

AGENDA
April 8, 2009 at 10:30 AM
(Revised 4-7-09 at 10:25 AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for March 11, 2009 regular meeting and March 25, 2009 special meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Brief NOAA presentation of Certificate of Commendation to Harbor Police**
 - B. Northern Expansion**
 - 1) Slip B West Bulkhead, Project #3 (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 - 2) Slip B East Bulkhead, Project #4, Phases I and II (Angelette-Picciola)
 - C. Airport**
 - 1) North Taxiway Paving (LPA Group)
 - 2) Localizer (LPA Group)
 - 3) Proposed Airport Corridor
 - D. FEMA**
 - 1) Port Security Cameras
 - 2) Debris Removal and Monitoring
 - 3) Wharf Repairs at Front Marina & Public Boat Launch
 - 4) Tenant Sign at NJ Theriot Road
 - 5) Bathhouse
 - 6) Beach Stabilization
 - E. Project Updates**
 - 1) Slip B Bulkhead Upgrade (Picciola & Associates)
 - 2) Repairs to Fourchon Beach Parish Road
 - 3) Drainage Canal Sweeping at the Airport
 - 4) Port Security Vessel
 - 5) Martin Terminal Slip #1 Repairs
 - 6) Fourchon Seafood Site Repairs
 - F. LA 1 Highway Improvements**
 - G. Coastal Issues**
 - 1) Davis Pond
 - 2) Bayou Lafourche Freshwater Diversion
 - 3) Governor's Subcommittee on Diversion
 - 4) Breakwaters
 - 5) Fourchon Beach
- VI. Committee Reports
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 - 1) Consider disaster recovery communication recommendations
 - 2) Consider incoming Executive Director salary
 - 3) Consider request from Simmonds Equipment for 2.97 acres along LA 3090
 - 4) Consider request from CCS Midstream Services to assign lease to RCS
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 - D. Finance Committee**
 - 1) Consider payment of March invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2) Consider Final Pre-Audited 2008 Financial Statements
 - 3) Consider Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
 - 4) Consider out of state travel requests
 - 5) Consider supplementing Lafourche Parish Council's LA 1 contribution with Port funds

- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Possible Executive Session
 - A. Discuss pending litigation defined as "*Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. Caillouet Land Corporation, Suit No.111284 in Division D of the 17th JDC-Parish of Lafourche (regarding Baroid Tract)*"
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

Attachment

The pending litigation more specifically defined as "*Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. Caillouet Land Corporation, Suit No.111284 in Division D of the 17th JDC-Parish of Lafourche (regarding Baroid Tract)*" may be discussed in an executive session.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

April 8, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 10:30AM.

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

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

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the minutes for the March 11, 2009 regular meeting and March 25, 2009 special meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer John Plaisance reported that James Construction is progressing well on Slip B Phase 3 West Bulkhead. Contractor is nearly complete with driving timber piles. They are on schedule with the completion date being July 23rd. Director Falgout questioned the dredging associated with this bulkhead, which Mr. Plaisance stated that the dredging will follow. The cross sections of the area are complete and working on the determination of the spoil material. The plans should be complete by the end of the month for DOTD's review. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that Low Land Construction is progressing well on Slip B Phase IV 700' East Bulkhead. Contractor has installed all steel sheet piles and all the piles on the east side. Contractor is currently pouring deadmen. They are on schedule with the completion date being August 28th. Engineer Picciola reported that bids are scheduled to be received on May 8th at 10:00 a.m. for Slip B Phase IV 1100' Bulkhead project. Director Falgout questioned the anticipated bid amount, which Mr. Picciola replied \$8 million.

Airport – Airport Manager, Jason Duet, reported that the paving of the North Taxiway Paving project was completed last month with the striping and dirt work on the shoulders. The installation of the lights should be complete by the end of the week. The contractor, ASMI, has ordered the Localizer equipment. It is estimated to take 5 months for the equipment to be delivered. We are planning to tie this in with the DME project since the same contractor was the only bidder for the DME at \$146,591. We are currently negotiating with DOTD for funding of the DME which will replace the NDB equipment located in Golden Meadow. He recommends holding off on awarding the DME until negotiations with DOTD are complete.

