

AGENDA
February 11, 2005

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider January 12, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. 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
 - iii. Slip A, Rowan Bulkhead Repair – John Plaisance
 - B. **Airport Update**
 - a. Project status
 - C. **Port Security**
 - a. Security Camera System
 - D. **FEMA Updates**
 - a. Wave Protection
 - b. Debris Fence along LA 3090
 - c. Boat Launch
 - E. **Highway Improvements**
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. **Executive Committee**
 - a. Consider request from RTB Leasing to assign lease to RTR Leasing
 - b. Consider approving RTR Landowner Disclaimer Agreement
 - c. Consider approving RFP proposal for property along LA 3090
 - B. **Permits & Waterways Committee**
 - a. Public Notices:
 - i. Brammer Engineering, Inc.
 - ii. Jason Williams
 - iii. Apache Corporation
 - iv. Apache Corporation
 - v. Apache Corporation
 - C. **Construction and Development Committee**
 - 1. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Harris Corp for the Security Camera System
 - 2. Consider approving Change Order No. 3 from Interstate Electronic Systems for the Camera System
 - 3. Consider approving the Substantial Completion for the Backbone of the Security Camera System
 - 4. Consider accepting the low bid for the Wave Concrete Protection
 - D. **Finance Committee**
 - a. Consider payment of invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
- 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
February 11, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Friday, February 11, 2005 at 10:30 AM.

President Vizier called the meeting to order, and Treasurer Melancon called the roll.

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

ABSENT: Harry Cheramie and Beau Martin

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved the January 12, 2005 regular meeting minutes.

Director Falgout reported that the A.O. Rappelet sculpture is complete and located in the Galliano Administrative building lobby. He thanked Mr. Wilbert Collins for establishing the A.O. Rappelet donation account, which the Port matched toward the cost of the sculpture.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion Update - Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the contract with James Construction Group, LLC has been executed and recorded for the West Bulkhead on Slip B, Project #1. He stated that a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for February 15th at 2pm. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that a pre-bid meeting for the West Bulkhead on Slip B, Project #2 is scheduled for February 22nd with the bid opening in March. He stated that the anticipated cost of the project is \$8.2 million for 2,600' of bulkhead. Director Falgout explained the possible changes in construction regarding the relocation of the Delmar site. Engineer Larry Picciola stated that the projected 250' of bulkhead, which will be effected by the relocation of Delmar, poses no major inconvenience. He also stated that soil-boring samples have been taken around the whole slip. Engineer Plaisance reported that the notice to proceed is issued for Wednesday, February 9th and the contractor will be on site Monday for the Rowan Bulkhead Repair on Slip A. He stated that the test pile program is progressing and Plaisance Dragline and E&L Industries are driving piles. He stated that once Barriere is mobilized they will participate in driving piles do get the job done quicker.

Airport Update - Director Falgout reported that the Port was successful in getting an additional \$500,000 towards improvements at the Airport for site prep and paving to 5,000' from FAA. The Port is committed to doing the site prep to 6,500' and needs to decide if it would be beneficial to invest additional funding to do the paving to 6,500' as well. It is recommended not to do the additional work at this time. Director Falgout stated that if we are successful in getting an additional \$1.5 million in funding for the overlay of 70,000 lbs. and 100' wide from FAA, at that time, the Port would invest the additional funds to overlay to the 6,500' at 70,000 lbs. strength and 100' wide.

Port Security - Director Falgout called attention to the live images of the Port, which were being viewed on the screen from the Security Cameras. He stated that this demonstration is transmitted by the wireless backbone system provided by Harris Corporation. The cameras are capable of zooming in on a target and turning in different directions. He stated that the wireless backbone portion of the project is complete and the security cameras should be completed by April 2005.

FEMA Updates - Mr. Breaux reported that the pre-construction meeting with Sea Level Construction for the Debris Fence along LA 3090 is scheduled for February 28th, and at that time, we will issue the notice to proceed. Commissioner Melancon questioned the depth of the posts in the

ground, which Mr. Breaux responded that the posts are 48" in the ground. Mr. Breaux reported that FEMA approval of the Boat Launch project has been sent to the State. He was notified that the State will approve the project next Wednesday and forward the written approval to the Port. Mr. Breaux estimates 90 days of construction once written approval is received.

