

AGENDA
October 12, 2005

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider September 14, 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. Mooring Dolphins – Larry Picciola
 - iv. Maritime Forest Ridge
 - v. Slip A, Rowan Bulkhead Repairs – 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
 - E. **Highway Improvements**
 - F. **Hurricane Update**
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. **Executive Committee**
 - a. Consider proposal from American Air Services, LLC to lease property at Airport
 - b. Consider proposal from VIH Helicopters USA, Inc. for a right of first refusal over 9 acres of property at the S.L. Industrial Park
 - c. Consider proposal from ERA Helicopters, LLC for a right of first refusal over 35 acres of property at the S.L. Industrial Park
 - d. Consider approving the Port Priority Program resolution
 - e. Consider the request from Phylway Construction
 - f. Consider request from Cajun Truck Plaza to sublease to Grand Isle Shipyard Environmental Dept.
 - B. **Permits & Waterways Committee**
 - a. Update on abandoned/sunken vessels
 - b. Consider approving the resolution to seize and sell the F/V Capt. Jimmy and F/V Iron Man
 - C. **Construction and Development Committee**
 1. Consider awarding the low bid for the Bucket Dredge Mitigation project in Leeville
 2. Consider advertising for bids for construction materials
 - D. **Finance Committee**
 - a. Consider payment of invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
 - b. Consider approving the September 2005 financial report
- VII. Any other business
 1. Consider canceling of the October 26, 2005 Committee Meeting in Fourchon
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Possible Executive Session
 1. 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 following items may be discussed in an executive session:

- The pending litigation more specifically defined 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 pending litigation more specifically defined as "G&W Construction Co., Inc. v. Greater Lafourche Port Commission and J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc., 17th JDC – Parish of Lafourche – Suit No. 101666 – Div. E"

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

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, October 12, 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, Ervin Bruce, Beau Martin, Chuckie Cheramie, and Wilbert Collins

ABSENT: Larry Griffin

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the September 14, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Executive Director's Report - Engineer Joe Picciola reported that James Construction is on site for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #1. The contractor cleaned up the debris from the work site last week and will continue to drive sheets along Flotation Canal toward the Chouest lease. They should finish driving steel sheet piles within the next 2 weeks and will then start driving timber piles for deadman. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that Shavers-Whittle is on site for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2. The contractor has completed 3 deadman piles along the slip. He reported that there was some scouring near the middle of the project site and loss some materials due to the storms. They are currently working with Mr. Breaux and FEMA to clean out the ditches along Dudley Bernard road and use the material to back fill the damaged areas. Commissioner Martin questioned the documentation of the piles being driven which Mr. Picciola replied that they are documenting the installation of each pile. Discussion followed regarding the actual compression piles and installation. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that Low Land Construction Co. is scheduled to be on site Monday, October 17th for the Mooring Dolphin project. He stated that they installed used aircraft tires for bumpers along the job site. Commissioner Melancon questioned the depth of the area, which Mr. Picciola responded that a test pile program was previously done in the general area. Discussion followed regarding driving piles and soil conditions. Director Falgout reported that Low Land will also mobilize within the next week to begin the Maritime Forest Ridge project. He stated that cross sections are being done to analyze the damages caused by the hurricanes. Director Falgout stated that funding for this project ends at the end of the year and would like to be notified if an extension will be needed. Engineer John Plaisance reported that Circle, Inc. is on site and has completed the pouring of 6 deadman for Slip A, Rowan Bulkhead Repairs. The contractor should be complete by the end of the month.

Airport Update - Mr. Breaux reported that he attended a preconstruction meeting last week with Phylway Construction for the runway extension project. The notice to proceed is scheduled for Monday, October 17th. He stated that GT Electric and the Airport Manager are installing equipment today at the NDB site in Golden Meadow. The access road to the future development site at the Airport is under construction. He stated that Phylway Construction was the lowest quote to install the culvert to access the road, which will begin next week. Rotorcraft is beginning construction on their site. Evergreen Helicopters currently located at the Airport is planning on doing improvements to their property. Commissioner C. Cheramie questioned the cutting of asphalt on the Airport Road, which Mr. Breaux responded that the Parish is patching the Airport Road from the bridge to LA 308.

Security Camera System - Mr. Callais reported that there is \$286,000 of damages on the security camera system at the Port. This claim will be covered under Interstate Electronics' builders risk policy and the rest will be covered by FEMA. The equipment to repair the system is on order and

scheduled to be shipped on October 19th and 21st. He stated that as soon as the equipment is received, Interstate will begin to repair the system. Commissioner Melancon questioned the battery backup on the cameras, which Mr. Callais reported that a few cameras have generator battery backup and a few others have the UPS capabilities to keep a longer backup. The Belle Pass camera has sufficient solar panel capabilities to backup that camera system. Mr. Callais reported that Interstate will plan a meeting to discuss the future of our camera system.

