

AGENDA
JUNE 13, 2012 at 10:30 AM
(Revised June 12, 2012 at 10: 28 AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for May 9, 2012 regular meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion**
 - 1. Slip B 1871 LF Dredge & Slip C Dredge (Picciola & Associates)
 - 2. Slip C Additional Dredging/Slip A Dredging (Picciola & Associates)
 - 3. Guidry Brothers Site Development (Picciola & Associates)
 - B. Airport Projects**
 - 1. Parallel Taxiway "A" South Paving (LPA Group)
 - 2. PAPI System
 - 3. Hangar & Foundation (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 - 4. Airport Maintenance Shop (Picciola & Associates)
 - C. FEMA Projects**
 - 1. Bathhouse (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 - 2. Beach Repair Project (Picciola & Associates)
 - D. Port Security and Grant Projects**
 - 1. Camera Networking Improvements (2008)
 - 2. Multi-Agency Emergency Response/Operations Building (2009)
 - 3. Waterside Radar Video Surveillance (2009)
 - E. Other Port Projects**
 - 1. Nerby Collins Steel Bulkhead Repair (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 - 2. Assumption of Maintenance Study (URS)
 - F. LA 1 Highway Improvements Report**
 - G. Corps of Engineers Dredging Belle Pass**
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee**
 - 1. Consider adopting a resolution for Act 51 regarding State sale of property along west Bayou Lafourche
 - 2. Consider approving the revised Right of First Refusal Policy
 - 3. Consider deeming Chouest Shorebase Services request to lease 771 LF on Slip C as a bona fide written offer
 - 4. Consider accepting Guidry Brothers request to lease 771 LF on Slip C
 - 5. Consider approving the request from C-Port 1 regarding extension of piers for site GLF506
 - 6. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Chouest Shorebase Services for Port Infrastructure Tax Credits
 - 7. Consider approving the request from Francis Drilling for a landlord waiver
 - 8. Consider approving the request from Allport Services for a leasehold mortgage
 - 9. Consider approving the request from Entergy for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for storm use at the Airport
 - 10. Consider approving the bids for the surplus sale of equipment
 - 11. Consider approving an agreement with Glenn Gisclair for the bridge at the S.L. Industrial Park
 - 12. Consider approving the advertisement of alligator tags at the S.L. Airport
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee**
 - 1. Review permit applications by Chouest Shorebase Services(Ext), TANA Exploration Company, Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, Swift Energy, TANA Exploration Company, Manti Exploration Operating LLC, Apache Corporation, and Plains Pipeline LP
 - C. Construction & Development Committee**
 - 1. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Pine Bluff for the Slip B 1871 LF Dredge, Slip C, and Flotation Canal Dredge
 - 2. Consider approving Substantial Completion Certificate from Pine Bluff for the Slip B 1871 LF Dredge, Slip C, and Flotation Canal Dredge
 - 3. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for the Slip C Additional Dredging/Slip A Dredging project
 - 4. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for the Guidry Brothers Site Development project
 - 5. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Capstone Builders for the Airport Maintenance Shop
 - 6. Consider approving the proposals for the Deployment of a Harbor Intrusion Detection System
 - D. Finance Committee**
 - 1. Consider approving payment of May invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Consider approving January to May Financial Statements
 - 3. Consider approving the out of state travel request
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
June 13, 2012

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 10:30 AM at the Administrative Building in Galliano, LA.

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

ATTENDED: Chuckie Cheramie (late arrival), Perry Gisclair, Jimmy Lafont, Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, John Melancon Jr., Jimmy Guidry, and Ervin Bruce

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the minutes for May 9, 2012 regular meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the Slip B 1871 LF Dredge, Slip C Dredge, and Flotation Canal Dredge project is complete. The Substantial Completion Certificate and the Change Order which is a decrease of (\$165,979.90) is later on the agenda for approval today. Picciola reported that bids were received on June 5th for the Slip C Additional Dredging/Slip A Dredging project. The apparent low bidder was Mike Hooks for \$4,111,746.00 which is being reviewed by the Port staff before awarding the project. Executive Director Chett Chiasson stated that later on the agenda we will recommend adopting a resolution to send for an Attorney General's opinion regarding the bid documentation not being completely filled out. Picciola reported that bids were received on June 6th for the Guidry Brothers Site Development project. The apparent low bidder was Byron E. Talbot for \$4,970,579.42. The bids are in order, under estimated budget, and they recommend awarding the project to them.

