

AGENDA
August 9, 2006

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roli Call
- IV. Consider July 12, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Consider July 26, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- VI. 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**
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1) Consider Martin Terminal Slip lease amendment
 - 2) Consider Delmar lease amendment
 - 3) Consider Grand Isle Shipyard lease amendment
 - 4) Consider Discovery Cleaning Inc. proposal to lease property along N. J. Theriot Road
 - 5) Consider Martin Holding's request to lease site 304-2
 - 6) Consider Lenward Hebert's request for property along LA 3090
 - 7) Consider Southern Tank Specialist proposal to lease 300' of property along Slip B
 - 8) Consider Southern Tank Specialist request for a short-term lease along Slip B
 - 9) Consider Charlie Hardison assignment of Site 300 to Chris Moran
 - 10) Consider Corps of Engineers Maintenance Dredging authorization for entry
 - 11) Consider adopting a resolution for the Veterans Memorial Highway 3235
 - 12) Consider discussing Northern Expansion Slip B Dredge Project SPN578-29-0017 (322) bidding procedures
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1) Consider Lafourche Parish Council's proposal for Bridge Curfews
 - 2) Permits:
 - a. Chevron Pipe Line Company
 - b. Jody Pitre
 - c. James A. Whitson Jr.
 - d. Chevron Pipe Line Company
 - e. John M. James
 - f. Seismic Exchange, Inc.
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1) Consider Change Order No. 2 from Ronald Adams for Delmar Site Improvements
 - 2) Consider adopting a resolution authorizing Director Falgout to execute DOTD Agreement for SPN 578-29-0018
 - 3) Consider adopting a resolution accepting the FAA Grant funding for the Airport Runway Electrical & Lighting Phase III
 - 4) Consider Change Order No. 2 from Phylway Construction for Phase I Runway Extension
 - 5) Consider Change Order No. 1 from Stranco for the Wave Protection Project
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1) Consider payment of invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2) Consider approving July Financial Reports
- 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"
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. 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
August 9, 2006

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at 10:30 AM.

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

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

ABSENT: Wilbert Collins and Harry Cheramie

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the July 12, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved the July 26, 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 rip rap has been installed along with 85% of the aggregate on the Delmar site. They are working on the conduit and support for the light poles and completing the electrical portion. He reported that the completion time for Ronald Adams ends August 19th.

Engineer Larry Picciola reported that Shavers Whittle has driven all the sheet piles to grade for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2. There is 1,100 ft. of bumper pipe and 2,225 ft. of whaler beams installed. All the mooring bollards are in place. They will begin blasting and painting in the next few weeks. Director Falgout questioned how soon we could dredge in front of the bulkhead, which Mr. Picciola stated that it would be in 10 weeks. Engineer Picciola will begin the process to advertise for this dredging project.

Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the two bucket dredge projects are substantially complete and are in the lien period for the Leeville Mitigation Dredging projects. He stated that the hydraulic dredge finished July 28th and he will submit the substantial completion at the next meeting. Director Falgout questioned the elevation for the mitigation sites, which Mr. Picciola reported that the elevation was 2.5 ft. in some areas on the south side because the sludge material stayed but they were able to achieve the elevation. He stated that on the northern mitigation sites they placed cross dikes and achieved an average of 2.7 ft. - 2.9 ft. elevation.

Airport Update - Airport Manager, Jeff Hunter reported that Phase II of the Runway Extension project is 50% complete. He stated that the contracts and notice of award for Phase III the Lighting and Electrical project is being processed. Director Falgout questioned if he received a response from FAA for funding the additional cost, which Mr. Hunter stated that he spoke with FAA last week and we sent in a grant application for a total project cost of \$919,500 which FAA will fund 75% of this total. Commissioner C. Cheramie questioned the hole that is on the northern side of the airport, which Mr. Hunter stated that it is the construction of the stub taxiway on Phase II. He stated that Phylway has started to haul in sand this week to replace the material that was removed. Mr. Hunter stated that the removed material will be used on other port property. Director Falgout questioned if the material replacement will be an additional cost, which Mr. Breaux stated that it will be an increased cost but

suitable material is necessary for under the runway and taxiway. Mr. Hunter stated that the engineer is working on the design plans for the strengthening and runway overlay to 75,000 lbs. in Phase IV to go out for bid in November. He reported that Rotorcraft is progressing well on the construction on their lease site and VIH is working on permits needed for their construction. The NDB site has been approved for the FCC frequency. Commissioner Martin questioned if any more companies have been inquiring for land at the airport, which Mr. Hunter stated there haven't been any inquiries lately.