FEMA Updates – Mr. Breaux reported that new cross sections of the wave protection project site are being done and will be forwarded to FEMA to upgrade the repair job. Picciola & Associates is working on a cost estimate for the repairs of the debris fence along LA 3090, which will also be forwarded to FEMA. Director Falgout contacted Caillouet Land Corp. to inform them that the servitude agreement is on hold until we can determine the extent of the damages, which may result in the servitude being a larger site than previously determined. Once the debris is removed from the beach, new cross sections will be done to move forward with the wave protection project and the servitude agreement. Commissioner C. Cheramie questioned who is in charge of removing debris in the Port, which Director Falgout replied that the Corps of Engineers has contractors removing the debris in the Port as a project on its own. He stated that the Parish Government is leading the effort through contracts with FEMA to remove debris throughout the parish. President Vizier reported that the Corps is also doing some work in the parish area as well. Mr. Breaux reported that there has been an inspection of the Fourchon Bridge by Badeaux Engineers due to the damaged south approach span caused by Hurricane Rita. Large sunken logs pushed against the pilings of the bridge causing the damage. A dive crew checked the pilings and Picciola & Associates are doing measurements and water depths. Mr. Breaux stated that they reduced the weight limits on the bridge, which is supervised by the Chevron guard located at the bridge. Badeaux Engineers will compile all the information and present an upgrade for the bridge repair. Mr. Chaisson presented this project to FEMA, which may become a mitigation project to upgrade the bridge.

Highway Improvements – Director Falgout reported that the Congressional Delegation has submitted proposed legislation to fund the major infrastructure projects impacted by the storm which LA 1 and Fourchon is included in that bill. The first phase of the elevated highway project will open bids in late November. DOTD has gone through a number of measures to reduce cost, but unfortunately, the increase in prices due to the storms will probably remove the reduction that was expected. Director Falgout stated that there were some damages to the LA 1 shoulders and a waterline that ruptured due to Hurricane Rita. Barriere is replacing stone to the shoulders and the Water District patched the waterline. He stated that there still is a substantial amount of debris on the southern end of LA 1 in Leeville. Commissioner H. Cheramie questioned the use of the emergency boat launch, and Director Falgout replied that the boat launch had some debris and was not used for the last 2 storms. Mr. Breaux requested that Mr. Badeaux with the Levee District contact him when they are ready to remove the debris from the floodgates and the boat launch.

Hurricane Update – President Vizier questioned the condition of the channel and Belle Pass markers, which Director Falgout replied that the Corps has been notified to do their scheduled maintenance dredging of the channel. Congress has appropriated funding to the Corps for emergency dredging for several projects due to the storms, and our project is included and estimated at \$6 million. He is coordinating with the Corps to dispose of the dredged material along the west side of Belle Pass. We also submitted to the Corps to repair the damaged jetties that need to be replaced and possibly upgraded which is estimated at \$2 million. The lights on the navigational aids in Belle Pass were severely damaged for the storm and the USCG was contacted. They responded quickly and were able to do a quick repair with basic emergency aids to mark the jetties with buoys. Director Falgout reported that the Port is in full clean up phase with a new contractor actively removing the debris. We are maintaining our debris pile and actively burning debris in a controlled manner, and FEMA is covering all the debris removal cost. He reported that there were 20+ vessels sunken due to the storms,

which the Navy was dealing with ten of these through a contractor. They have removed one so far, an owner removed one, and there are eight others to be removed. He stated that we will continue to pursue raising the remainder of the vessels. Mr. Autin reported that there were a total of 21 sunken vessels after Hurricane Katrina with an additional 6 after Hurricane Rita, which includes the 3 in the marina behind the Port Operations Building. He sent registered letters to the owners yesterday for being in violation of the Port Ordinance. He stated that of the 10 in the priority list 2 have been raised and 8 were sent letters informing them of the Navy possibly raising them.

Director Falgout reported that the board met Monday night to discuss a more detailed hurricane plan. He stated that they discussed the need to have Port Fourchon separated from the rest of the area south of the Golden Meadow floodgates in determining when to evacuate, which will be coordinated with the Parish President. We will continue investigating opportunities to develop a long-term plan if we need to evacuate the Fourchon and Galliano facilities. Commissioner Martin made a motion to develop a hurricane plan, which was second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board then voted which resulted in 7 yeas by Vizier, Lafont, C. Cheramie, Collins, Bruce, Martin, and H. Cheramie; 1 absent by Griffin; and 1 nay by Melancon. Upon motion by Beau Martin and second by Chuckie Cheramie the board unanimously approved to develop a team to create a hurricane plan.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Donald Vizier reported that the committee met on September 28, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Donald Vizier and John Melancon. Harry Cheramie and Jimmy Lafont were absent. The committee also met on October 10, 2005 at the Galliano Administration Building; all members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Beau Martin and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the lease with American Air Services, LLC for 5 acres of property at the Airport with an option to lease an additional 5 acres. Commissioner Martin stated that this is a positive event of having a fixed wing company locate at our Airport.