Airport Projects – Airport Manager Joe Wheeler reported that gradation testing was done yesterday on the south drains for the Parallel Taxiway "A" South Paving. We are waiting on the results of the test before moving forward. Wheeler reported that we are still waiting on FAA flight check of the PAPI System and he plans to contact DOTD to possibly speed up the process. Wheeler reported that the contractor is currently installing the motors for the doors of the Small Hangar & Foundation project. The other remaining item is connection of electricity to the building. Director of Operations Davie Breaux reported that the plumber is on site for the Airport Maintenance Shop. The contractor is doing work on the framing and sheeting of the walls. Wheeler then reported that the Airport operations for May were 1706 operations which are 250 more than last month and over 700 operations from last May. He stated that Rotorcraft Leasing Co. had 830 operations in May. Melancon commented that it looks like an average of 1127 operations each month, which Wheeler replied yes.

FEMA Projects – Breaux reported that the notice to proceed was issued and the contractor started driving piles yesterday for the Bathhouse project in Fourchon. Chiasson reported that the design of the Beach Repair project is ready and we plan to wait until after hurricane season to start advertising, hopefully sometime in August.

Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie entered the meeting.

Port Security and Grant Projects – April Danos reported that in regards to the Camera Networking Improvements, the upgrade to the C-4 system with video analytics and alerts should be received soon then the testing and training will begin. In regards to the Multi-Agency Emergency Operations Building, the grant was approved by EHP, pending the release of funds from FEMA to move forward. The architects are working to complete design specs and drawings, and MS Benbow is working on the IT

Infrastructure and Cabling. We received 4 proposals on May 17th for the Waterside Radar Video Surveillance system. The evaluation process is completed which was based on technical evaluation, vendor qualifications, cost, and best interest of the Port. The recommendation is awarding the proposal to Honeywell International for \$574,250 which is later on agenda for approval.

Other Port Projects – Breaux reported that the notice to proceed was issued on June 4th for the Nerby Collins Steel Bulkhead Repair project. The contractor has 60 days to complete the work. They are waiting on the steel sheets to be delivered to start driving sheets. Mr. Joe Berlin with URS reported that the Assumption of Maintenance Study is moving ahead. They have had great progress calculating benefits for the economic analysis which involved interviews with tenants, pilots, and also determined the characteristics of vessels. They met with the New Orleans Corps District and they are proceeding to implement a memorandum of agreement which should be received soon. The meeting scheduled next week in Washington, DC is to meet with Corps headquarters to discuss the progress of dredging cost and the economic, environmental, and engineering analysis. Chiasson stated that the meeting in DC is also for headquarters to approve the New Orleans District to issue the memorandum of agreement with us.

LA 1 Highway Improvements Report – Henri Boulet, Executive Director of the LA 1 Coalition updated the board on the safety improvements at the LA 1/3090/Old LA 1 intersection. On the news last night DOTD's announcement that they will be lowering the speed limit coming off of the elevated highway into the Port Fourchon intersection to 45 MPH. There are numerous entities including the Port, officials, and citizens that took part in this effort, and Secretary LeBas's office is grateful to everyone who contributed to this important conversation. As we enter the heart of the summer with many families heading to Grand Isle, I would like to remind motorists who are going to Grand Isle for the first time since last summer to pay attention to, and adhere to new signage at the Port Fourchon intersection, so that everyone gets through this busy intersection safely.

Concerning the activation of the Automatic Toll Payment Machines at the toll gantry for people paying their single-trip passes, the system is expected to be activated next week at this time, should the next 6 days of testing go as expected. You will see changes in the billboards announcing the new system, ads in the upcoming issues of the Lafourche Gazette, extensive revamped signage work on all the signs between Raceland and the Port, and a statewide announcement in print, television, and radio media. Single-trip-payment users of the toll collection machine should know that the unit is easy to use. Should anyone need help, there is a camera mounted in the unit that is connected to a "Help Button", monitored 24 hours a day. The state is still planning to have some customer service representatives by the new toll unit for a few days initially, and for upcoming large events. They will monitor this to see how helpful this is, and adjust accordingly. Users should know that if they put in a \$5, \$10, or \$20 bill, their change will be given in \$5 bills, \$1 coins, and quarters. Finally, the new system is going to accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover cards. People with GeauxPass tags are reminded that they will be able to use the left lane of the toll gantry and drive right through without stopping, as the new signage will indicate. Concerning how the system will run in inclement weather or power outages, a canopy cover for the ATPM lane is forthcoming, and is in design at this point, and a back-up generator will be in place to keep the system running during power outages and milder tropical storms.