Director Falgout reported that the landowner for the proposed Airport Corridor has withdrawn his offer with the Port Commission for the purchase of property. We are exploring alternative sites which may not line up with the Airport Road but will serve the same function if successful in getting a bridge in the future. There have been discussions with a few landowners that may be interested in selling property. Once an alternative site is selected, it will be brought up for the board to consider. Commissioner Melancon questioned the difference between a DME and the NDB, which Mr. Duet replied that it is a different type of equipment that accomplishes the same result for the projection of the center of the runway from several miles out. The DME is a distance measure which is hooked up to the Localizer to tell the pilot how far he is to the center of the runway and will also help with weather issues.

FEMA – Mr. Chett Chiasson reported that the Port Security Cameras are currently being repaired. We are anticipating an extension of the contract and a change order of approximately \$26,000 for the additional work necessary in completing the repairs. The bids for the Debris Removal and Monitoring are on the agenda to be considered today. Once awarded, the contractor will have 30 days to complete.

Director Falgout questioned the debris at Charlie Hardison, which Mr. Chiasson replied that the contractor will bring the debris to the loading site to be hauled out of the Port. The Lessee will pay the 10% match for the removal of the debris from his site. Mr. Chiasson reported that the bids for the Wharf Repairs at the Front Marina & Public Boat Launch are also on the agenda to be considered today. He stated that Guidry's Welding, the low quote of \$4,952, is working on repairing the tenant sign at N.J. Theriot Road. We plan to begin the demolition of the Bathhouse soon and we are currently working on the project to rebuild and elevate it at a different location. Commissioner Collins questioned the trailer bathrooms, which Director Falgout stated that we are considering other options but we are proceeding as directed. Mr. Chiasson stated that the trailer bathroom option may be used as a temporary building while the Bathhouse structure is being constructed.

Mr. Chiasson reported that we did have a FEMA project worksheet written in the amount of \$0 for the Beach Stabilization project which means FEMA will not fund the repairs. In the meantime, we have had discussions with our Congressional Delegation and FEMA. FEMA has decided to hold the project until the Port sends additional information which was submitted and we are now waiting their review of the estimated \$10 million project. Director Falgout stated that we are currently requesting an emergency permit to place a sand filled bag known as a geo tube along the beach in front of our project until the hard structure can be completed. The geo tubes will eventually be covered by sand through a future project. He stated that we will request that FEMA fund the temporary project as part of protective measures which is estimated at \$2 to \$3 million. Commissioner Guidry questioned the geo tube project in Grand Isle, which Director Falgout stated that Grand Isle is placing the geo tubes as a permanent structure inside the dunes for protection if the dune washes away. The geo tubes that we are planning will be along the shoreline which may eventually be part of the Caminada Headlands project in the future and will then serve as a dune.

Project Updates – Mr. Davie Breaux reported that the tie rods have been replaced on C-Terminal, Delmar, Coastal Environmental, and Expert Riser for the Slip B Bulkhead Upgrade project. There are less than 20 rods remaining to be replaced and the project should be complete this week. Director Falgout questioned the length of the rods being replaced, which Mr. Joe Picciola replied 11.3 foot rods. Mr. Breaux reported that the repairs to Fourchon Beach Parish Road are complete with sand, limestone, and signage as requested by the Lafourche Parish Council ("LPC"). He reported that the sweeping of the drainage canal at the Airport has begun as requested by the South Lafourche Levee District ("SLLD") to help the drainage of residents. The Port Commission cleared the brush along the side of the canal, the LPC will dredge the canal, and the SLLD will maintain the brush with spray provided by the Parish Drainage District. The operator is working 10 hours a day 4 days a week. We estimate this to take 3 months to complete. Mr. Chiasson reported that bids are scheduled to be opened on April 17th at 2:00 p.m. for the Port Security Vessel which will be funded by the 2007 Port Security Grant. He reported that an application of \$4.7 million was submitted to EDA to help fund the repairs to the Martin Terminal Slip #1 Bulkhead. We are awaiting a formal response.