Highway Improvements – Director Falgout reported that DOTD is working on final details of the mitigation work in Leeville for the elevated highway project. The Port is committed to perform the mitigation work, which is anticipated to begin within the next 2-3 months. DOTD is working on the removal and lowering of the pipelines and receiving rights of way. Director Falgout stated that the first construction phase is scheduled to let in late June/July contingent on the funding from the TIFIA loan. He stated that the mitigation work will be done in advance of the construction for easier access through the canals. Commissioner Melancon questioned the number of acres that will be mitigated, and Director Falgout responded that the minimum impact area is over 30 acres. Director Falgout stated that they are working on convincing the CWPPRA to join in and build another 30 acres of marsh using our retainer levees.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – Chairman Donald Vizier reported that the committee met on January 26, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Donald Vizier, Harry Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, and John Melancon. They also met on February 10, 2005 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Harry Cheramie was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved to assign the RTB Leasing, LLC to RTR Leasing, LLC.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the RTR Leasing, LLC Consent to Leasehold Mortgage Waiver with Synergy Bank subject to changes by our General Counsel.

Chairman Vizier presented for the board's consideration to approve the RFP proposal for property along LA 3090. Director Falgout reported that Doerle Food Services was the only proposal received and they are currently working on leasing another property and recommends that the board take no action at this time.

Permits & Waterways – Chairman Chuckie Cheramie reported that the committee met on January 26, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Beau Martin, Chuckie Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, and Donald Vizier. They also met on February 10, 2005 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Beau Martin was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Chuckie Cheramie presented to the board the public notices by Brammer Engineering, Inc., Jason Williams, and the three notices from Apache Corporation. There were no concerns therefore no action was taken.

Construction & Development – Chairman Ervin Bruce reported that the committee met on January 26, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Ervin Bruce, Wilbert Collins, Donald Vizier, and Larry Griffin. They also met on February 10, 2005 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Larry Griffin was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$24,187.00 from Harris Corporation for the Security Camera System.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$27,391.50, which also extends the contract time for 60 days from Interstate Electronic Systems for the Camera System.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion for the Wireless Backbone project from Harris Corporation for the Security Camera System.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration to accept the low bid for the Wave Protection project. Director Falgout recommended that we wait to receive the right of way document from the landowner before taking action.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, a two-third vote was taken and the board unanimously approved to add to the agenda the Clear Lien Certificate for Boat Lift.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate for the Boat Lift.

Finance – Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on January 26, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were John Melancon, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, and Donald Vizier. They also met on February 10, 2005 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Larry Griffin was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

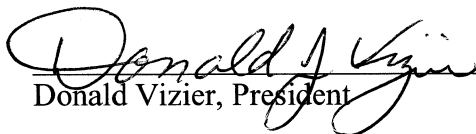
Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the invoices for January 2005. Director Falgout recognized the purchase of a traffic counter. He explained that the additional counter has allowed us to do more frequent counts, which reports show that there was an increase of 3% from December 2003 to December 2004 and an increase of 6% in traffic from January 2004 to January 2005.


President Vizier opened for floor for public comment. Ms. Callais questioned whether the funding of the TIFIA loan would cover the whole elevated highway project or only one of the phases. Director Falgout responded that the cost has escalated from \$175 million to \$200 million from the increased cost of materials. He stated that the 2 lane construction of Phases 1A and 1B will be funded by \$55 million from the TIFIA loan and \$90 million sold as bonds on Wall Street. The remaining \$30+ million, which increased because of high cost of materials will be the responsibility of the State.

Possible Executive Session - Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, 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 7 yeas and 2 absent. As the meeting resumed, President Vizier reported that no action needed to be taken at this time.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:


Donald Vizier, President


Harry Cheramie, Secretary

February 11, 2005