year worker will be \$7.00 per hour, and each subsequent year there is a \$.25 increase.

President Melancon presented for the board's approval a Landlord Agreement for the recently executed lease with Latelco. Director Falgout explained that this agreement allows the phone company to utilize the lease site as collateral in its financing efforts. Upon motion by Harry Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved these agreements and authorized President Melancon to execute them.

President Melancon presented for the board's review a request from MB Energy to assign 49% of its lease to Trinity Storage Services. Director Falgout reported that this issue was discussed at length in committee meetings, and Trinity is a much larger and more substantial company than MB Energy, who holds the lease with the Commission. Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the assignment.

President Melancon presented for the board's consideration a request from Wisner to initiate a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on an Environmental project that will render benefits to the port in its vicinity of the Recreational Boat Launch. Wisner is requesting that the Port participate by utilizing its excavator to build up the marsh, which is worth about \$43,000. Wisner is applying for grants for this project, and they are using our participation as a cash match for their grant requirements. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved participating in this project by utilizing its excavator and authorized Director Falgout to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement needed to complete this restoration project.

Permits & Waterways – Chairman Jimmy Lafont reported that the committee met on April 24, 2002, at the Operations Center in Fourchon and on May 6, 2002, at the administration building in Galliano. Present at these meetings were Jimmy Lafont and Wilbert Collins, and Beau Martin was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

Chairman Lafont presented for the board's consideration requests for letters of no objection from Chevron USA, Inc., Raymond Melancon, and Hunt Petroleum Corporation. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved issuing a letter of no objection to those who requested one.

Director Falgout reported on the progress made on charting Fourchon. Charts on Fourchon had been very poor and outdated, and through discussions with NOAA, work has been authorized to update the charts of Fourchon and to make this Port part of the federal navigation chart. We also are discussing with NOAA the possibility of installing tidal stations in Port and near the flood gates to provide real time tidal information.

Construction & Development - Chairman Ervin Bruce reported that the committee met on April 24, 2002, at the Operations Center in Fourchon. Present at this meeting was Donald Vizier and Chuckie Cheramie, and Vin Bruce was absent. The committee also met on May 6, 2002, at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present at this meeting were Donald Vizier, Chuckie

Cheremie, and Vin Bruce, and no member was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration a request from the United States of America, Army Corps of Engineers for a right of entry, along with ingress and egress for the Port Fourchon Navigation Channel Project. Director Falgout explained that this right of entry is needed for the Corps to dredge a portion of Belle Pass, not previously included in the Port Fourchon Navigation Project completed last summer. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Chuckie Cheremie, the board unanimously approved issuing a right of entry to the Corps for the life of this project.

Finance – Chairman Larry Griffin reported that the committee met on April 24, 2002, at the Operations Center in Fourchon and on May 6, 2002 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present at these meetings were Larry Griffin, Harry Cheremie, and Donald Vizier, and no member was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's approval the invoices for the month and recognized the expenditures in excess of \$10,000. Upon motion by Chairman Griffin and second by Harry Cheremie, the board unanimously approved the invoices for the month.

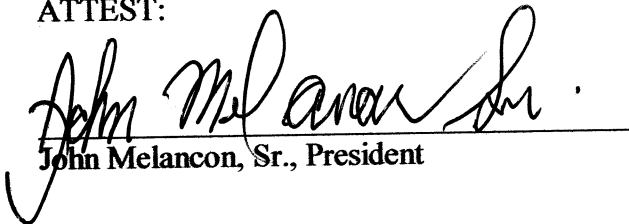
Chairman Griffin presented for the board's approval the Financial Statement for April 2002. Upon motion by Chairman Griffin and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the April 2002 Financial Statement.

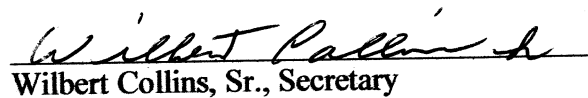
Chairman Griffin also presented the list of the excess equipment to be sold through public advertisement. He explained that much of this equipment was acquired with the purchase of the East Golden Meadow Farm. Sealed bids will be accepted by the Commission until June 7, 2002 at 2:00PM for the purchase of the equipment. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the list of excess equipment to be sold.

President Melancon then called for public comment. Mr. Roy Gisclair invited the people to the Drainage District meeting on June 6th at 6:00PM at the Levee District Office to express their support for the District's participation in the Clovelly Road upgrade project.

President Melancon then called for any new business. There being none, upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Chuckie Cheremie, the board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting.

ATTEST:


John Melancon, Sr., President


Wilbert Collins, Sr., Secretary