

AGENDA
APRIL 8, 2003

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider March 13, 2003 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. **Northern Expansion Update**
 - a. Construction status:
 - i. Slip A East Bulkhead – John Plaisance
 - ii. Slip A East Hydraulic Dredging – John Plaisance
 - iii. Slip B, West Bulkhead – Larry Picciola
 - iv. Slip B Delmar Site – Joe Picciola
 - B. **Airport Update**
 - a. Project status:
 - i. Master Plan
 - ii. Fueling System
 - iii. Hangar Construction
 - C. **New Port Administration Building**
 - D. **Highway Improvements**
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. **Executive Committee**
 - 1. Adopt Ad Valorem Tax Millage for 2003
 - 2. Consider consenting to leasehold mortgage of Cajun Truck Plaza to Community Bank
 - B. **Permits & Waterways Committee**
 - a. Letters of No Objection
 - i. Cyrus M. Solar, Jr.
 - ii. Herman Guidry
 - iii. LLOG Exploration Company, LLC
 - iv. LLOG Exploration Company, LLC
 - v. Rose Valence
 - vi. Southwestern Energy Production Company
 - b. Vessel Graveyard
 - C. **Construction and Development Committee**
 - 1. Request from Allain's to buy or lease property near airport
 - 2. Slip B, Hydraulic Dredging
 - D. **Finance Committee**
 - a. Consider payment of invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
 - b. Consider approving December 2002 and January, February, and March 2003 Financial Statements
 - c. Approve 2002 Budget Revisions
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Any other business
- IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
April 8, 2003

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 2003 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, Jimmy Lafont, and Beau Martin

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Ervin Bruce, the minutes of the March 13, 2003, regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Project Engineer John Plaisance reported that the Contractor is complete driving sheets and setting the deadmen for the East Bulkhead; the last day of the contract is May 4th. The plans for the East Dredging were reviewed by DOTD, will be revised and then the project can go out for bid. Slip B Project Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the soil borer was supposed to arrive tomorrow morning, but the rainy weather has postponed that work until next week. The borings will be followed with a test pile program. Project Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the progression of the Delmar site is pending the results of Larry's soils testing and test piles.

Airport – Director Falgout reported that a final draft of the Master Plan has been submitted to the FAA and DOTD. DOTD has commented and FAA's comments are forthcoming. Suggested changes will be made and then the final document will be approved. Then the Commission can proceed to file a pre-application for funding of the proposed improvements. The fuel system will be on line next week, and we are out for bids on the acquisition of hangar materials.

Highway Improvements – Roy Francis, Director of the LA1 Coalition, reported that the Coalition is working on filing a TIFIA Grant Application, which must be submitted by September, to request 33% funding of the construction of the highway project. The low interest rates make this a prime opportunity to lock in to a loan for the construction, but the war in the Middle East has consumed all interests in Washington and may ultimately slow down the approaching 6-year Transportation bill.

Director Falgout presented for the Commission's review a letter from the Golden Meadow Rotary Club supporting the installation of caution lights at major intersections along the full stretch of the complete LA 3235 to LA 24 in Larose. The Commission shares the Rotary Club's concerns regarding the hazard of navigating this highway at its major intersections with LA 24; LA 657; LA 3161; LA 3162; and LA 1. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the Commission adopted a resolution urging DOTD to install caution lights at the major intersections along LA 3235; rumble strips for northbound LA 3235 traffic approaching LA 24; and a traffic signal at LA 1 and LA 657. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Executive – Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on March 26, 2003, at the Operations Center in Fourchon; no member was absent. The committee also met on April 7, 2003 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were John Melancon, Wilbert Collins, and Larry Griffin; Donald Vizier was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

President Melancon presented for the board's consideration the ad valorem tax millage for 2003. Commissioner Harry Cheramie moved to reduce the millage to 5.5, and Beau Martin seconded that motion. President Melancon moved to amend that motion to keep the millage at 6.0. President Melancon's amendment was seconded by Donald Vizier and passed with a 6-3 vote.

President Melancon presented a Consent to Leasehold Mortgage in favor of Community Bank for property under lease by Kajun Truck Plaza. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the consent.

Permits & Waterways – Chairman Jimmy Lafont reported that the committee met on March 26, 2003, at the Operations Center in Fourchon. Present were Jimmy Lafont and Wilbert Collins; Beau Martin was absent. The committee also met on April 7, 2003 at the Administration Building in Galliano; no member was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Chairman Lafont and second by Harry Cheramie, the Commission unanimously issued a letter of no objection to Cyrus M. Solar, Jr., Herman Guidry, LLOG Exploration Company, LLC, Rose Valence, and Southwestern Energy Production Company.

Chairman Lafont made the recommendation to immediately shut down the Leeville Vessel Graveyard effective today and to notify the landowners in writing that control of the property upon which the Graveyard sits is now being returned to them. Commissioner Martin suggested that we also move to clean up the site, and Chairman Lafont recommended that we investigate the availability of funding to remediate the Graveyard. Upon motion by Chairman Lafont and second by President Melancon, the board approved Chairman's Lafont recommendation with one nay vote.

Construction & Development – Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on March 26, 2003, at the Operations Center in Fourchon; all members were present. The Committee also met on April 7, 2003 at the Administration Building in Galliano; present were Chuckie Cheramie and Chairman Bruce; Donald Vizier was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Bruce presented a request from Allain-LeBreton Land Company to buy or lease approximately 10.7 acres of property adjacent to the north boundary of the airport property to control access to the Allain property in that area. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously moved to table this issue until the Committee can visit the requested site.

Director Falgout updated the Commission on the progression of construction plans for Slip B of the Northern Expansion. It has been determined that the most cost-effective means for completing the Slip B project and obtaining the fill necessary to elevate the lease properties, the Mitigation Area, and the Maritime Forest Ridge (phases 1 and 2) would be to immediately hydraulically dredge 300' of the Slip B channel and pump the spoil into the lease area, mitigation, and Ridge. This project is part of Port Priority Funding received last year from the state.

Finance – Chairman Larry Griffin reported that the committee met on March 26, 2003 at the Operations Center in Fourchon. Present were Donald Vizier and Harry Cheramie and Larry Griffin was absent. The Committee also met on April 10, 2003 at the Administration Building in Galliano; no member was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

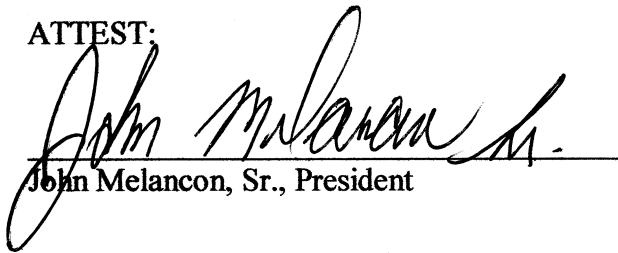
Upon motion by Chairman Griffin and second by Wilbert Cheramie, the invoices for the month were unanimously approved for payment.

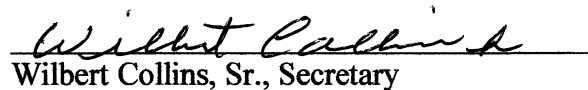
Upon motion by Chairman Griffin and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the Revised 2002 Budget was unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Chairman Griffin and second by Harry Cheramie, the financial statements for December 2002 and January, February, and March 2003 were unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, second by Chuckie Cheramie, and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


John Melancon, Sr., President


Wilbert Collins, Sr., Secretary