Mr. Breaux reported that we have not received a written plan of repairs from Fourchon Seafood for the damaged structures and debris on the site. He did call Mr. Nguyen who stated that they are working on a plan. Mr. Bryce Autin reported that the options the board has according to their lease are if you are not satisfied with what they are doing the board could hold them in default of their lease today. This would require a default notice to be sent giving them 30 days to correct that default and if not the board could terminate this lease or continue demanding repairs. This lessee also has a landlord agreement with Community Bank who would also be notified and have the opportunity to cure the default. This affects two of their three leases which are GLF106-S and GLF107. Commissioner Melancon questioned the phone conversation, which Mr. Breaux stated that Mr. Nguyen also mentioned that someone is interested in assuming the lease however Mr. Breaux explained to him that he is not sure if the board would be open to another person assuming the lease in the condition it is in. Commissioner Gisclair would like a representative of the company attend a meeting to address the board and explain their position.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin to hold Fourchon Seafood in default of both 1991 and the 1994 lease should Fourchon Seafood fail to provide a written plan of cleaning up these sites prior to the next

meeting which was seconded by Ervin Bruce, the floor was open for discussion. Commissioner Vizier stated that he would like the board to keep into consideration that the wharves on their third lease have not been repaired by the Port. Director Falgout stated that the Port did spend FEMA funds to repair their bulkhead and since then the conditions of the structures remain the same. He stated that clearly the wharves were impacted which we are planning to award the contract today to move forward and we expect Fourchon Seafood to do the same. Commissioner Cheramie stated that he is not in favor of giving them a default notice since it was not discussed with the committee. Commissioner Collins recommended giving them more time since the shrimp business is on the down side and shrimp season is coming up. Director Falgout reiterated that the motion on the floor is to require Fourchon Seafood to submit a written plan of repairs within 30 days and if it is not received then the board could hold them in default of their lease. Commissioner Guidry questioned if they are up to date on rent, which Director Falgout replied yes. Director Falgout stated that they are aware of our plans to repair the wharves and we are asking for their plans in writing. Mr. Autin stated that this would give Fourchon Seafood 30 days to submit a written plan of repair and if the plan is not received then the board will have the option to send a default notice which would in turn give them another 30 days to begin repairing the structures.

Commissioner Melancon motioned to amend the original motion to update Fourchon Seafood on the progress of the wharf repairs, which was seconded by Chuckie Cheramie, and the floor was open to discussion. Commissioner Gisclair stated that the board thinks that they can not operate without these wharves yet the bulkhead was not damaged during the past storms and these wharves are not hampering their operations. The board then voted on the amendment which resulted in all yeas. The board then voted on the main motion as amended to give 30 days for Fourchon Seafood to send a written plan and give them an update of the progress on the wharf repairs which resulted in all yeas.

LA 1 Highway Improvements – LA 1 Coalition Executive Director, Mr. Henri Boulet updated the board on highway improvements. He reported that as of March 31, 2009 Phase 1A (Port Fourchon to Leeville) is 21% complete, Phase 1B (approaches) is 95% complete, Phase 1C (center span) is 99% complete, and Phase 1D (tolling service center) is 47% complete.

Concerning Phase 2 of the LA 1 Project, final right of way (“r/w”) maps are expected to be complete next week. The funds are in place to purchase the r/w and pay the contractors.

