

AGENDA
June 8, 2011 at 10:30 AM
(Revised 6/7/11 at 9:15 AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for May 11, 2011 regular meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Harbor Police Recognition**
 - B. Northern Expansion**
 - 1. Slip C Bucket Dredge (Angelette-Picciola)
 - 2. Slip B Adam "Ted" Gisclair Roadway, Phase II(Picciola & Associates)
 - 3. Slip B 1871 LF Bulkhead (Picciola & Associates)
 - C. Airport Projects**
 - 1. Parallel Taxiway "A" South Paving
 - 2. Lear Drive
 - D. FEMA Projects** – Flotation Canal Shoreline Protection
 - E. Port Security and Grant Projects**
 - 1. Communication Tower and Foundation (2007)
 - 2. Telecommunication Infrastructure Project (2007)
 - 3. Phase II MDA Camera networking improvements (2008)
 - 4. Multi-Agency Emergency Response/Operations Building (2009)
 - 5. Laf. Parish Sheriff Office CAD-Information Sharing (2010)
 - F. Other Port Projects**
 - 1. Martin Terminal Slip #1 Repairs
 - 2. Nerby Collins Marina Steel Bulkhead Repair
 - 3. Administration Building Generator By-Pass Project
 - G. LA 1 Highway Improvements**
 - H. Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill**
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the request from Harvey Gulf International Marine for waterfront property along Slip B
 - 2. Consider approving the repair/removal of the Lady of the Sea Hospital wharf
 - B. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving proposal for the DVD Pipeline Safety project
 - 2. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafourche Parish Water District for waterline along Lear Drive
 - 3. Consider approving Change Order from Ernest P. Breaux Electrical for the Telecommunication Buildings
 - 4. Consider approving the Laf. Parish Sheriff Office CAD-Information Sharing contract
 - C. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider payment of May invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Consider approving January - May 2011 financial statements
 - 3. Consider out of state travel requests
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
June 8, 2011

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 10:30 AM.

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

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

ABSENT: Ervin Bruce

Upon motion by John Melancon Jr. and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the minutes for May 11, 2011 regular meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Chiasson stated that Mr. Bruce is not here today because he fell and would like everyone to keep him in their prayers. He then recognized Morgan Vizier who did a social studies project on Port Fourchon. Morgan then explained that for school she received first place and went to regional and received first place then went to state but did not place. Vizier asked Morgan to tell us about the Port, which she replied that it all started with 2 companies and now there is 250 companies. There is the E-Slip, Northern Expansion, Leonard Miller Jr. Airport, LA 1 project, LOOP, security, commercial fishing, Sportsman's Paradise and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. Chiasson asked her if she has future plans for this project, which she replied she does plan to expand more on the project to possibly place at the state level. Vizier then asked her who is the father of the Port, which she replied A.O. Rappelet. The board complimented her on doing a wonderful job.

Harbor Police Recognition – Chiasson stated that last week the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Administration (LEPA) presented Harbor Police Officer P.J. Lyons with a life saving plaque which we would like to acknowledge today. Chief Callais then presented Officer P.J. Lyons with the plaque from LEPA then explained why he received this award and read the report as follows: *"On October 14, 2010 Officer Lyons was dispatched to a traffic accident along LA Hwy 1 near Grand Isle. The call came in as an accident with the vehicle being upside down, submerged in a canal, with screams for help coming from inside. Two Lafourche Parish Deputies and Officer Lyons arrived at the scene of the accident. Without hesitation Officer Lyons took off his police gear and entered the water. There were approximately 15 people standing on the bank of the canal listening to the female victim pleading for her life. The officers tried to open the door but could not because of the pressure of the water and the mud. All the while trying to open the door the victim kept screaming "please don't let me drown". Deputy Stelly then broke the driver's window this allowed the officers to access the woman trapped inside. Officer Lyons and Lt. Labat grabbed the woman by the legs and pulled her out of the vehicle through the broken driver's window. The trapped woman's life was saved through the valiant efforts of these brave officers."* Chief Callais along with Capt. Terry and Sgt. Dufrene then presented the Harbor Police Certificate and Life Saving Medal to Officer Lyons.

