

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider February 11, 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
 - iv. Maritime Forest Ridge – Larry Picciola
 - b. Recognition of Shell and BTNEP for contributions to Maritime Forest Ridge
 - 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**
 1. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with DOTD for LA 1 mitigation
 2. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with NRCS for the Maritime Forest Ridge
 3. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program for the Maritime Forest Ridge
 4. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's office for the boat lift
 5. Consider Assignment request from ERA Aviation
 - B. **Permits & Waterways Committee**

Public Notices:

 - i. Greater Lafourche Port Commission
 - ii. Andy Martin
 - iii. BP Pipelines
 - iv. Energy Corporation
 - C. **Construction and Development Committee**
 1. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Barriere Construction for the Rowan Bulkhead Repair
 2. Consider accepting the low bid for yearly fuel
 3. Consider accepting the low bid for yearly construction materials
 4. Consider advertising for RFP's for airport security camera system
 - 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. Discuss pending litigation defined as "*Rowan Companies, Inc. et al v. The Greater Lafourche Port Commission, et al, Civil Action No. 05-0030 – Sec. K – Magistrate 2*"
 - B. Discuss claim asserted by G&W Construction Co., Inc. regarding port improvements under SPN 578-29-0014(325)
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment

Attachment

- The following issues may be discussed in executive session:
 - 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*"
 - The claim asserted by G&W Construction Co., Inc. against the Greater Lafourche Port Commission arising from work done for SPN 578-29-0014(325) – port improvements Northern Expansion Phase 5

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
March 9, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 10:30 AM.

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

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

ABSENT: Beau Martin

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the February 11, 2005 regular meeting minutes.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion Update - Engineer Joe Picciola reported that from the pre-construction meeting with James Construction Group, they have started to prep and paint the steel sheets for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #1 and should be on site within the month. Mr. Picciola stated that he is working on the cost to relocate Delmar, which is estimated between \$150,000 and \$200,000. The estimated cost should be finalized this week to submit to Delmar and Chouest Offshore Services for their review. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the bid opening for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2 is postponed until the relocation of the Delmar site is approved which will affect about 300 ft of the project area. Mr. Larry Picciola stated that the permits have been received for the mooring dolphin project along Flotation Canal. He is working on the actual spacing between the dolphins before advertising for the project. Engineer John Plaisance reported that Barriere has finished driving the tension piles and are working on the compression piles for Slip A, Rowan Bulkhead Repair. He stated that the work on the test pile clusters is set to begin with an estimated completion time of 6 days and Eustis Engineering should have final numbers within two weeks. Engineer Plaisance reported that plans and specs are being designed for the remaining southwest bulkhead repair in Slip A and will be ready to advertise and receive bids by the next meeting. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the Maritime Forest Ridge shaping project is progressing and the first cut on the north side showed good material and may result in a wider ridge. Director Falgout recognized Ed Landgraft with Shell Pipeline and Richard DeMay with the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program. Mr. Richard DeMay addressed the board and stated that BTNEP has been a strong supporter of the Maritime Forest Ridge project since inception. BTNEP had facilitated meetings with Federal and State agencies for permits and also submitted grant applications to many organizations to participate in funding this project. Some of the organizations are the Gulf of Mexico Program & Foundation, DNR, and Shell. He stated that DNR is reviewing an agreement to fund \$100,000 for this project, which should be received soon. He will continue to apply for grant funding for the next phase with NAWCA, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Gulf of Mexico Program. Mr. DeMay looks forward to continuing a working relationship with the Port. Mr. Ed Landgraft addressed the commission and stated that Shell is interested in serving and protecting coastal LA and has been involved for many years with restoration and wetland projects. Mr. Landgraft presented a \$100,000 check to BTNEP for the Maritime Forest Ridge project. Director Falgout stated that this donation from Shell has allowed us to do the extra 1,000 ft. of shaping of the ridge. Director Falgout and the Board thanked both Mr. Landgraft and Mr. Demay.

Airport Update - Director Falgout stated that we have received written approval of \$1.2 million of funding from FAA for the runway extension to 5,000 ft. with the State matching 10%. He stated that the Port has also budgeted \$832,500 for the prep work to 6,500 ft. and the project is scheduled to bid in the fall.

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Director Falgout also reported that the AWOS system at the Airport is under construction and will soon be in full operation. He stated that the Lafourche Parish Council is clearing the trees along the right side of the Airport Road. Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie questioned the overlay maintenance of the Airport Road. Mr. Breaux responded that the Parish may add this to their next overlay road project. Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie also questioned the weight limit on the runway. Director Falgout stated that the existing runway is at 12,500 lbs., but will be increased to 30,000 lbs. during the upcoming improvements, and 70,000 lbs. at completion of the whole project, which will accommodate larger aircrafts.

