

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider June 14, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Consider June 26, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- VI. Consider June 28, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- VII. Consider June 30, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- VIII. Executive Director's Report
 - A. **Northern Expansion Update**
 - 1) Construction Status:
 - a. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #1 – Joe Picciola
 - b. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2 – Larry Picciola
 - c. Leeville Mitigation Dredging Projects – Larry Picciola
 - B. **Airport Update**
 - 1) Project Status
 - C. **FEMA Update**
 - 1) Wave Protection
 - 2) Katrina FEMA Claims
 - D. **Highway Improvements Update**
- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1) Consider Grand Isle Shipyard's proposal to lease property along Slip B
 - 2) Consider Expert Riser's proposal to lease property along Slip B
 - 3) Consider Advanced Cleanup Technologies proposal to lease along LA 3090
 - 4) Consider the request from Martin Holdings, LLC for Lot 3 and Lot 6
 - 5) Consider the request from Galliano Marine Service for Lot 111
 - 6) Consider approving Co-location agreement between Port and Maricomms for WiFi equipment
 - 7) Consider naming Executive Director Falgout accredited delegate for the AAPA Annual Convention
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1) Permits:
 - a. Swift Energy Operating, LLC
 - b. Maritech Resources, Inc.
 - c. Maritech Resources, Inc.
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1) Consider approving the low bid for the Runway Extension Phase III project
 - 2) Consider the Partial Substantial Completion from James Construction for the Delmar Site
 - 3) Consider the Change Order proposal from James Construction
 - 4) Consider the Substantial Completion from James Construction for the Bulkhead Project #1
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1) Consider payment of invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2) Consider approving April, May and June Financial Reports
- X. Any other business
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. 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"
- XIII. Public Comment
- XIV. 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 "David Dardar, et al vs. Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Suit No. 102,795-7th JDC-Parish of Lafourche"

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
July 12, 2006

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 10:30 AM.

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

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

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the June 14, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the June 26, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Beau Martin, the board unanimously approved the June 28, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes.

Upon motion by Harry Cheramie and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the June 30, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion Update – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that James Construction is substantially complete on Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #1. He stated that the substantial completion is later on the agenda for approval along with partial substantial completion for the Delmar portion. James Construction has finished bringing in lightweight aggregate over the weekend. They are working on dressing up near the mooring bits and whaler beams which will be complete this week.

Engineer Larry Picciola reported that 619 of the 636 pair of sheet piles are installed for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2. They also placed and welded 2,190 ft. of whaler beams and installed 517 ft. of bumper pipe.

Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the Leeville Mitigation Hydraulic Dredge is complete on the south side except for the additional work requested by Traylor Bros/Massman. He reported that the quality of material is terrible on the south side and it was hard to get the elevation for Mitigation Site 1. They had to build cross levees to contain the spoil to produce marsh areas. Director Falgout stated that the north side Mitigation Sites 5 & 6 will need to meet marsh elevations. Further discussion followed regarding the plans for the north side mitigation sites. Mr. Picciola reported that the two Bucket Dredge Projects are complete and will be addressed at the next board meeting. Commissioner Griffin questioned the dredging near LA 1, which Mr. Picciola reported that the dredge will stop 50' from the end of the lightweight aggregate. Commissioner C. Cheramie stated that if the spoil is not good material he suggested that we truck in mud to build it to elevation, which Mr. Picciola stated that it would be a huge cost overrun and there is no barge access to the site. President Vizier questioned the depth that they are dredging, which Mr. Picciola stated that they are dredging to a 7 ft. depth.

Airport Update - Director Falgout stated that the low bid for Phase III of the Runway Extension is later on the agenda for approval. Commissioner Martin questioned the alternate bid and FAA sharing the cost. Director Falgout stated that it is the recommendation to table the bid until the funding participation is discussed with FAA. He reported that with accordance to our schedule, hopefully next year the northern part of the runway will be widened and strengthened with lighting. Commissioner Martin requested statistics of the increased activity at the Airport which would include the number of aircrafts coming in the Airport compared to the Master Plan projections and the Port's Strategic Plan. Director Falgout stated that since the completion of the runway to 5,000 ft., there has been several large aircrafts landing at the Airport that are doing business in the Gulf of Mexico. Director Falgout stated that this information will be compiled and presented to the board. Commissioner Melancon stated that the increased aircraft activity is proven by the tremendous increase in fuel sales at the Airport. President Vizier questioned the results of VIH Helicopter's request from last meeting, which Director Falgout stated that the board decided to keep the 49% subleasing provision in their lease until they meet certain investment criteria and then it would be removed from the lease. Director Falgout reported that Rotorcraft is continuing to develop their site by constructing their office and hangar buildings. He stated that VIH is clearing their parking lot site for development.