Chief Callais then presented Harbor Police Captain Larry Terry with a certificate which read as follows: *"Captain Larry Terry has been a dedicated Harbor Police Officer for the past 27 years. Prior to that, Captain Terry honorably served his country by spending 2 tours of duty in Vietnam fighting for the freedoms that we enjoy today. He then served and protected the citizens of Golden Meadow as a police officer for over 10 years. His dedication and professionalism to his chosen profession are unmatched. With his pending retirement on October 31, 2011 and for all the above reasons it is indeed an honor and a privilege to present to Capt. Terry the Exceptional Service Award."* Capt. Terry then thanked everyone,

the board, and all the employees. It has been a rollercoaster ride and this is probably the best organization he has worked for with all the support there is here. President Griffin thanked Capt. Terry for serving the Port and doing a good job. Chiasson stated we have an excellent Harbor Police force and thanked Officer Lyons for his service. He then stated to Capt. Terry that we are glad that we have the next few months to be with you and we will certainly miss you with all your knowledge of the Harbor Police.

Northern Expansion – Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the contractor completed the first pass for Slip C Bucket Dredge which took 30 days. The second pass may take longer because they will try to cast the material further out along the slip. Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the pre bid conference for Adam “Ted” Gisclair Roadway, Phase II is scheduled for June 14th with the bid opening on June 21st. Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the contractor for Slip B 1871 LF Bulkhead has been working diligently to finish driving the timber piles by next week. They are halfway through driving the steel sheets and have poured concrete for 20 deadman. They did start today installing the whaler beams on the backside of the bulkhead.

Airport Projects – Joe Wheeler reported that we are waiting on FAA’s response regarding the funding for the Parallel Taxiway “A” South Paving to advertise the project. We will be meeting with FAA on June 21st to try to get more funding for this project and explain the justification for a 5,000’ to 6,500’ taxiway. He reported that there were 1,050 aircraft operations for May, which Chiasson replied that the count is the highest we have seen at the Airport. Breaux stated that the Port completed the limestone base for Lear Drive at the Airport. There is a Cooperative Agreement with the Lafourche Water District on the agenda for approval which will complete the road access to the small hangar development area.

FEMA Projects – Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the Flotation Canal Shoreline Protection is continuing. The contractor is having trouble getting rocks. They installed 11 barges of rock with approximately 19 barges total. We should be notified next week on when they expect another delivery of material.

Port Security and Grant Projects – Engineer Shawn Keller reported that yesterday the engineer’s inspection of the Communication Tower and Foundation project was done. The findings are one punch list item which is to secure the tower ground wire running from the top to the base of the tower. We are recommending substantial completion for this project. The contractor Ernest P. Breaux is progressing well on the Telecommunication Infrastructure project. The project will be delayed due to the communication shelter delivery. There is a change order on the agenda for approval of \$3,000 for crane rental due to the delays with the tower project. In regards to the communication shelters, a letter was sent to Cellxion giving them 7 calendar days to respond or the contract will be rescinded. Mr. Autin stated that this project may hold up another project with time of the utmost importance therefore this is what needs to be done to give the project the attention it needs or we move to the next bidder. Chiasson stated that depending on Cellxion’s response, we may have a special meeting to approve the next bidder.

Mr. Breaux reported that the contractor Prime Controls for the Camera Networking Improvements continues to put together the equipment in waterproof boxes. The wiring is expected to be complete by June 17th. The contractor is also working on the wireless radio network and should start installation by July 5th. The architect ADG for the Multi-Agency Emergency Response Building had J. Wayne Plaisance working on a final plot plan. The survey is complete and will be forwarded to ADG by the end of this week for final design of the building. Mr. Breaux stated that the Port previously approved an agreement with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff’s Office for an All Hazard Trailer which they would like to change to a Computer Aided Dispatch Information Sharing System which is later on the agenda for approval.

Other Port Projects – Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the contractor is on site for the Martin Terminal Slip #1 Bulkhead Repairs. The whaler beams are installed and the contractor will start driving steel sheets along Bayou Lafourche then will proceed with the deadmen while waiting for the 70’ sheets to be delivered. Once this project is complete, Chouest will begin the repairs on the other side of the slip with contractor E&L Industries. Engineer Plaisance stated that the Nerby Collins Marina Steel Bulkhead Repair is still on hold due to litigation. The contractor Kostmayer has extended their bid until the end of June. Mr. Breaux reported that the contract was awarded to Regional Electric for the Administration

Building Generator By-Pass Project. Regional has turned in the required submittals, equipment is on order, and they are now working on fabricating the brackets. The equipment should be in place within the next few weeks.

