

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider December 8, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Consider December 21, 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. **Port Security**
 - a. Security Camera System
 - D. **FEMA**
 - a. Wave Protection
 - b. Debris Fence along LA 3090
 - E. **Highway Improvements**
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. **Executive Committee**
 - a. Consider request from Lafourche Services, Inc.
 - b. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement with SLEC
 - c. Consider alternate dates for February Committee and Board meetings
 - d. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's office for the boat lift
 - e. Consider participating in the Pictometry photography software
 - f. Consider relocating the Un-inspected Service Dock
 - g. Consider response to 12/17/04 rental request from Caillouet Land Corporation
 - B. **Permits & Waterways Committee**
 - a. Public Notices:
 1. Erskine Energy, LLC
 2. Louisiana Land & Exploration Company
 3. Caillouet Land Corporation
 - C. **Construction and Development Committee**
 - a. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 for the Debris Fence along Flotation Canal
 - b. Consider approving Substantial Completion for the Debris Fence along Flotation Canal
 - c. Consider adopting a resolution requesting authority to advertise for Northern Expansion Bulkhead on Slip B Project #2 SPN 578-29-0017 (321)
 - d. Consider adopting a resolution certifying compliance with public bid laws for Slip B Bulkhead Project #1 SPN 578-29-0016 (321)
 - e. Consider advertising for the construction of Mooring Dolphins along Flotation Canal
 - f. Consider advertising for bids for fuel and construction materials
 - g. Consider approving AWOS contract extension with ASMI, Inc
 - D. **Finance Committee**
 - a. Consider payment of invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
 - b. Consider Out-of-State Travel request
- VIII. Any other business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Possible Executive Session
 - A. Consider emergency bulkhead repairs for Slip A and litigation entitled "*Rowan Companies, Inc. and Rowan Marine Services, Inc. v. The Greater Lafourche Port Commission; J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc.; Continental Construction Company, Inc.; Eustis Engineering Co., Inc.; Vulcan Construction Materials, LP; Vulcan Materials Company; and Core Industries, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 05-0030 – Sec. K – Magistrate 2"
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment

Attachment to the Agenda

The pending litigation defined more specifically as "*Rowan Companies, Inc. and Rowan Marine Services, Inc. v. The Greater Lafourche Port Commission; J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc.; Continental Construction Company, Inc.; Eustis Engineering Co., Inc.; Vulcan Construction Materials, LP; Vulcan Materials Company; and Core Industries, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 05-0030 – Sec. K – Magistrate 2" may be considered at this meeting, possibly in executive session.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
January 12, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, January 12, 2005 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, and Beau Martin

ABSENT: Wilbert Collins

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the minutes of the December 8, 2004, regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Larry Griffin, the minutes of the December 21, 2004, special meeting were unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that DOTD approved the bid from James Construction Group for the West Bulkhead on Slip B Project #1, and that the contract and notice of award have been sent to be signed. Mr. Picciola reported that the contractor is anxious to get started and a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled as soon as the contract is signed. He stated that the completion of the Delmar site is scheduled by the end of August 2005 with liquidated damages of \$2,000 per day as an incentive to finish the project early. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the revised plans and specs for the Bulkhead on Slip B, Project #2 had been submitted to DOTD and he's awaiting their comments to advertise. He said that this project is estimated at \$8 million with the construction of 2,620 ft of bulkhead.

Airport Update – Ms. Addie Callais reported that FAA planned on investing \$750,000 from their Fiscal Yr 2005 budget, which will be available in April for the 5,000 ft. runway extension site prep. FAA contacted our engineer to bid an additional \$500,000 more of work totaling \$1.25 million investment this fiscal yr. This increase in funding will include the site prep and paving to 5,000 ft. and strengthening the runway to 30,000 lbs. She stated that the Port planned on funding \$832,500 for site prep from 5,000 ft. to 6,500 ft., and as the plan is to asphalt from 3,800 ft. to 5,000 ft, the Commission will need to decide whether to amend the budget to invest an additional \$500,000 to pave the runway for 30,000 lbs. from 5,000 to 6,500 ft. She stated that this would result in a fully paved 6,500 ft. runway at 30,000 lbs. by the end of 2005. Ms. Callais reported that she will continue to work with FAA to get the funding for the full strength and width of the runway. She anticipates submitting plans to FAA in February for their review/comment, out for bids in March and have bids by April. Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie questioned the roadway being constructed at the Airport. Mr. Davie Breaux reported that it was initially built for the AWOS system, but it will also be used as access for the construction of the runway.

Port Security – Communication Specialist, Jon Callais reported that the contractor will soon begin work on the punch list items for the Security Camera System. He stated that anti-jitter demonstration proved that it is worth placing this device on approximately 11 of the cameras, which will be represented in a change order request. The camera demonstration from the Fourchon Bridge is still viewable at the Operations Center. Mr. Callais reported that construction of the range light platform at Belle Pass will begin next week. The final documents from the Coast Guard signing the platform over to the Port should soon be received. Commissioner Melancon questioned the price for the anti-jitter devices and Mr. Callais responded that it is approximately \$4,000 per camera including labor and wiring, which will be funded by grant money. Mr. Callais reported that there is a total of 16 cameras and recommends an additional camera

to be added at the new Un-inspected Service dock in the Northern Expansion along Slip A. He stated that the contract has already been extended to 30 days after the range lights are completed, which should be within a few months.

Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie questioned the possibility of using the fire department sirens as an emergency signal in the Port. Mr. Callais stated that he is putting together a list of emergency awareness projects to apply for grant funding. He is investigating the option of a warning signal and a pre-recorded message for the entire Port to hear.

FEMA – Mr. Breaux reported that the bid opening for the Wave Protection project is scheduled for January 27th. He stated that negotiations with the Caillouet Land Corp for beach access right of way are ongoing and he should have approval within a couple of weeks. Mr. Breaux reported that the signed contracts have been received for the Debris Fence along LA 3090 and construction should begin next week.

Highway Improvements – Mr. Roy Francis reported that DOTD is investigating the increasing cost associated with the road, mainly caused by the prep work for the pipeline removal and the construction materials. A letter from the TIFIA loan credit rating agency has been received and the project is being transferred to the next level, the TIFIA credit council, which is very promising. Mr. Francis reported that all the permits have been received and DOTD is in the process of land-right issues now. He stated that the financing should be completed by the end of March to bid the project in June for Phases 1A & B. He hopes to receive funding from the Federal Government through the transportation bill. Commissioner Melancon questioned the progress of acquiring right of ways and Mr. Francis replied that the identified landowners in Phases 1A & B resulted in 2 major companies and a few smaller landowners. He stated that the right of ways from Golden Meadow to Leeville will be acquired prior to construction beginning.

Executive Committee – Chairman Donald Vizier reported that the committee met on December 21, 2004 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were Donald Vizier, Harry Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, and John Melancon. They also met on January 10, 2005 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 Lafourche Services, Inc. Director Falgout stated that this is regarding Lafourche Services, Inc. being purchased by Safety Training Consultants and changing their name to Primary Occupational Services. General Counsel, Mr. Autin stated that there is also a change in their corporate status and we are requesting additional information therefore no action needs to be taken at this time.

President Vizier presented for the board's approval the Cooperative Agreement with South Louisiana Economic Council. Director Falgout reported that this is the same agreement as previous years for \$40,000 which includes \$5,000 to SLEC, \$25,000 to LA 1 Coalition, and \$10,000 to Restore or Retreat. Mr. Falgout recognized Ms. Samone Theriot, who is the new Executive Director of Restore and Retreat. Ms. Theriot introduced herself and stated that she is eager to begin work and thanked the Commission for its support. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Agreement with SLEC and authorized the Executive Director to execute the agreement.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved to change the next Committee date to Thursday, February 9, 2005 at 6:00 pm and the Board Meeting to Friday, February 10, 2005 at 10:30 am.

President Vizier presented for the board's approval the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's office for an additional lift at the boat shed. Director Falgout stated that we are waiting to receive the final agreement therefore no action needs to be taken.

President Vizier presented for the board to consider participating in the Pictometry photography software. Mr. Jon Callais reported that this is a GIS system for the entire parish, which photographs aerial photos from directly above and lower angles. This system will identify a GPS location for dispatchers for a faster emergency response for law enforcement, ambulances, and the fire departments. It will also benefit

the Port with FEMA by photos taken before/after a storm. This system will have data layers, which will incorporate the longitude and latitude for all locations to identify buildings, roads, pipelines, utilities, and right of ways for construction and permitting projects. The total project is estimated at \$250,000 with the Port sharing 3%, which is estimated at \$4,000/yr. for a 2-year commitment. The Port will have the option to update the photos at any time or after the initial 2-year agreement. President Vizier stated that by participating we will benefit the Port as well as help the Sheriff's office, Ambulance District, and Fire Department. Upon motion by Harry Cheramie and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved to participate and fund the estimated 3% of the Pictometry photography software for Lafourche Parish with the participation of the other agencies.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved to relocate the Un-inspected Service dock to the 400 ft. along Slip A in the Northern Expansion.

President Vizier presented for the board's consideration the rental request from Caillouet Land Corporation. Director Falgout reported that Caillouet is requesting to adjust the rental on the 1.003-acre track within the Halliburton/Baroid lease to \$1.10 per sq. ft. It is recommended that we appoint an appraiser. Attorney Pitre stated that he agrees with Mr. Autin's decision to go through the appraisal process and believes that it is in the best interest of the Port. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Larry Griffin, a roll call vote was taken to proceed with the appraisal process as outlined in the lease. Due to confusion over the vote tally, President Vizier called for a second roll call vote to for clarification, which resulted in 6 yeas, 2 nays, and 1 absent.