FEMA Update – Mr. Chaisson reported that the mats for the Wave Protection Project will begin to be transported to Fourchon next week. He also reported that the pavilion canopy and the boat launch wharf repairs are complete at the Public Boat Launch. He stated that the contractor is currently working at the Front Marina wharfs and will have 3 wharfs completed by Friday. He has applied for FEMA reimbursement for the Road and Shoulder project and the Maritime Forest Ridge Containment Barrier which should be received this week. He stated that the dredging project bid opening is scheduled for Monday, July 17th at 10:00 am. Mr. Chaisson reported that Centaur will be on site July 24th for the Bridge Repair Project. The bridge contract is for 90 days with a completion date of October 7th. The repairs on the Port Fourchon Marina Bulkhead should begin in the next 3 weeks. Commissioner Melancon questioned if the Debris Fence appeal is still being reviewed by FEMA, which Mr. Chiasson reported that he should have an update by next week.

Highway Improvements Update – Mr. Boulet, LA 1 Coalition Director, reported that his efforts to obtain funding has centered on the Coastal Infrastructure Assistant Program (CIAP) application which was submitted by DOTD. This infrastructure funding of \$80 million is dispersed over the next 4 yrs. by DNR. Mr. Boulet had the opportunity to review all the CIAP applications submitted and he reported that the other applicants requested only \$15 million. He stated the DOTD has applied for the total amount available of \$80 million. He is confident that we will get a share to go toward Phase 1A project from Leeville to Fourchon. He stated that Secretary Bradberry with DOTD is committed to getting Phase 1A out to bid this year and is looking at other funding sources. He stated that the Louisiana Recovery Authority and DOTD are other funding options. Mr. Boulet took part in bringing around the new District Administrator for DOTD, Michael Stacks, to express the need to enhance our traffic flow on Bayou Lafourche. This included the need for the new Larose lift bridge which is off of letting dates all together because the price came in so high last year they need to reorganize where they will get this funding. The new estimate for this bridge is \$18 million for a 6 lane lift bridge to take the place of the Holy Rosary pontoon bridge. The State only has \$6 million in bridge replacement funding which is a \$12 million difference. We mentioned to Mr. Stacks that the next time DOTD overlays Highway 308 to put turning lanes by the Cote Blanche bridge in Cut Off. It was recommended that the Galliano lift bridge replacement should line up with the Airport Corridor due to the increased activity at the Airport. He also pointed out the need for traffic lights on LA 3235 at the major intersections. Mr. Boulet also worked with MMS on the increased traffic flow and requested that they document the need to mitigate impacts in the upcoming 5 year lease sale which they are writing a draft EIS on. He requested that MMS hold a public meeting in the

South Lafourche area. He stated that Phase 2 of the LA 1 project which is the elevated highway from Leeville to Golden Meadow is estimated at \$220 million. He has sent a letter of intent to the State Office of Emergency Preparedness to apply for hazard mitigation grant funds for this phase. Director Falgout stated that the Bond Rating Agency will be doing a site visit on Tuesday, July 18th. They will stop at the Galliano office for a presentation then will visit the construction site. They will be speaking to DOTD on the progress of getting Phase 1A out to bid. Commissioner H. Cheramie requested a construction update on the bridge, which Mr. Boulet stated that they are moving along well. He stated that they currently have enough workers but they will need more workers in the upcoming months. Commissioner H. Cheramie stated that this will create jobs for our community.

Director Falgout reported on the traffic counts since the hurricanes. He stated that each month has increased over the previous months as high as 24%. He stated that in June it exceeded an average of 9,000 vehicles per day heading south of Leeville Bridge which is 1,000 vehicles more than last year. He stated that these high numbers reflect the construction and industrial activity at the Port along with Grand Isle activity. This will be encouraging for the Bond Rating Agency to see. President Vizier questioned the new Intracoastal Bridge that would connect to LA 3235 and cross Larose, which Mr. Boulet stated that this would be done in Phase 3 of the LA 1 Project to put twin overpasses over the Intracoastal canal where the 4-lane ends and proceed north to Highway 90 with an at grade road. This is estimated at \$340 million which would also include twin overpasses in Valentine to bring traffic from Highway 308. He stated that Phase 4 consist of a 4 lane highway south of Golden Meadow which is estimated at \$582 million. All the project phases together total \$1.4 billion. Director Falgout stated that the funding for the upcoming phases weighs heavily on what Congress is going to do. A likely source of funding is the OCS Revenue Sharing if it passes. This kind of funding would enable these construction projects along with coastal restoration projects to move forward. Commissioner Melancon questioned the funding for the Holy Rosary bridge replacement, Mr. Boulet reported that the bids came in at \$13 million and it was estimated at \$7 million with pre-Katrina pricing. He stated that since Katrina this project would cost approximately \$18 million which DOTD has only \$6 million available. Mr. Boulet is working with legislative delegation to secure that money to move forward with this project. This project is on hold with no letting date at this time. He said at the same time he will be pushing for the Galliano Bridge replacement to further the growth of the Airport. He stated that DOTD has stated that they are \$11.5 billion behind to maintain the bridge repairs and upgrades that they have because everyone has bridge needs and overlays across the state.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Vizier reported that the committee met on June 26, 2006 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were John Melancon, Jimmy Lafont and Harry Cheramie. Donald Vizier was absent. The committee also met on July10, 2006 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 Jimmy Lafont and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the lease request by Grand Isle Shipyard for 400' of waterfront property by 800' along Slip B.