Commissioner John Melancon made a motion to approve the proposal from VIH Helicopters USA, Inc. for a right of first refusal for over 9 acres of property at the S.L. Industrial Park, which was second by Wilbert Collins, the floor was open for discussion. Commissioner Martin stated that he has been in contact with major oil companies interested in locating at our Airport. He discussed with them the concept of a central terminal facility with multiple operators working out of it, which was a high priority on their list. He recommended tabling this item to discuss further with these companies the possibility of locating at the Airport. President Vizier stated that if there are companies interested in the Airport that they need to come talk with the board and employees so that we can accommodate them. He doesn't see us holding up progress when a company has contacted us and is willing to sign a right of first refusal. Director Falgout showed on the map the available 35-acre tracts for major aviation facilities and individual oil companies. He stated that the smaller companies requesting 10 or 15 tracts would be located along the Airport runway and along the future extension. Some companies don't want central parking areas and want their own operation. Commissioner Martin stated that he has given the Airport Manager the oil company information Monday night. He explained that his request is coming from the end user and not the helicopter companies with the concept of having one area subdivided without any cross over or common area. Director Falgout reported that we are trying to encourage companies to come to the Airport and trying to discourage companies locating in other areas in the parish. Discussion followed regarding the proposal process and the current activity at the Airport. The board voted which resulted in 7 yeas by Vizier, Lafont, H. Cheramie, Bruce, Melancon, Collins, C. Cheramie; 1 absent by Griffin; and 1 nay by Martin.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the proposal from ERA Helicopters, LLC for a right of first refusal for over 35 acres of property at the S.L. Industrial Park with the location to be designated after further negotiations.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the resolution to apply for Port Priority Program funding and authorized Director Falgout to execute the agreement.

Commissioner Wilbert Collins made a motion to approve the request from Phylway Construction to allow them to have living quarters on the construction site, which was second by Ervin Bruce, the floor was open for discussion. Commissioner C. Cheramie stated that he was against allowing this because of competition in the community. The board voted which resulted in 2 yeas by Vizier and Collins; 1 absent by Griffin; and 6 nays by Lafont, H. Cheramie, Melancon, Bruce, C. Cheramie, and Martin.

Upon motion by Harry Cheramie and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the request from Kajun Truck Plaza to sublease to Grand Isle Shipyard Environmental Dept., which will temporarily be located on the corner of their undeveloped property.

Permits & Waterways Committee – Chairman Chuckie Cheramie reported that the committee met on September 28, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Donald Vizier, Beau Martin, and Jimmy Lafont. They also met on October 10, 2005 at the Administration Building in Galliano; all members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Mr. Autin updated the board on the abandoned and sunken vessels in the area. He stated that there were a total of 22 vessels and of that 7 have been raised, 7 owners want their vessels removed by the Navy if possible, 3 vessels need the owners information, and 5 others have been sent letters on the process.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to remove and sell the F/V Captain Jimmy and F/V Iron Man, which was second by Donald Vizier, the floor was open for discussion. President Vizier questioned the legality of seizing the vessels, which Mr. Autin replied that under our ordinance and the State we have the authority to remove and dispose of the vessels how we see fit. The board unanimously approved removing and selling the vessels.

Construction & Development – Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on September 28, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, Larry Griffin, and Wilbert Collins. The board also met on October 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 Wilbert Collins and second by Harry Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the low bid by United Dredging for \$.85 per cubic yard for the Leeville Bucket Dredge Mitigation and Marsh Creation project and also approved Change Order No. 1 for additional bucket dredging in lieu of hydraulic dredging.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved to advertise for bids in December for construction materials on a 6 month basis beginning January 1st. Director Falgout stated that currently Grand Isle Shipyard is our supplier till the end of the year. He stated that due to the increased cost of stone GIS expressed their predicament of delivering stone at the quoted price given earlier this year. They are willing to accommodate us for current project at the Airport.

Finance Committee - Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on September 28, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were John Melancon, Donald Vizier, Larry Griffin, and Wilbert Collins. They also met on October 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 Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the invoices for September 2005.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the September 2005 financial statement.

President Vizier opened the floor for any other business.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Beau Martin, the board unanimously approved to cancel the October 26th Committee Meeting in Fourchon due to the scheduled AAPA Annual Convention.

Commissioner Lafont questioned the morning curfew at the bridges, which Director Falgout responded that he was unaware of a morning curfew and the parish along with the Coast Guard is working on organizing a schedule.

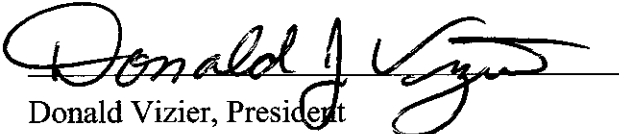
President Vizier requested that Director Falgout contact the Corps to install a light tower on the jetties outside of Belle Pass because the navigational markers are continuously being damaged by storms.

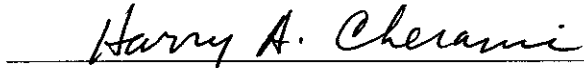
Possible Executive Session – Director Falgout recommended entering into executive session to discuss the Rowan litigation and related matters. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, a roll call vote resulted in 1 absent by Griffin and 8 yeas by Vizier, Lafont, H. Cheramie, Melancon, Bruce, Collins, C. Cheramie, and Martin.

The board returned from executive session.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:


Donald Vizier, President


Harry Cheramie, Secretary

October 12, 2005