FEMA Update – Mr. Chaisson reported that Stranco has delivered the mats, anchors, and cloth to the Flotation Canal Road for the Wave Protection project. Mr. Breaux reported that the Port has agreed to pay the delivery cost of the materials. Director Falgout stated that we are no longer pressed for time for this project, but we still want to move forward once the bridge is repaired to do the beach project in some form. Mr. Chaisson reported that Lebros is working in the Port Fourchon Marina for the Wharf Repair project. They currently have 5 wharfs complete and the runners in place for 3 other wharfs. He stated that Centaur is on site for the Fourchon Bridge Repair project and is expected to be complete by October 7th. He reported that the coating on the piles that they are using is a carboline protective coating with 16 mills of coal tar epoxy on the beams. Mr. Chaisson reported that Centaur will be on site within the next few weeks to complete the HOS Port Bulkhead Corner Repairs. This will be complete in 4-5 days which consist of constructing a wing wall from the existing bulkhead inland to protect that corner. He reported that Bertucci will be on site by the end of the week to repair the Breakwaters. Mr. Chaisson stated that the time is running on the Front Marina Bulkhead Repairs and the contractor has not begun because they are having difficulty getting the materials. Engineer Plaisance has requested a timeframe from the contractor on when they expect to receive the materials. Commissioner Melancon questioned the number of wharfs in the Front Marina and if they were all damaged, which Director Falgout stated that there are 9 wharfs in the marina and they were all damaged. Mr. Chaisson reported that he will be submitting a letter for a time extension for the Beach Debris Removal project due to the bridge being damaged. He reported that we are still waiting the results from FEMA for the Debris Fence appeal.

Highway Improvements Update – Mr. Boulet, LA 1 Coalition Director reported that the State has postponed the announcement to August 28th for the funds they will allot for the CIAP program. There will be \$540 million to grant which was made possible by the 2005 Federal Energy Bill. There are over \$4 billion in coastal projects that have applied for this funding but only 23% of the funds will go toward infrastructure projects. We have expressed the need of \$90 million for Phase 1A. He stated that another possibility to get funds is the Community Development Block program which we have been attending all their meetings. He stated that the Governor has influence on who will get these funds which we are pushing to get Phase 1A out for bid. Mr. Boulet reported that on July 18th the Port and the Coalition hosted a tour of the construction site for the Bond Rating Agencies that are involved with the bond sales. They questioned when the State will have Phase 1A out for bid, which DOTD responded that they are committed to have this phase out to bid this fall. DOTD is working hard with the Governor, LRA, and DNR for the CIAP funding. Mr. Boulet reported that USA Today came out with a national story on July 18th of the LA 1 project with extremely accurate information and photos in the money section titled "Road to Recovery Sinking into the Gulf". He stated that it showed the different stages of the project along with the funding sources. It also showed the latest cost estimates for Phase 1A Leeville to Golden Meadow and Phase 2 Larose to Highway 90. Mr. Boulet reported that the reporter began this story a few months ago but just recently contacted him for updated figures and photos. The Coalition continues to use every opportunity to express the need for funding these projects. Mr. Boulet reported that there was a meeting held by the LRA in Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes to outline the long term needs for our area for the official recovery plan. He stated that he has also attended the meeting in New Orleans to get the LA 1 project documented on their maps as well. He stated that currently the LA 1 project is on all the New Orleans' maps. He stated that once all these maps get combined it will be known that LA 1 is a consistent theme for the state. Commissioner Lafont questioned if there were any comments from the

meetings, which Mr. Boulet stated that someone from the Baton Rouge meeting noticed that there was not much infrastructure below I-10 which was very disappointing. Director Falgout stated that Colonel Waagner with the Corps visited the Port which gave us the opportunity to express the urgency of getting these projects completed. He stated that we were informed that next Thursday there will be House and Senate Committee staffers touring Fourchon which will give us another opportunity to have the committees aware of our project. He stated that in addition, the legislation naming the new Leeville Bridge the Tomey Doucet Bridge has passed. Director Falgout recognized Mrs. Iris Doucet for this successful accomplishment in dedication of her late husband. Commissioner Martin questioned the status on the conference committee for the energy bill; Mr. Boulet stated that the earliest they will meet is in September. The offices of Landrieu and Jindal are working on what they want to bring to the committee. The hope is to get the most generous bill that we can but the House and Senate versions are very different. He reported that the Senate Committee is not willing to budge on their figures and the President is comfortable with the Senate version.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - Chairman Donald Vizier reported that the committee met on July 26, 2006 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were John Melancon and Jimmy Lafont. Donald Vizier and Harry Cheramie were absent. They also committee met on August 7, 2006 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Harry Cheramie was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Vizier presented for the board's consideration the Martin Terminal Slip lease amendment. Mr. Autin stated that ambiguous language in the Martin Slip lease suggests that the lease terminates next year but in the following sentence states that it will not terminate as long as Martin's Main lease is in effect. He suggested that the Port combine the Slip lease into the Main lease which will involve changing the property description and plat. He stated that the only rental described in the Slip lease is the improvement rental which ends March 2007 and the basic rental is already being paid through the Main lease. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the amendment to the Main lease and authorized President Vizier to execute it.

