

AGENDA
December 8, 2004

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider November 10, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Consider November 23, 2004 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- VI. Executive Director's Report
 - A. **Northern Expansion Update**
 - a. Construction status:
 - i. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #1 – Joe Picciola
 - ii. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2 – Larry Picciola
 - B. **Airport Update**
 - a. Project status
 - C. **Belle Pass Channel Update**
 - a. Dredging project status
 - D. **Port Security**
 - a. Security Camera System
 - b. Boat Lift
 - E. **Highway Improvements**
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. **Executive Committee**
 - a. Consider approving request from Tiger Tanks to lease non-waterfront property
 - b. Consider issuing a letter of support to LPC for SL Airport Corridor
 - c. Consider request from Wisner on Coastal Restoration Project
 - B. **Permits & Waterways Committee**
 - a. Public Notices:
 - 1. Greater Lafourche Port Commission
 - C. **Construction and Development Committee**
 - a. Consider approving Clear Lien for NE Slip B Dredge SPN 578-29-0016 (322)
 - b. Consider approving request from Delmar for the Bulkhead design on Slip B
 - D. **Finance Committee**
 - a. Consider payment of invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
 - b. Consider approval of November 2004 Financial Statements
 - c. Consider approving 2005 Budget
- VIII. Any other business
 - A. Consider the alternate date for the December 22nd Committee Meeting to be December 21st in Galliano
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Possible Executive Session
 - A. Consider emergency bulkhead repairs for Slip A
 - B. Consider reviewing the November 4, 2004 landowner correspondence regarding the derelict vessel graveyard
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment

Attachment to the Agenda

The claims made by Rowan Companies, Inc. against the Greater Lafourche Port Commission regarding the West Bulkhead in Port Fourchon's Northern Expansion Slip A may be considered at this meeting, possibly in executive session.

DEQ's Administrative Order on Consent executed by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission on March 30, 2004 regarding the derelict vessel graveyard in Leeville may be considered at this meeting, possibly in executive session.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
December 8, 2004

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 at 10:30 AM.

President Vizier called the meeting to order, and Secretary Cheramie called the roll.

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

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Ervin Bruce, the minutes of the November 10, 2004, regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the minutes of the November 23, 2004, special meeting were unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported on last's week pre-bid meeting regarding the West Bulkhead on Slip B Project #1 wherein two addendum items for crane pads and a ringer crane pad were added to the bid proposal. He stated that bids are scheduled to be received on December 21st. Mr. Neil Angelette with Larry J. Picciola, Inc. reported that drawings and specs are being finalized for the Bulkhead on Slip B Project #2 to be submitted to DOTD for approval.

Airport – Director Falgout reported that we received the proof of publication for the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Environmental Assessment at the Airport. These results will be submitted to FAA for final approval of the EA.

Belle Pass Channel Update – Director Falgout reported that the dredging in the channel is nearing completion. Mr. Breaux reported that the project is 80% complete and estimates completion by December 16th. He stated that the total depth in the jetties upon completion will be at 27 ft and 30 ft on the outside portion of the jetties.

Port Security – Director Falgout reported that the Security Camera project is nearly complete. Mrs. April Danos reported that they are in the process of testing the data portion of the backbone system. She stated that routers will be installed in order to receive data and video from Fourchon to the Galliano office. Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie questioned the public accessing our camera system to which Mrs. Danos responded that no outsider will be able to access our camera system without our permission. Mr. Callais also stated that the anti-jitter device will be installed on the Fourchon Bridge camera by next week and the Commissioners will be invited to view the system at the Operations Building. Director Falgout reported that the boatlift project is complete and that we are considering expanding the boatshed to accommodate Wildlife and Fisheries. Mr. Jon Callais reported that the Coast Guard and Navy Seals were in port conducting an internal vulnerability assessment of the port on the waterways. He stated that once the assessment is completed, we will request a copy of the report. He stated that Port Fourchon is one of 55 ports in the U.S. that has been targeted as an essential port that needs to be protected. Mr. Callais reported that the Coast Guard reviewed the security plan for the Un-inspected Service dock earlier this week, which was approved. Commissioner Beau Martin requested to be notified anytime the Coast Guard inspects the Port. Commissioner Martin questioned if we have begun applications for the next round of grants from the Coast Guard. Mr. Callais replied that he is working on grants for the Port and law enforcement.

