

Special Meeting Agenda
AGENDA
July 16, 2008 at 10:30 am

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider awarding contract for Pass Fourchon and Nerby Collins Marina Dredging project
- V. Any Other Business
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
July 16, 2008

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in special session on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 10:30 AM.

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

ATTENDED: Chuckie Cherie, Jimmy Lafont, Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jimmy Guidry, and Ervin Bruce

ABSENT: Perry Gisclair

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration awarding the contract for Pass Fourchon and Nerby Collins Marina Dredging project. Director Falgout stated that since the last meeting, Mr. Autin has had several discussions with the Caillouet Land Corporation ("CLC") on issues that were raised regarding the retainer levees and Alternate No. 3. Mr. Autin stated that this is all stemming from the Consent Judgment Agreement which states that the Port will place material on the site that CLC chooses. CLC is required to apply for permits needed and take care of any action on account of the conditions of the permit including construction of the retainer levees. CLC has been agreeable in doing the levees but was not sure if they would use Weeks Marine dredging or not. This was a concern of Weeks of possibly not constructing or maintaining the levees during dredging. The CLC is committed to paying \$200,000 from Weeks Marine's bid to construct and maintain levees. The Port could take the position that there will be additional cost associated with the CLC permit that CLC is responsible for; however, CLC is refusing to pay any additional cost and this may result in a lawsuit. The recommendation to the board is to award the whole project and ultimately pursue reimbursement of permit-related costs from the CLC at a later date. The base bid is dredging Pass Fourchon to Belle Pass Marina, Alternate No. 1 is dredging Nerby Collins Marina and placing material below the mean high water mark in the beach area, Alternate No. 2 is dredging from Belle Pass Marina south to CLC section and placing the material below the mean high water mark in the beach area, and Alternate No. 3 is placing the material on the CLC property in accordance with the Consent Judgment.

Director Falgout stated that CLC agreed to pay \$200,000, but the Port feels that there is at minimum, an additional \$350,000 that CLC should pay for and we will pursue legally that remaining amount. This additional amount is due to the inability of the contractor to deliver that material because of the constraints placed upon them by the permit conditions. We will not be in default of the Consent Judgment by awarding this contract and we have gone out of our way to accommodate CLC. Commissioner Collins motioned to award the project to Weeks Marine in the amount of \$3,270,145.00 for the Base Bid and Alternates 1, 2 and 3 which was then seconded by John Melancon, the floor was open to discussion. Commissioner Collins questioned the CLC portion, which Director Falgout stated that there is \$200,000 to do the retainer levees with an additional \$350,000 to place the material within the levees to a certain elevation which will involve moving the pipes often and reducing the flow of the material not to damage the levees. The Port feels that the additional cost is directly associated with the permit conditions. Commissioner Melancon questioned if it matters which section the material comes from to place on the CLC property; which Mr. Autin stated that the Port is required to dredge the CLC area and place only that material not needing to be transported further than 2,000 feet onto Caillouet property. Commissioner Melancon stated that the Caillouet's don't agree with putting the material on the beach, which Director Falgout stated that we have a permit to put material on the beach, historically

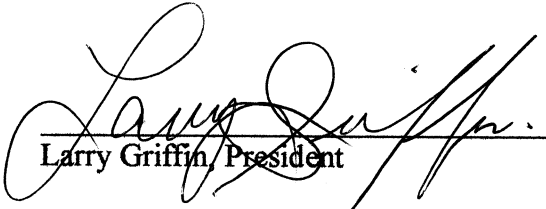
we put spoil on the beach, and the proposed disposal area is not their land. We are putting it offshore from where the law states their land begins. We can't do the project if we can't put it just off the beach.

Commissioner Melancon questioned if we are doing anything that will cause them damage, which Director Falgout stated that he did not believe the Port's actions would be damaging to the landowners. Mr. Autin stated that if the board has a problem with placing material off the beach we need to reject all the bids because that is the way the project was bid. Commissioner Melancon stated to be cautious of possible claims, which Director Falgout stated that we plan on placing the disposal pipe facing offshore to clearly not put spoil on the beach. Commissioner Vizier questioned if we are obligated to give CLC the material for years to come, which Director Falgout stated for as long as the Consent Judgment is in place we will offer them the material when we dredge in front of their property. The Weeks will not put material on the CLC site unless they construct the levee. If we award the bid, the same contractor will build the levees and place spoil in accordance with the permit conditions. Further discussion followed regarding CLC reimbursing the Port for levees and additional work. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas.

President Griffin opened the floor for any other business. Director Falgout announced to the board that Public Relations Coordinator Paula Schouest has given her two weeks notice to pursue another job with T. Baker Smith. We are reviewing her job description and responsibilities to include any changes that we see needed for the future position. The new position may not be the exact obligations as we have now and some responsibilities may be moved within the organization. We will have a recommendation on where we want to go to fill the position by the next meeting. The board wished her well on her new venture.

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

ATTEST:


Larry Griffin, President


Wilbert Collins, Secretary