Chairman Vizier presented for the board's consideration the Delmar lease amendment. Mr. Autin stated that this amendment will clarify Delmar's authority to set up equipment on their lease and their responsibility to the Port prior to the completion of site improvements. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board then voted on the lease amendment which resulted in 6 yeas, 2 absent, and 1 abstain by C. Cheramie. President Vizier was authorized to execute the lease amendment.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Beau Martin, the board unanimously approved the Grand Isle Shipyard lease amendment with the corrected plat and property description which will adjust their basic rental. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Beau Martin, the board unanimously approved the lease amendment and authorized President Vizier to execute it.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the lease proposal from Discovery Cleaning Inc. to lease 7.486 acres of property along N. J. Theriot Road. President Vizier was authorized to execute said contract of lease.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the Martin Holding's request to lease Site 304-2 for 1.16 acres of property along 16th Street and authorized President Vizier to execute said lease.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the lease proposal by Mr. Lenward Hebert for 100' of property along LA 3090 to establish a fast food restaurant and authorized President Vizier to execute said contract.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the lease proposal from Southern Tank Specialist to lease 300' of waterfront property along Slip B and authorized President Vizier to execute contract.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved the short-term lease proposal from Southern Tank Specialist to use 140' x 70' of property to store equipment along Slip B. President Vizier was authorized to execute said agreement.

Chairman Vizier presented for the board's consideration the request from Charlie Hardison to assign their lease (Site GLF300) to Chris Moran's Belle Pass Marina. Director Falgout reported that this is a 10 ft. wide section of property. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board then voted which resulted in 6 yeas, 2 absent, and 1 nay by Melancon.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the Corps of Engineers Maintenance Dredging Authorization for Entry to dredge in Bayou Lafourche and authorized Director Falgout to execute said agreement.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Beau Martin, the board unanimously adopted a resolution in support of naming the Louisiana Highway 3235 the Veterans Memorial Highway 3235.

Chairman Vizier presented for the board's consideration the Northern Expansion Slip B Dredge Project SPN578-29-0017 (322) bidding procedures. Director Falgout stated that the Port was informed by DOTD of bidding concerns about the procedures that we have used in advertising this project. Mr. Autin requested that the board table this item and have a special meeting later this week. He reported that this dredging project could be separated into 2 projects: the FEMA maintenance dredging project and the DOTD dredging along the bulkhead of Slip B. He stated that after reviewing the FEMA requirements and speaking with an assistant attorney general, he concluded that the FEMA maintenance dredging portion does not need to be bid under the public bid law because it is a contract for services under the public bid law. He is requesting to table this item because he has not been able to talk with DOTD or review their portion of requirements. Mr. Autin also reported that FEMA has not formally obligated the funds. He stated that we have 30 days from the bid opening to cancel the award of bids to Mike Hooks. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously tabled the dredging project.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Chuckie Cheramie reported that the committee met on July 26, 2006 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Jimmy Lafont and Chuckie Cheramie. Donald Vizier and Beau Martin were absent. The committee met on August 7, 2006 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Beau Martin was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously supported the Lafourche Parish Council's proposal to extend the morning timeframe of the bridge curfew from 8:00 am to 8:30 am.

Chairman C. Cheramie presented to the board the permits by Chevron Pipe Line Company, Jody Pitre, James A. Whitson Jr., Chevron Pipe Line Company, John M. James, and Seismic Exchange, Inc. There was no action taken on these permits.

Construction and Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on July 26, 2006 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Ervin Bruce and Larry Griffin. Donald Vizier and Wilbert Collins were absent. The also committee met on August 7, 2006 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration Change Order No. 2 from Ronald Adams for the Delmar Site Improvements in the amount of \$21,992.00 for installing the additional fencing, waterline and electrical conduit which will be reimbursed through improvement rentals on their

site. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by John Melancon, the board then voted which resulted in 6 yeas, 2 absent, and 1 abstain by C. Cheramie.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Beau Martin, the board unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing Director Falgout to execute the DOTD Agreement for the Northern Expansion Slip B Project (SPN 578-29-0018). Director Falgout stated that this funding is from the state through the Capital Outlay Bill of \$20 million of funding which the Port was granted \$8,243,825.40 to construct a bulkhead along Slip B.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Beau Martin, the board unanimously adopted a resolution accepting FAA grant funding of \$672,750.00 for the Airport Runway Electrical & Lighting Phase III project. Director Falgout was authorized to execute said agreement.

Upon motion by Beau Martin and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 from Phylway Construction which is a reduction in the amount of \$38,620.77 to adjust the final quantities for Runway Extension Phase I.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$12,028.38 from Stranco, Inc. for the Wave Protection project which is the 2 months of storage fees for the mats.

Finance Committee – Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on July 26, 2006 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were John Melancon and Larry Griffin. Wilbert Collins and Donald Vizier were absent. The committee also met on August 7, 2006 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

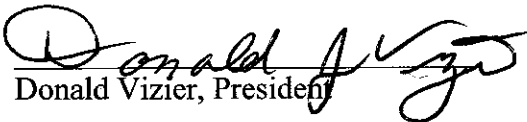
Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Larry Griffin, the board approved the payment of the July invoices which resulted in 6 yeas, 2 absent and 1 abstain by C. Cheramie.


Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the July financial reports.

President Vizier opened the floor for any other business. Commissioner Melancon questioned the status of the Harvey Gulf lease, which Mr. Autin reported that he has relayed the board's concerns and will be talking to their attorney this afternoon to finalize the lease.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board adjourned the regular meeting.

ATTEST:


Donald Vizier, President


Harry Cheramie, Secretary