Permits & Waterways – Chairman Chuckie Cheramie reported that the committee met on December 21, 2004 at the Administration building in Galliano. Present were Beau Martin, Jimmy Lafont, and Donald Vizier; Chuckie Cheramie was absent. They also met on January 10, 2005 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 Erskine Energy, LLC, Louisiana Land & Exploration Company, and Caillouet Land Corporation. The Commission had some concerns with the wheel washing detailed in the Erskine Energy's notice and requested the Executive Director send a letter requesting dredging and beneficial use rather than wheel washing. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Beau Martin, the board unanimously approved to send concerns to Erskine Energy, Corps of Engineers, and DNR regarding wheel washing.

Construction & Development – Chairman Ervin Bruce reported that the committee met on December 21, 2004 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were Ervin Bruce, Wilbert Collins, and Donald Vizier; Larry Griffin was absent. They also met on January 10, 2005 at the Administration Building in Galliano. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board to accept the Change Order No. 1 for the Debris Fence along Flotation Canal. Director Falgout stated that this represents the debris fence being 9 ft. shorter than planned which reduced the cost by \$234.90. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the Change Order No. 1 for the Flotation Canal Debris Fence.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion for the debris fence along Flotation Canal Road.

Upon motion by Harry Cheramie and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously adopted the resolution to advertise for the Northern Expansion Bulkhead on Slip B Project #2 SPN 578-29-0017 (321).

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously adopted the resolution certifying compliance with public bid laws for Slip B Bulkhead Project #1 SPN 578-29-0016 (321).

Chairman Bruce presented for the board to advertise for the construction of mooring dolphins along Flotation Canal. Director Falgout reported that it was budgeted at \$443,000 for 4 dolphins with protective

riprap. It is recommended to decrease to 1000' of riprap and construct 7 dolphins. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Harry Cheramie, the board unanimously approved to advertise for the mooring dolphins.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved to advertise for the yearly fuel and construction materials.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved to extend the AWOS system contract with ASMI, Inc. for 30 days because of materials being on backorder.

Finance – Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on December 21, 2004 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were John Melancon and Donald Vizier; Wilbert Collins and Larry Griffin were absent. They also met on January 10, 2005 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved the December 2004 invoices.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel for Mr. Hunter and Ms. Callais to attend a FAA meeting in Dallas, TX.

President Vizier opened the floor for any other business. Director Falgout recognized Ms. Christie Duet who will be doing public relations for the Port by developing Port newsletters and brochures. Ms. Duet introduced herself and stated that she is excited to work with the Port and will do her best to keep the public informed.

Director Falgout recognized Windel Curole with the South Lafourche Levee District to address the board regarding the funding for the lock system in Golden Meadow. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Larry Griffin, a two-thirds vote was taken and all approved to amend the agenda to add the SLLD lock system.

Mr. Curole requested that the Commission adopt a resolution agreeing to pay one-third of the cost for the installation of the lock system but not to exceed \$2 million. He stated that the other agencies involved are the Lafourche Parish Council, South Lafourche Levee District and possible State participation. He stated that with a resolution from each of the local agencies that are willing to participate it will give the opportunity to bring the State in to help fund this project. Commissioner Melancon stated that he supports installing these locks to protect the navigation in this parish which will benefit the Port. Mr. Autin stated that a cooperative endeavor agreement could be established to outline the funding arrangements. Mr. Curole stated that the installation will begin in 2006 with estimated completion within 9 months to a year. Further discussion followed. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Harry Cheramie, the board unanimously adopted a resolution to support the South Lafourche Levee District in a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to fund one-third of the cost, but not to exceed \$2 million of installation of the lock system.

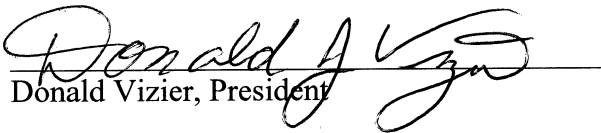
President Vizier opened the floor for Public Comment. Mr. Doug Cheramie, Jr. informed the board that he is working with Congressman Charlie Melancon and looks forward to working with the board to improve the growth of the Port. Mr. Doug Cheramie, Sr. questioned the reduced strength of the runway at the Airport. Ms. Callais replied that there will be limited access to our runway at 30,000 lbs., but the future plan is to work with FAA to do a full overlay of 70,000 lbs. for next year's budget.

Possible Executive Session - Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Larry Griffin, the Commission voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss the emergency bulkhead repairs for Slip A. A roll call vote was taken to enter into Executive Session, which resulted in all yeas. Commissioners Larry Griffin, Jimmy Lafont, and Harry Cheramie left the meeting during the Executive Session. As the meeting resumed, Director Falgout stated that a contract is pending with Barriere Construction Company who was the low bidder for the Emergency Bulkhead Repair on Slip A. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and

second by Beau Martin, the board unanimously approved to accept the low bid from Barriere Construction Company, LLC, which includes Alternate B at \$384,840.00. Director Falgout recommended that we proceed with the test pile program on the ASCO and Rowan sites with Eustis Engineering.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Beau Martin, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:


Donald Vizier, President


Jimmy Lafont, Vice President