Upon motion by Harry Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the lease request by Expert Riser for 400' of waterfront property by 800' along Slip B.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the lease request by Advanced Cleanup Technologies to lease 3.354 acres of property along LA 3090.

Chairman Vizier presented for the board's consideration the request from Martin Holdings, LLC for Lot 3 and Lot 6. Director Falgout reported that this request is to extend the lengths of their lease with additional options. Mr. Autin stated that Lot 3 ends in 2016 and they are requesting a 10 year extension with two 10 year options which is on port owned property. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the extensions for Lot 3 and authorized President Vizier to execute amendment.

Director Falgout stated that for Lot 6 they are requesting a 10 year lease extension with two 10 year options which is located on Caillouet owned property. It is the recommendation to extend their lease for 10 years with one 10 year option and one 9 year and 5 month option which will be in agreement with our expiration of the landlord agreement with Caillouet. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the extension for Lot 6 and authorized President Vizier to execute amendment.

Chairman Vizier presented for the board's consideration the request from Galliano Marine Service for Lot 111. Director Falgout reported that our current landlord lease with Wisner and LL&E expires in 2021 therefore the recommendation is to extend their lease to 2021 instead of the 30 years that was requested. Director Falgout stated that he talked with Galliano Marine for the possibility of needing this site for future slips which can be added in their lease language. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved extending their lease for 7 years and 6 months and authorized President Vizier to execute amendment.

Chairman Vizier presented for the board's consideration to approve the co-location agreement between Port and Maricom for WiFi equipment. Director Falgout stated that this is to place equipment in our Operations building to provide wireless service throughout the Port. We will rent the use of these capabilities from Maricom and they will rent the space in our building. We will have the possibility to rent from others that provide this service and will not be bound to remain with this company. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved the agreement and authorized Director Falgout to execute it.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Harry Cheramie, the board unanimously approved naming Director Falgout accredited delegate for the AAPA Annual Convention which will be held this year in New Orleans beginning September 11th.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Chuckie Cheramie reported that the committee met on June 26, 2006 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont and Beau Martin. Donald Vizier was absent. The committee met on July 10, 2006 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 permits by Swift Energy Operating, LLC, Maritech Resources, Inc., and Maritech Resources, Inc. There were no objections to these permits.

Construction and Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on June 26, 2006 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Ervin Bruce, Larry Griffin, and Wilbert Collins. Donald Vizier was absent. The committee met on July 10, 2006 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 Beau Martin and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously tabled the low bid for the Runway Extension Phase III project until further discussion with FAA for funding.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration the Partial Substantial Completion Certificate from James Construction for the Delmar Site. Mr. Autin stated that this stops the liquidated damages effective May 17, 2006 and will begin the 45 day lien period. Upon motion by Beau Martin and second by Ervin Bruce, the board then voted with 8 yeas and 1 abstained by Chuckie Cheramie. Director Falgout was authorized to execute the certificate.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration the Change Order proposal from James Construction. Mr. Autin stated that they have stated that they will come forward with a change order once they calculate the final cost of the project. Mr. Autin stated that this is a resolution stating that the Port did not call for any blasting and painting over what is called for in the original plans and specs and deny any extra cost on these grounds. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the floor was open for discussion. Commissioner Martin questioned the process of doing this before they submit the change order, which Mr. Autin stated that this is just stating the Port's position on this matter. Engineer Picciola reported that he will not be recommending approval of this change order as well. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Harry Cherie, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate from James Construction for the Bulkhead Project #1 effective July 5, 2006. Director Falgout was authorized to execute the certificate.

Finance Committee – Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on June 26, 2006 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were John Melancon, Larry Griffin, and Wilbert Collins. Donald Vizier was absent. The committee also met on July 10, 2006 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

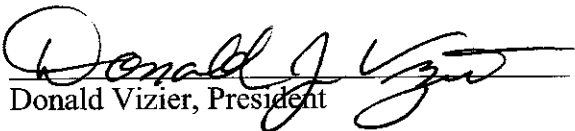
Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved payment of the June invoices and the expenditures over \$10,000.

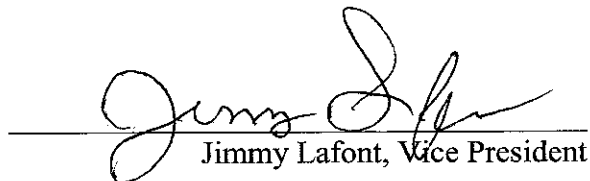
Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved the April, May, and June financial reports.

Possible Executive Session – Mr. Autin reported that there is no need to go into executive session. He stated that the Port has signed 2 agreements with J. Wayne Plaisance Engineers and Rowan Marine which has greatly diminished the Port's participation in the trial.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Beau Martin, the board adjourned the regular meeting.

ATTEST:


Donald Vizier, President


Jimmy Lafont, Vice President