Port Security – Communication Specialist, Jon Callais reported that the Security Camera System is nearing completion. He stated that the contractor is working on installing the 2 cameras at Belle Pass and 1 camera in the Northern Expansion area near Slip A with estimated completion of project by April 14, 2005. He stated that the contractor has started to complete the punch list items, which shows a significant improvement to the cameras. Commissioner Griffin stated that Senator Reggie Dupre questioned the possibility of adding a camera on the locks in Golden Meadow, which Mr. Callais replied that there is the growth potential to add more cameras to the system. Commissioner Griffin stated that Senator Dupre would work on getting funding if these cameras are added in the future.

FEMA Updates – Mr. Breaux reported that the Wave Protection project consists of placing cement bags with a mat system to protect the beach. He stated that we are waiting to receive the right of way agreement from the Caillouet Land Corporation. He has spoken to the contractor to extend the bids for another 30 days and looking into the option to proceed with the project from the waterside rather than the landside. Mr. Breaux reported that the notice to proceed for the Debris Fence along LA 3090 was issued on February 28th and timbers should be received this week. Mr. Breaux reported that we have received State approval for funding the Boat Launch in Golden Meadow and we are ready to begin construction.

Highway Improvements – Director Falgout presented the schedule of events for the first phase of the elevated highway project. He stated that DOTD had meetings in Washington last week for the TIFIA loan and we are waiting on final results to go to Wall Street. He stated that by the Port doing the mitigation work, which is a major part of this project, it represents another first for the State to have the Port involved in highway improvements.

Commissioner Larry Griffin exited the meeting.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Donald Vizier reported that the committee met on February 23, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Donald Vizier, Jimmy Lafont, and John Melancon. Harry Cheramie was absent. They also met on March 7, 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 the Agreement for Compensatory Mitigation with DOTD and the Louisiana Transportation Authority for the LA 1 Elevated Highway project and authorized Director Falgout to execute the agreement. Director Falgout stated that the State is responsible for obtaining the rights of way for the mitigation areas and pipeline relocations.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Harry Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the Agreement for Maritime Forest Ridge Planting with the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and authorized Director Falgout to execute agreement.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Interagency Agreement with Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP) and Louisiana Universities Consortium (LUMCON) for the Maritime Forest Ridge funding and authorized President Vizier to execute agreement.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's office for the boatlift and authorized President Vizier to execute agreement.

Upon motion by Harry Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the request of assignment in the Northern Expansion area from ERA Aviation, Inc. to ERA Helicopter, LLC and authorized President Vizier to execute agreement.

Permits & Waterways – Chairman Chuckie Cheramie reported that the committee met on February 23, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Beau Martin, Jimmy Lafont, and Donald Vizier. They also met on March 7, 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 the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, BP Pipelines, Energy Corporation and Andy Martin. The board had some navigational issues concerning the permit by Andy Martin and requested that the Executive Director send a letter addressing this matter. There were no other concerns therefore no board action was taken.

Commissioner Harry Cheramie exited the meeting.

Construction & Development – Chairman Ervin Bruce reported that the committee met on February 23, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Donald Vizier and Larry Griffin. Ervin Bruce and Wilbert Collins were absent. They also met on March 7, 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 Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$13,046.00 from Barriere Construction for the Rowan Bulkhead Repair.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously accepted the low bid by Retif Oil & Fuel for the yearly diesel and gasoline prices.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously accepted the low bids for the yearly construction materials by Grand Isle Shipyard and Civil Construction Company.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved to advertise for RFP's for the airport security camera system.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, a two-thirds vote was taken to add to the agenda advertising for bids for the remaining southwest bulkhead repairs along Slip A in the Northern Expansion.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved to advertise for the remaining bulkhead repairs of 620 ft. along the southwest bulkhead in Slip A of the Northern Expansion.

Finance – Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on February 23, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were John Melancon, Larry Griffin, and Donald Vizier. Wilbert Collins was absent. They also met on March 7, 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 Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the invoices for February 2005.

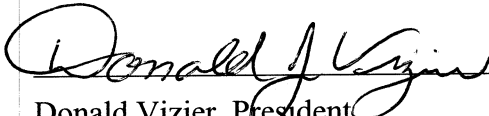
President Vizier opened the floor for any other new business. Director Falgout stated that Mr. Wilson Picou has returned to work on light duty at the Airport. He stated that he is progressing well and we are happy to have him back.

President Vizier opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Doug Cheramie, Sr. addressed the board stating that he recently toured the Airport and was impressed with the improvements and commended the board on a job well done.


Possible Executive Session - Director Falgout stated that there is no new information to report on the Rowan Bulkhead litigation that would require an executive session to be called. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously authorized general counsel to proceed with the existing position of the board for the claim asserted by G&W Construction Co., Inc. for the waterline improvements in the Northern Expansion.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:



Donald Vizier, President



Harry Cheramie, Secretary

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