

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider March 9, 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. Maritime Forest Ridge – Larry Picciola
      - iv. Pontoon Excavator – Larry Piccola
      - v. 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
  - F. Tornado Update
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with DNR for the Maritime Forest Ridge
    - 2. Consider approving the request from Rowan Marine to sublease to Allison Marine
    - 3. Consider approving the request from Tex Air Helicopters, Inc. to assign lease to ERA Helicopters, LLC at the Airport
    - 4. Consider approving Trussco's Landowner Consent Disclaimer
    - 5. Consider approving Amendment to Chouest Offshore Services lease
    - 6. Consider approving Amendment to Delmar lease correcting plat and property description
    - 7. Consider proposal from Rotorcraft for property at the Airport
    - 8. Consider approving proposal from Holston, Inc. to lease property in the Northern Expansion
    - 9. Consider approving request from John W. Stone, Inc. to assign leases to John W. Stone, LLC
    - 10. Consider the Caillouet Right of Way Agreements
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - a. Public Notices:
      - i. Browning Oil Company
    - b. Board determination as to whether F/V Iron Man and F/V Capt. Jimmy are in violation of GLPC Ordinance No. 25
  - C. Construction and Development Committee
    - a. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from James Construction Group
  - D. Finance Committee
    - a. Consider payment of invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
    - b. Consider approving the 2004 LA Compliance questionnaire
    - c. Adopt the adjusted millage rate(s) for the tax year 2005
    - d. Public Comment
    - e. Adopt the adjusted rate(s) after Reassessment and roll forward the millage to a rate(s) not to exceed the prior year's maximum millage for the tax year 2005
    - f. Public Comment
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. 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*"
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

Attachment

- 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 discussed in an executive session.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
April 13, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, April 13, 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, Beau Martin, Ervin Bruce, and Wilbert Collins

ABSENT: Chuckie Cheramie and Larry Griffin

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the March 9, 2005 regular meeting minutes.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion Update - Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the notice to proceed was issued on April 25<sup>th</sup> for Slip B Bulkhead, Project #1 and the contractor has been on site doing prep work. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the bid opening is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2. Mr. Larry Picciola reported that the contractor for the Maritime Forest Ridge shaping project has made its first pass on both the north and south sides of the ridge and addressed the low areas by moving the material to an 8 ft. elevation. Mr. Larry Picciola also reported that the bid opening for the mooring dolphin project along the Flotation Canal is scheduled on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Mr. Davie Breaux reported that the pontoon excavator is nearing completion. The contractor is doing pressure testing on the compartments and estimates delivery at the end of the month. Engineer John Plaisance reported that the concrete deadmen have been poured and the contractor is in the process of installing the tie-rods for Slip A, Rowan Bulkhead Repair. He estimates substantial completion within 2-3 weeks. Engineer Plaisance reported that the southwest bulkhead on Slip A is being advertised with the bid opening scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Airport Update – Mr. Breaux reported that the AWOS project is complete and Mr. Hunter is working with FAA to link to their Madden system. He reported that the LPA Group is 41% complete on the final design for the runway extension and should be bid by August. He reported on the increased activity at the Airport due to the closure of the Houma Airport for construction.

Port Security – Director of Homeland Security, Jon Callais reported that April 14<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for the substantial completion of the Camera System, which we extended by 1 week due to the weather last week. He reported that the camera in Belle Pass is being replaced which fell in the water and a few antennas on the Latelco tower due to the weather. Substantial completion may be presented to the board by next meeting. The actual cameras are working well. Discussion followed regarding the vibration on the cameras and the possibility of placing anti-jitter devices on all cameras in the future.

FEMA Updates – Mr. Breaux reported that the wave protection project is on hold. We are waiting on an extension from FEMA. Mr. Joe Picciola reported that the contractor is ordering the material for the Debris Fence along LA 3090 and will be on site by next week. Mr. Picciola reported that a preconstruction meeting is scheduled on Friday for the Boat Launch project. He is meeting with DOTD for a right of way agreement.

Highway Improvements – Representative Pitre reported that the elevated highway project has been proceeding at a rapid pace. He stated that the credit council in Washington, DC has approved the Federal TIFIA loan and the Louisiana Transportation Authority (LTA) approved the project as their

first project. He reported that Mr. Falgout and Roy Francis are in New York with State officials presenting the project to credit rating agencies that evaluate these bonds for investments. LTA will be in Fourchon next week reviewing the project area, which will be included in the rating for a grade. He stated that this review and grade is a remaining critical part, which results should be back by May. Representative Pitre stated that the project is proceeding as scheduled and with a high grade from the credit rating agencies the bonds will be sold by early June, the project let in July, and the notice to proceed should be in November. Commissioner Melancon commended everyone that worked on this project. Representative Pitre proceeded to give a brief history of how the LA 1 Coalition was created whose focus was to improve access of Fourchon and Grand Isle to LA Highway 90.