The next critical step to fund in Phase 2 Preconstruction will be the geotechnical work. \$3.8 million of funding for this work could come from a range of funding sources including a \$3.5 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant, \$1 million transportation appropriation from Congress this year, \$194,000 from a DHS Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant, 10% of OCS revenue funds the state received from MMS, and the LPC additional funding commitment for \$2.3 million. Whichever of these funding sources comes in first will be used for the geotechnical work. Funds made available to the project at a later time will be used for the final preconstruction task of dredging the necessary construction canal and the relocated Bollinger Canal estimated cost of \$5 million. Mr. Boulet is working at positioning Phase 2 Construction funding needs of \$300 million in applying for the Stimulus Discretionary Grants Program and the newly announced 2009 Highway Bill. Concerning the discretionary grant program, we have learned that the Governor intends to make I-49 North, the 22 miles between Shreveport and the Arkansas state line, the state’s official top priority to this program. While we don’t agree with this decision, we understand it to be a political decision. We are investigating the best possible regional entity to submit LA 1’s application to the same program. While this is not an ideal situation at all, he is moving ahead with the application which is due by mid-May.

The Coalition’s contacts at DOE has informed us that the joint effort between DOE and DHS will not be able to complete the economic analysis on LA 1 at this time because of both agencies running into significant issues. Mr. Boulet is going to see if our Congressional Delegation can encourage them to fulfill this commitment.

Concerning the \$298 million DOTD is spending on formula dispersed highway monies from the stimulus bill, our LA 1 Corridor is getting 10% of that statewide pot, with a \$30.4 million investment in the new Bayou Lafourche Lift Span Bridge in Larose.

Concerning the overlaying of LA 3090, DOTD Administrator informed me that the FHWA will re-evaluate this overlay request as part of 2008 storm damage from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. The project currently remains scheduled in the fiscal year 2011-2012 Preservation Program.

Director Falgout stated that we are working closely with the Crescent City Connection for public awareness for the tolls. Mr. Boulet stated that there will be public meetings held prior to August to explain how to get toll tags through the internet, in person or by phone. Director Falgout stated that the toll tags will be interchangeable with Crescent City Connection Bridge. Commissioner Vizier questioned how much was received from MMS, which Mr. Boulet replied that the first check of \$6.4 million could potentially be \$640,000 for the LA 1 project however the CPRA would have to agree to this allocation. Mr. Boulet stated that DOTD already has the LA 1 project application to be qualified to receive these infrastructure funds. Commissioner Cheramie requested that the toll prices be published in the paper for the public, which Director Falgout replied that it will be published fairly soon as part of public outreach. They are still finalizing all the figures and details but the projected figures for a standard car would be \$2.50 up to \$12.00 for 18 wheelers. Mr. Boulet stated that today he is scheduled to provide testimony to the Public of Interior in support of the MMS 2010/2015 drilling program to expand their OCS drilling and to remind MMS the need for LA 1 Highway to be mitigated.

NOAA presentation – Mr. Tim Osborn with NOAA addressed the board. He stated that the discussion earlier about the shoreline and beach protection restoration work is critical. The sand filled geo tube design is a good temporary project to an extent however a concrete geo tube would be an investment worth making. He stated that Louisiana was affected by 2 hurricanes in 2008 which is the reason for his presentation today to recognize the work of the harbor police during the 2008 hurricane season. Historically, from the records of all the hurricane seasons in the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana has been faced with a hurricane impacting us every 36 months. The 2008 hurricane season was the fourth most active season since 1944. Hurricane Ike was larger than Katrina with landfall in Texas but impacted the LA coast and the Gulf of Mexico with greater storm surge than Rita and with more geographic range than Katrina. Mr. Osborn showed the board a copper chart plate which is a printing plate that is 158 years old which was hand sketch and used to do all the surveys of the coast. Every hurricane season brings challenges. The Port's plan to put more breakwaters is a very important project for this Port of national significance. He stated that NOAA keeps coming back after each storm to find the harbor police on the front line of protecting, restoring and recovery of a port of national significance. This is an individual and team effort. Mr. Osborn then presented to Chief Jon Callais a plaque reading, "In recognition and commendation to the Port Fourchon Harbor Police for the commitment to public service and safety and collaboration with NOAA in the 2008 Hurricane season response efforts to reopen Port Fourchon after Hurricanes Gustav and Ike our thanks for the dedication to Port Fourchon and the surrounding South Lafourche area and the State of Louisiana." Chief Callais and Director Falgout thanked Mr. Osborn.

