

Special Meeting Agenda  
AGENDA  
October 22, 2008 at 11:15 am

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider awarding contract for Paving A North Taxiway project
- V. Consider approving the DOTD Sponsorship Agreement for the Paving A North Taxiway
- VI. Consider payment for materials for James Construction NE Bulkhead project
- VII. Consider approving out of state travel requests
- VIII. Any Other Business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Adjournment

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
October 22, 2008

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in special session on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 11:15 AM.

President Griffin called the meeting to order, and Secretary Collins called the roll.

**ATTENDED:** Chuckie Cheramie, Perry Gisclair, Jimmy Lafont, Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jimmy Guidry, and Ervin Bruce

**ABSENT:** None

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration awarding the low bid for Paving North Taxiway project. Mr. Autin reported that bids were opened on October 9<sup>th</sup> with 2 bidders Phylway and Byron Talbot. The bid was separated by Scenario A- Asphalt and Scenario B – Concrete. There was a protest letter by Byron Talbot which was followed by their attorney response who is here today. Director Falgout stated that both Mr. Autin and the LPA Group have reviewed the bids. He then questioned if there is a time frame from FAA regarding the grant, which Michael Hixson replied that FAA will allow time to discuss the protest but if the bids are rejected the grant funding may have to wait until next year. The re-bidding of this project is not in the best interest of the port. They would rather us resolve the protest and go into construction. The concern is if the bids are rejected and re-advertised the current low bidder will have grounds to file another protest for the same reason that Byron Talbot filed their protest. Director Falgout stated that it is recommended that we take no action and work towards having a recommendation prior to the next meeting.

President Griffin recognized Mr. Murphy Foster representing Byron Talbot to address the board. Mr. Foster stated that the protest letter addresses an absolute defect in the low bidders bid. He stated that in most instruction to bidders it is mandatory for each bid submitted that all blank spaces be filled in to comply with all provisions of the bid. There are several pages of blanks not filled in on Phylway's bid. He stated that in regards to the time frame there is 45 days from October 9<sup>th</sup> to award or reject the bids. He stated that although Byron Talbot's bid is above the allocated funding, the Port can discuss with them alternates since they are within the funding amount. President Griffin recognized Mr. Jerome Benoit with Phylway. Mr. Benoit stated that they don't agree with the protest and recommended to be awarded the project. No action was taken by the board.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration approving the DOTD Sponsorship Agreement for the Paving North Taxiway. Director Falgout stated that this is a component of the FAA grant to fund a portion of the project. No action was taken by the board.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration the payment to James Construction for \$4,063,274.07 of materials for the Northern Expansion Slip B Phase III Bulkhead project. Director Falgout recommended approval providing that all issues and required documentation is received by the administration. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved payment contingent on receiving all documentation.

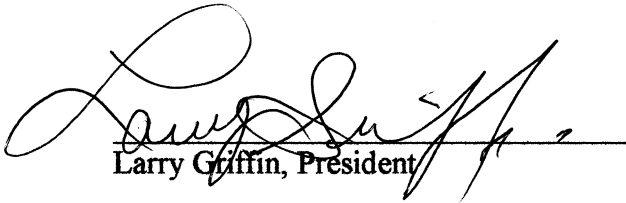
Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Mitchell Hohensee, Jason Plaisance, and Tait Lafont to attend the Inland Boat Operating Training in Georgia on November 2, 2008. Mr. Callais reported that the registration fee of \$2,400 each has been waived. Commissioner Vizier exited the meeting.

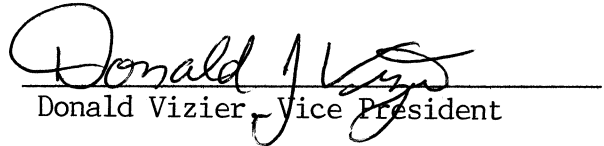
President Griffin opened the floor for any other business. Director Falgout suggested adding to the agenda the request from Chevron for Harbor Police officers to work a special detail on Tuesday and

Wednesday of each week for 3 hours. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board voted which resulted in 7 yeas by Cheramie, Lafont, Collins, Griffin, Melancon, Guidry, Bruce; 1 absent by Vizier; and 1 nay by Gisclair. Vote failed to add the item to the agenda.

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

ATTEST:

  
Larry Griffin, President

  
Donald Vizier, Vice President