Tornado Update – Mr. Breaux reported that a tornado with winds at approximately 180 mph was in Fourchon last Wednesday, which caused some damage to C-Port 1, Bollinger, and Aker Marine. He reported only 2 minor injuries and no environmental impact. There was a quick response from our emergency team for the two injuries and also our local utility companies for the power lines that were down. It was reported that the electricity in the Port was back on at 4:00 am except at C-Port.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee – Chairman Donald Vizier reported that the committee met on March 23, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Donald Vizier, Jimmy Lafont, Harry Cheramie, and John Melancon. They also met on April 11, 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 Harry Cheramie and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with DNR for the Maritime Forest Ridge and authorized President Vizier to execute the agreement.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the request from Rowan Marine to sublease to Allison Marine.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Harry Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the request from Tex Air Helicopters, Inc. to assign their lease to ERA Helicopters, LLC at the Airport and authorized President Vizier to execute assignment.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved Trussco's Landowner Consent Disclaimer subject to general counsel's amendments and authorized President Vizier to execute agreement.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved to amend the Chouest Offshore Services' lease to include the additional 390 ft of property along the Flotation Canal.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Beau Martin, the board unanimously approved to amend Delmar's lease by correcting the plat and property description due to the relocation. Commissioner Lafont verified that the relocation agreement between Delmar and Chouest had been entered.

President Vizier presented to the board to consider the proposal from Rotorcraft Leasing for purchasing property at the Airport. Upon motion by Beau Martin and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously agreed that although we do not want to take any binding action at this time the board approved to further investigate the options of selling land at the Airport.

President Vizier presented to the board to consider the request from Holston, Inc. to lease property in the Northern Expansion. Mr. Breaux reported that their proposal had not been received, so no action was taken.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the request from John W. Stone, Inc. to assign the two older leases, GLF308-AB & GLF308-CD, in the E-Slip to John W. Stone, LLC.

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Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Harry Cheramie the board unanimously agreed that the proposed right of way agreements between the Caillouet Land Corporation, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, and the Lafourche Parish Council are unacceptable, and the Port Commission authorizes legal counsel and executive director to take any actions to further their position. Commissioner Martin commented that we should look for a positive solution and work together with our landowners.

Permits & Waterways – Commissioner Beau Martin reported that the committee met on March 23, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Beau Martin, Jimmy Lafont, and Donald Vizier. They also met on April 11, 2005 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Commissioner Beau Martin presented to the board the public notice by Browning Oil Company. There were no concerns therefore no board action was taken.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously determined that the F/V Iron Man was in violation of GLPC Ordinance No. 25 and approved to proceed with the provisions of Ordinance No. 25.

Construction & Development – Chairman Ervin Bruce reported that the committee met on March 23, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Donald Vizier, Ervin Bruce, Wilbert Collins, and Larry Griffin. They also met on April 11, 2005 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Ervin Bruce presented for the board to consider approving Change Order No. 1 from James Construction Group. Engineer Picciola reported that the change order is under review and will be presented at the next meeting. No action was taken.

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, Wilbert Collins, and Donald Vizier. 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 the invoices for March 2005.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the 2004 Louisiana Compliance questionnaire.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Donald Vizier, the resolution to adopt the adjusted millage rate of 5.4 mills for the tax year 2005 was read in full and open to public comment. A roll call vote was taken which resulted in 7 yeas from Vizier, Melancon, H. Cheramie, Bruce, Collins, Martin, and Lafont with Griffin and C. Cheramie absent.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Harry Cheramie, the resolution to adopt the adjusted rate of 5.4 mills after reassessment and roll forward the millage to 6.94 mills not to exceed the prior year's maximum millage for the tax year 2005 was read in full and open to public comment. Commissioner Harry Cheramie stated that he was always in favor of reducing millage, but would like to go to our maximum now that we have committed to the South Lafourche Levee District lock project, which will benefit the Parish and Community. President Vizier stated that these funds will also be for our participation in the mitigation project for the elevated highway. Commissioner Melancon stated that by collecting this millage to participate in the lock project it will not reduce any of our scheduled Port projects and that we have lowered taxes in the past and still can in the future. Commissioner Lafont stated that this also allows us not loose our maximum level. Commissioner Martin stated that this is a positive move to accomplish good things and he feels like the board has the want to lower

taxes when we can. A roll call vote was taken which resulted in 7 yeas from Vizier, Melancon, H. Cheramie, Bruce, Collins, Martin, and Lafont with Griffin and C. Cheramie absent.

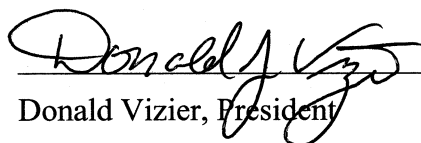
President Vizier opened the floor for any other new business. Commissioner Lafont requested that Billy Joe Brunet be put on our next committee agenda to discuss the communication of rigs coming into the Port. Commissioner Collins reported that he has received additional donations for the A.O. Rappelet sculpture and will present a check to the administration this week.

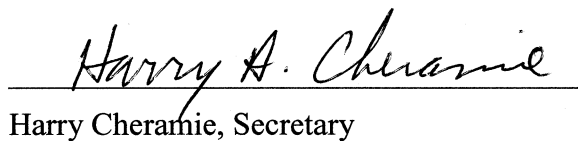
President Vizier opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Addie Callais reported that she gave a presentation at the International Association of Drilling Contractors Conference in Lafayette in conjunction with OMSA, which was well received. She also met with Roger Bagwell with Rotorcraft Leasing and visited their facility in Broussard, which was impressive. She reported that they are committed to coming to our Airport and will send proposed drawings of development at the Airport. She stated that they are open to options and are willing to invest more if property could be purchased at the Airport. Commissioner Harry Cheramie complimented Ms. Callais on the presentation given to the Rotary Club last week, which he attended.

Possible Executive Session – Mr. Autin 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 Wilbert Collins and second by Beau Martin, the board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:

  
Donald Vizier, President

  
Harry Cheramie, Secretary

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