LA 1 Highway Improvements – Henri Boulet reported on Phase 1A of the LA 1 Project between Port Fourchon and Leeville that the project was 91% complete as of May 31st with 89% of the time elapsed. DOTD has announced it will be taking several actions in the next six months to improve the collections of the toll system. The most significant action will be modifying the toll collection lanes under the toll gantry to three lanes, with two of the lanes having ATM-like machines which will accept cash, credit cards and debit cards. The third lane will be for “GeauxPass Only” vehicles. With this move, they will eliminate all kiosks. Moving on to Phase II, the geotechnical contractor is working on completing 90 remaining cone petrometer tests. DOTD has been meeting with the two large landowners to discuss the project’s compensatory mitigation plan.

Concerning funding for design of Phase II, Boulet and the Lafourche/Terrebonne/Grand Isle legislative delegation met with the Governor on LA 1 funding needs last month. The Governor announced that DOTD will move forward with final design of Segment A of Phase II, which is the segment closest to Golden Meadow, beginning in the new fiscal year. Relative to gaining federal agency support to construct Phase II, officials with Homeland Security last week indicated that the “LA 1 Consequence Analysis” formal review will be complete sometime in late June or July. Boulet intends to present this new information on the criticality of LA 1 to the National Treasury in a USDOT TIGER III grant application this fall.

On other highway projects in the area, the new Bayou Lafourche Lift-Span Bridge at Larose is 44.4% complete as of May 14th with 65% of time elapsed. These percentages make the progress look slower than it really is. On a movable bridge a big portion of the materials are in the steel and machinery. Although these things are fabricated DOTD doesn’t count them in the “percent complete” until they are installed toward the end of the project. The Caminada Bay Bridge is now 60% complete with 48% of time elapsed and the Prospect Street Bridge is now 41% complete with 41% of its time elapsed.

Griffin questioned if the workers were off for Memorial weekend, which Boulet replied yes. Boulet stated that he is aware of the problems they had with the kiosk machines. The contractor did get called out on Memorial Day and had it back in service that afternoon. Griffin questioned if the workers on the overpass were off also because there were no lights, which Boulet replied that he will have to check into the lights there is no reason they should be off. Chiasson questioned the modifications to the toll gantry system if the other 2 lanes will accept the GeauxPass or just the 1 lane restricted to GeauxPass only, which Boulet replied that they are working that out now. The company that designed the system, ETC, is involved in settling the litigation with DOTD and has agreed to come and work on the system. The 2 ATM-like machines will be mounted at different angles one higher than the other. There were also concerns of some people putting the incorrect number of axles in turn paying the wrong amount, which he stated that they will send a bill in the mail if someone paid the wrong amount. Chiasson concerned of only one lane set aside for the GeauxPass and recommended that the center lane be for both GeauxPass and payment, which Boulet replied that he will recommend that to DOTD. Chiasson questioned if there was a funding level on the Tiger III grant yet, which Boulet replied \$500 million for an approximate \$10 million per state. Boulet stated that they can possibly apply for construction funds on Segment A which is suppose to cost \$47 million however there is no commitment from the State on construction funds. The Governor set aside design funds to start the project which is a 15 month process because of all the agencies involved with the crossing of the levee. The intent is to build a T-Wall on the levee that will be high enough for if they ever build the levee to 26 ft. for the 100 year storm protection so they won’t have to come back and raise the bridge. The T-Wall will support the main structure in the middle.

Gisclair questioned if the last thing connected will be the connection in Golden Meadow, which Boulet replied that they actually want to start the Golden Meadow approach ramp first which is Segment A because of all the requirements of the Corps so that they can use it for the end on end construction of Segment B going south. They may build Segment B and C all at once or if funding is not available they

may build Segment C with the advantage to have both approach ramps to use for the middle section Segment B construction. Boulet stated that the height clearance crossing the levee is approximately 27 ft. The project may include bringing the dirt to a certain height under the bridge so that the Levee District does not have to do that at a later date and will only have to complete the tie in.

Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill - Chiasson stated that clean up is being done in some areas of the beach and on East and West Timbalier Islands. No bird areas are being disturbed. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEMRE) has put out some guidance in speeding up the permitting process which is called a completeness checklist when submitting applications. All indications from the oil and gas companies are that this guidance will not do much to speed up the process. The oil and gas companies are still expressing to the BOEMRE better ways to expedite the permit process. Last Friday, the 15th permit was issued for BHP Billiton which will be serviced out of Fourchon; therefore, currently 13 of the 15 permits will be serviced out of Fourchon. He then reported that the ExxonMobil permit that was issued a month ago actually started drilling the Keathley Canyon well and found a massive amount of oil and gas. We are certainly seeing some fruits of the permits issued and slowly working ourselves back to deepwater activity. We did receive a letter from GOL Docks thanking the Port in assisting tenants by the rent reduction for the past year. He stated that the rental reduction will end in June. Collins questioned if Exxon leases from us, which Chiasson replied no. Exxon's shallow water drilling is being serviced out of Grand Isle but the deepwater drilling is being serviced out of Fourchon. Lafont questioned what happened with the permits that Judge Feldman ruled on for Ensco, which Chiasson replied that he is not sure that the Federal Government has followed any of the judge's rulings.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met on May 25, 2011 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Larry Griffin, Jimmy Lafont, and Wilbert Collins. Perry Gisclair was absent. The committee also met on June 6, 2011 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the request from Harvey Gulf International Marine for 400 LF of waterfront property along Slip B in Fourchon.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration approving the repair/removal of the Lady of the Sea Hospital wharf. Chiasson stated that from previous discussions with the Hospital District (owner of the batture) they do not want the wharf. The other question is what to do with the pilings that are damaged. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved to remove the wharf and repair the pilings. Gisclair stated that by replacing the piling clusters it will continue as an aid to navigation for curfews in that area.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met on May 25, 2011 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, John Melancon Jr. and Larry Griffin. The committee also met on June 6, 2011 at the Administration Building in Galliano with Bruce absent.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the proposal from TLW Productions for the DVD Pipeline Safety project. Chiasson stated that we received a grant for pipeline safety and working as the fiduciary agent with Coastal and Marine Operators (CAMO) to produce a video and other marketing materials for the awareness of pipelines. These materials will be handed out to all Port tenants and other companies in the area.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafourche Parish Water District a 50/50 cost share for the installation of a waterline along Lear Drive at the Airport.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 an increase of \$3,000.00 from Ernest P. Breaux Electrical for the Telecommunication Infrastructure project.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the Subgrant Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office to reallocate Port Security funds to a Computer Aided Dispatch Information Sharing System.

Finance Committee - The committee met on May 25, 2011 at the Operation Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Jimmy Guidry, Wilbert Collins, John Melancon Jr., and Larry Griffin. The committee met on June 6, 2011 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved payment of May invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the January to May 2011 financial statements.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Chett Chiasson and Joe Wheeler to attend a FAA meeting in Dallas on June 20th, and the requests from Chiasson, Griffin, Lafont, Collins, Guidry, Vizier and Melancon to attend the 2011 AAPA Convention in Seattle on September 16th.

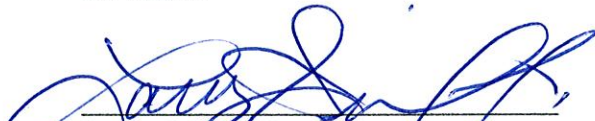
President Griffin would like to wish Commissioner Bruce a speedy recovery and keep him in our prayers. He also thanked Morgan Vizier for choosing Port Fourchon as her social studies project.

Collins requested an update on the maintenance shop at the Airport, which Mr. Breaux stated that the engineer is finalizing the drawings and it should be advertised soon.

Lafont stated to keep Mr. Felton Galliano in our prayers who passed away yesterday who was one of the first members of the Port Commission Board. He then mentioned that he along with Chiasson and Cheramie were interviewed by a reporter of the Corpus Christi newspaper which the headline article was about Port Fourchon and was very positive. He has copies if someone wants to read it. Chiasson replied that the location in Corpus Christi wants to become the next Port Fourchon.

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

ATTEST:


Larry Griffin, President


Jimmy Lafont, Vice President