Coastal Issues – Director Falgout reported that Davis Pond is now operating at minimal capacity at 1,000 cfs. He stated that next month the Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District will be opening bids on dredging Bayou Lafourche which is estimated at \$10-\$12 million. He stated that the Governor's Subcommittee on Diversion is moving forward with forming a major diversion project in the state.

Director Falgout stated that the Port is applying for a grant to extend the existing breakwaters eastward to help protect Bay Champagne which is impacted during every storm with cuts from the gulf. The project is estimated at \$20 million for 12 to 15 breakwaters. The Port has submitted an application to NOAA for \$20 million. \$15 million would come from the stimulus money, \$3 million from the state, \$1 million from the Port, and \$1 million from the Parish.

He reported that yesterday Caillouet Land Corporation placed signs on Fourchon Beach prohibiting vehicle access in the area fronting their property which is on the edge of the Parish right of way. The Beachfront Development District is aware of this and their attorney will be addressing this matter. Mr. Al Danos stated that they are meeting tonight and will discuss their options at that time. Director Falgout stated that the gulf was north of the cement bags after the 2008 hurricanes and the Port placed 400,000 cubic yards of material to rebuild the beach which is one of the legal issues that need to be addressed.

Mr. Danos thanked the Port for their support of allowing the harbor police to patrol the beach. He also thanked the Port for doing an excellent job on the repairs to the beach road.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - Chairman Griffin reported that the committee met on March 25, 2009 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jimmy Lafont and Wilbert Collins. The board also met on April 6, 2009 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's consideration the disaster recovery communication recommendations. April Danos reported on the different systems and the cost for each to better the communication with employees and tenants during disasters. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board approved the disaster recovery communication proposal regarding Crisis Communication System, Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP), Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS), Wireless Priority Service (WPS), Satellite phone rental, Mobile Communication Trailer rental and installation, and the purchase of BlackBerry phones. The vote resulted in 8 yeas by Cheramie, Gisclair, Lafont, Collins, Griffin, Melancon, Guidry, Bruce and 1 nay by Vizier.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's consideration the incoming Executive Director salary. Director Falgout reported that the administration is proposing to adjust Mr. Chiasson's salary in the interim until he becomes director on January 1, 2010 from \$67,306 to \$89,180 for 2009. Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Ervin Bruce, the board approved the salary adjustment during the interim beginning April 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 from \$67,306 to \$89,180. The vote resulted in 8 yeas by Cheramie, Gisclair, Lafont, Collins, Griffin, Melancon, Bruce and 1 nay by Vizier.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the request from Simmonds Equipment to lease site GLF192 of 2.97 acres of property along LA 3090.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the request from CCS Midstream Services to assign lease site GLF605 to RCS, LLC.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the request from Gulf Fleet Holdings to sublease a portion of property to Waste Auditors, Inc. for site GLF197.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Cheramie reported that the committee met on March 25, 2009 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin, Chuckie Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont and Perry Gisclair. The committee also met on April 6, 2009 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 for the board's review the permit applications from Cheramie Marine, LLC and Maritech Resources, Inc.