Highway Improvements – Mr. Roy Francis reported that Congress passed the transportation appropriations bill, which includes \$5 million for LA 1 Highway and \$1 million for the Leeville Bridge. He stated that Congress would also take up the transportation bill in January, which may result in more funding for the project. He stated that the Fitch letter has been received which stated that the Elevated Hwy project is credit worthy for the TIFIA loan without the rate stabilization fund. He stated that this results in the project standing alone, which is what they were working toward for funding the project. He stated that another option if the TIFIA loan falls through is to go to the private market for funding. Mr. Francis reported that they are still negotiating the land right issues for Phase 1B which is the overpass in Leeville over the bayou with on and off ramps. These delays may push this phase back until March. He stated that Phase 1A of the project is being let in February, which is the Leeville elevated highway from Leeville south with end on end construction. He stated that they are considering combining both phases, which may result in a cost savings to bid at the same time. Mr. Francis also reported that all permits have been received except for the Coast Guard, which should be received within a few weeks. Representative Loulan Pitre reported that the overlay project on LA 3235 is under construction and the overlay of Highway 24 has been let and should be in construction early in 2005. He stated that the overlay of LA 1 in the Larose area should also be in early to mid 2005 and the overlay of LA 1 Hwy from Golden Meadow to Leeville to be later in the year.

Committee Reports

Executive – Chairman Donald Vizier reported that the committee met on November 23, 2004 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were Donald Vizier, Harry Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, and John Melancon; all members were present. They also met on December 6, 2004 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

President Vizier presented for the board's approval the request from Tiger Tanks to lease non-waterfront property. Director Falgout reported that Tiger Tanks is interested in 11.25 acres along N. J. Theriot Road in the Northern Expansion area. He also stated that they are interested in waterfront property when Slip B is completed and requested a right of first refusal. Director Falgout stated that we will accept proposals on the waterfront property and issue a right of first refusal to the approved bidder. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved to lease Tiger Tanks the 11.25 acres of property and the right of first refusal will be determined upon receipt of proposals.

President Vizier presented for the board's consideration to issue a letter of support to the Lafourche Parish Council for the South Lafourche Airport Corridor. Director Falgout stated that the LPC has filed an application to the state asking for assistance for this corridor from the Airport road to the 4-lane hwy. He stated that this would include building a bridge to have fast access to LA 3235. It would be of substantial benefit to our investment at the Airport and is part of our Strategic Plan to support this corridor. Upon motion by Harry Cheramie and second by John Melancon, the floor was open for discussion. Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie stated that he will support this matter at this time, but until the landowners are notified of the plans for this project he will not support any further decisions made by this Commission. Director Falgout stated that the project is in the beginning stages of applying for a funding source. Then they will determine the layout and select alternatives to the project, which will most likely be reviewed by the public at a public hearing. The motion was unanimously approved by the board to send a letter of support to the Lafourche Parish Council for the South Lafourche Airport Corridor.

President Vizier presented for the board's consideration a request from Wisner for a Coastal Restoration Project. Director Falgout explained this project will benefit the Port by rebuilding the dunes and marshes giving further hurricane protection at Fourchon. He

recommended to include in our budget \$30,000.00 to participate in this project for next year. He stated that once it is determined who will administer this project a cooperative endeavor agreement will be presented to the board. No concerns regarding this item therefore no action needs to be taken. The \$30,000.00 will be in the budget until an agreement is submitted, and at that time, we will vote on approving the funding participation.

Permits & Waterways – Chairman Chuckie Cheramie reported that the committee met on November 23, 2004 at the Administration building in Galliano. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Beau Martin, Jimmy Lafont, and Donald Vizier; all members were present. They also met on December 6, 2004 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Cheramie presented to the board the public notice received from the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. There were no concerns with this permit therefore no action needs to be taken.

Construction & Development – Chairman Ervin Bruce reported that the committee met on November 23, 2004 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were Ervin Bruce, Larry Griffin, and Donald Vizier; Wilbert Collins was absent. They also met on December 6, 2004 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board to accept the Clear Lien Certificate for the Northern Expansion Slip B Dredge SPN 578-29-0016 (322). Upon motion by Harry Cheramie and second by Beau Martin, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate for the dredge work in Slip B.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration the request from Delmar for the Bulkhead design on Slip B. Director Falgout stated that Delmar is interested in a site at the Port which we have submitted for their review 3 different alternatives. They have chosen Option No. 1, which is a basic bulkhead design that is on public notice now. Delmar is requesting to add additional crane pads and a ringer crane pad to the design. Delmar agreed to pay for the ringer crane pad cost upon completion of the project. The remaining cost of the project is estimated right under \$4 million without the ringer crane pad which the Port will invest in the project and be paid back by Delmar. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Larry Griffin, the board approved the request from Delmar with 8 yeas and 1 abstain by Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie.

Finance – Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on November 23, 2004 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were John Melancon, Larry Griffin, Donald Vizier; Wilbert Collins was absent. They met on November 30, 2004 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members being present. They also met on December 6, 2004 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Melancon presented for the board's approval the November invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the invoices for the month of November.

Chairman Melancon presented the November 2004 financial statement for approval. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the financial statement was unanimously approved.