Construction & Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on March 25, 2009 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Ervin Bruce and Donald Vizier. The committee also met on April 6, 2009 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 Ervin Bruce and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the Clear Lien Certificate by Weeks Marine for the Pass Fourchon and Nerby Collins Dredging project.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the low bid of \$360,000 by Sibley and Associates, Inc. for the Debris Removal project.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved the low bid of \$32.00 per hour for (2) Fixed Site Debris Monitors and \$55.00 per hour for (1) Senior Technician/Supervisor Operation Manager by Chamico, Inc. for the Debris Monitoring project.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the low bid of \$375,346.10 by Dolphin Services, Inc. for the FEMA Repair of Wharves at the Front Commercial Marina and the Public Boat Launch.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration the low bid by ASMI for the DME project which the recommendation is to hold the bid until we receive written consent from DOTD for funding. No action was taken.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration the request from Ronald Adams in regards to a rebate on Waterline & Roadway project. Engineer Joseph Picciola reported some problems with the smoothness of the Airport Road extension. He stated that Barriere is the subcontractor for Ronald Adams on this project. Mr. Picciola stated that the road is structurally sound but there are some ripples in the road. The smoothness was measured to see if it meets the required graduated scale based on deterioration but it came out at the lowest rating. From the project specifications, the options are to have contractor remove the surface and replace it which is estimated at \$100,000.00 or pay the contractor only half the cost for the surface course which is estimated at \$40,000.00. After discussions with administration, Mr. Picciola's recommendation to Ronald Adams was to pay 50% of the cost of the surface course. Ronald Adams then responded and sent a rebate offer of \$10,000.00. Engineer Picciola stated that the 50% offer is more than fair since the smoothness does not meet the specs. Mr. Picciola stated that if the contractor agrees this would be a deduct change order. Further discussion followed regarding the smoothness of the roadway and the options to take. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously rejected the offer of \$10,000 by Ronald Adams regarding the surface tolerance on the Airport Road.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Clear Lien Certificate by Phylway Construction for the Parallel Taxiway Site Prep & Safety Area project.

Finance Committee - Chairman Melancon reported that the committee met on March 25, 2009 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jimmy Guidry and Wilbert Collins. The committee also met on April 6, 2009 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings

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Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the Final Pre-Audited 2008 Financial Statements.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the 2008 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests by Chett Chiasson to attend the Offshore Technology Conference on May 4th in Texas and attend the AAPA Public Relations Seminar on June 22nd in Michigan.

Chairman Melancon presented for the board's consideration supplementing the Lafourche Parish Council's LA 1 contribution with Port funds. Director Falgout stated that the Parish approved the \$1.2 million from Sales Tax District No. 2 for the LA 1 project, but there is \$50,000 remaining to fund which is necessary for the project. The Parish is requesting that the Port Commission consider supplementing \$50,000 of Port funds to have the full \$1.25 million needed. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved supplementing the LPC's contribution of \$1.2 million for the Engineering and Design of Phase II of the LA 1 Project, with a Port Contribution of \$50,000.00.

Chairman Melancon reminded the commissioners of the May 15th deadline to fill out their personal financials disclosures.

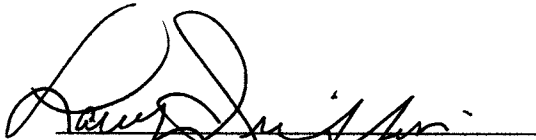
President Griffin opened the floor for any other business. Commissioner Vizier requested a report at the next meeting of the channel markings from Grand Isle to Leeville. Mr. Breaux reported that a group toured the Port this week from the Industrial College of Armed Forces an Energy Industry study group. He stated this is good publicity for future energy independence.

President Griffin opened the floor for possible executive session for *GLPC v. CLC, Suite No. 111-284, Div. D - 17th Judicial District Court*. Mr. Autin stated that it is not necessary for an executive

session but would like the board to consider approving the revised agreement with Caillouet Land Corporation ("CLC"). Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously consented to the agreement with CLC to allow them to continue negotiating with Halliburton Energy Services. The board authorized President Griffin to execute said agreement.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second John Melancon, the board adjourned the regular meeting.

ATTEST:


Larry Griffin, President


Wilbert Collins, Secretary