Chairman Melancon presented for the board's approval the 2005 Budget. Mr. Rome reported on a few highlights of the budget. He stated that the Operating budget is \$8.4 million and the Capital budget is \$22.9 million that totals \$32 million, which is an increase from last year's \$26 million budget. Mr. Rome reported that at the Airport we are making a significant push to be more cost effective by eliminating some personnel presence and replacing them with a camera system. He stated that at the Seaport it is projected to have both bulkheads completed

along Slip B, all the FEMA projects completed, the mooring dolphins along Flotation canal completed, the mitigation project for the elevated highway completed, and the repairs to the Rowan/ASCO bulkhead completed. Mr. Rome reported some of the Administration cost is the purchase of 2 new vehicles, the new logo and strategic plan to be in place, and salary increases. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the 2005 budget.

President Vizier opened the floor for any other business. He suggested to the board to change the date for the December 22nd Committee Meeting to December 21st in Galliano at 10:30 am. There were no concerns therefore no action needs to be taken.

President Vizier opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Ed Landgraft with Shell Pipeline Company stated that he wanted to follow up on the mitigation project and the importance of identifying pipelines. He stated that there is a law in Louisiana that states that Louisiana One Call needs to be notified in the event of any movement of the ground. Mr. Landgraft stated that because of the large amount of oil coming through the South Lafourche area with MARS, LOOP and Shell pipelines it is very important that Louisiana One Call be contacted before beginning any underground construction. He requested that we inform any new lessees of this law. He presented to the board a \$500.00 donation check for first responders to the Port Commission. He stated that Shell is looking at a grant for \$100,000.00 to help fund the planting of the Maritime Forest Ridge. Mr. Landgraft reported that Shell has made donations to other organizations regarding the environment, wetlands, and eco-tourism. Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie thanked Mr. Landgraft for his help and that the donation is appreciated.

Mr. Doug Cheramie questioned the boatlift expansion with Wildlife and Fisheries. Director Falgout stated that the boatshed was built for 2 vessels and has the capability to be expanded to include another vessel. Mr. Cheramie also questioned the status of the boat launch. Director Falgout stated that we have received a verbal approval by FEMA for funding and we are waiting on written correspondence. He stated that the launch will only be used at high tides when roadway access is blocked. Commissioner Martin questioned the status of Wilson Picou's recovery. Mr. Breaux stated that he is in therapy 3 days a week until January. He stated that his bones and fractures have been healed in his lower back. Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie questioned a radio commercial wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. Director Falgout stated that he gave a 15 second holiday greeting on behalf of the Commission along with a reminder to be careful on our waterways. Commissioner Cheramie stated that any public service announcement made on behalf of this Commission should be made by President Vizier.

Commissioner Collins questioned Halliburton's interest in building a facility at the Port. Commissioner Wilbert Collins made a motion, which was second by Beau Martin, to add to the agenda the Halliburton facility at the Port. The two-thirds vote was taken and all members presented unanimously approved to add this item to the agenda. Director Falgout stated that there were negotiations with Halliburton and the Commission to fund and development a living quarters facility at the Port. Mr. Rome worked extensively with Halliburton's finance department to fund this project, which resulted in their real estate division not as eager to get this project done as their Houma and Lafayette divisions. Mr. Breaux reported that he recently talked with a Halliburton representative which stated that they will push again for this project by the middle of next year. No concerns for this item therefore no action has been taken.

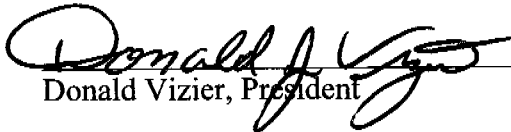
Commissioner Harry Cheramie questioned a timeframe for completion of the Maritime Forest Ridge. Director Falgout reported that this project consists of Phases A, B, and C. He stated that Phase C is remaining which will be completed with the spoil material once Slip B is dredged. He stated that the MFR was permitted for 6,000 ft which has been built and we are currently in the process of letting out a contract to re-shape 2,000 ft with an alternate of 1,000 ft from outside sources. The remaining 6,000 ft that connects to LA 1 will not be built until we get permitted for the next phases of the northern expansion. Commissioner Melancon questioned the

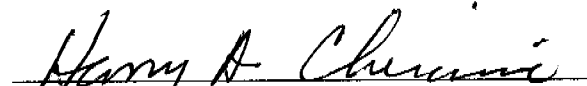
point of order for the last few items that have been discussed that were not on the agenda. Attorney Pitre stated concerns of these types of discussions in the public comment area, which is intended for the public and not intended in the law to be an open-ended discussion for items not on the agenda. He stated that the agenda requirement gives the public notice of what will be discussed at a meeting. He cautioned against using public comment as an area on the agenda to discuss items not on the agenda.

Possible Executive Session - Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the Commission voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss the emergency bulkhead repairs for Slip A and to review the landowner correspondence regarding the derelict vessel graveyard. A roll call vote was taken to enter into Executive Session, which resulted in all yeas. At the end of the Executive Session, President Vizier called the meeting back to order and stated no action will be taken on the items discussed in the Executive Session.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, second by Beau Martin, and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Donald Vizier, President


Harry Cheramie, Secretary