Finally, Commissioner Gisclair asked me to inquire with DOTD about keeping some kiosk working. DOTD did consider this, and in a reply stated that "the Kiosks have proven ineffective in properly collecting tolls. Therefore, DOTD has selected an industry-proven in-lane toll solution that offers ease of use for customers, improved toll collection and lower per transaction costs. Maintaining even one Kiosk on the toll system would negate the operational efficiencies the ATPM system brings to the table."

Concerning Phase II of the LA 1 Project, DOTD has selected the national firm of HNTB to design the Golden Meadow to Leeville 8.3 mile phase. The contract is being developed over the next weeks. It will provide finalized design of Segment C inclusive of crossing the levee, and complete the preliminary design of the other two segments of Phase II. A meeting is scheduled later this month with the USACE to discuss final design aspects for the levee crossing.

On the pending R/O/W's needed for Phase II, one entity has approved the sale of their parcel to the state, another wants to donate their parcels, and the third is deciding if they want to donate or sell their parcels to the state. Concerning construction funding for Phase II's Segment A, we still do not have results from the Federal Highway Administration request. We continue to work on funding opportunities at the state and federal level.

On other highway projects in the area, the taking down of the old Caminada Bay Bridge is estimated to be complete by Sept. 3rd. The new Bayou Lafourche Lift-Span Bridge at Larose is 89% complete, with 102% of time elapsed. The contractor and the state are still working through some mechanical equipment issues. The latest estimated completion date by the contractor is September 12th. Finally, on the Prospect Street Bridge in Houma, the project is 90% complete, with 102% of time elapsed. The expected completion time is in September. The delay on this bridge is due to some utility relocation that were not complete by the time the project began, and some fabrication errors on certain pieces of bridge machinery that had to be addressed.

Vizier questioned when the Larose Bridge is opened if they will immediately start demolition on the old bridge, which Boulet replied yes. Gisclair questioned if Segment C will be constructed first and if those funds are secured, which Boulet replied yes it will be constructed first however the funds were applied for from the federal government which we are waiting on a response. The funding request was for \$18 million from federal government, the State would provide \$20 million, and \$6 million would be from private entities. Gisclair questioned what phase are they in now, which Boulet replied they are in the design phase. This area does cross the Apache Corporation's property which is one landowner that wants to donate the right of way. Chiasson stated that the commitment of private entities is pending federal dollars. Gisclair stated that it seems that the federal government and even the state would say if private entities are willing to come up with the funds that it would be a done deal to match so we can move forward to start this project. Boulet replied that the federal government knows of the private commitments. Vizier questioned if there is a major difference from the prices of today compared to after Hurricane Katrina, which Boulet replied that the \$45 million project is the current estimate however DOTD did say that prices are coming down from other public bid projects.

Corps of Engineers Dredging Belle Pass – Chiasson reported that the dredging project was completed over the past weekend. We are waiting the dredging results which we should receive in the next few weeks to compare the water depths. We are very pleased that this project was done.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The Committee met on May 23, 2012 at Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Larry Griffin, Wilbert Collins, and Jimmy Lafont. Perry Gisclair was absent. They also met on June 11, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's consideration to adopt a resolution for Act 51 regarding State sale of property along west Bayou Lafourche in Fourchon. Chiasson stated that this resolution would allow us to purchase the land identified as the state's donated land from Louisiana Land & Exploration/ConocoPhillips. As per state law, the land has been offered back to the original donor (LL&E) and they have until June 30th to decide if they want to purchase the land back. He stated that if not, by adopting this resolution the Port Commission will be able to purchase the land. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously adopted a resolution for the purchase of approximately 1151 acres of property west of Bayou Lafourche in Fourchon from the State pending Louisiana Land & Exploration's decision.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the revised Right of First Refusal Policy. Chiasson stated that the revised policy removes the last item which states that "if a lease is entered, monthly rental will be due regardless of whether the GLPC deems the property useable or not useable". Chiasson stated that typically we do not charge monthly rent until the property is useable.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board designated the Chouest Shorebase Services' request to lease 771 LF on Slip C as a bona fide written offer to Guidry Brothers current Right of First Refusal agreement. The board vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 abstain by Gisclair.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the request from Guidry Brothers to lease 771 LF on Slip C which is a portion of property from their Right of First Refusal agreement.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Wilbert Collins, the board approved the request from C-Port 1, LLC to extend the piers 50' on site GLF506 to accommodate the larger vessels servicing the offshore deepwater. The vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 abstain by Gisclair.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by John Melancon, the board approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Chouest Shorebase Services for Port Infrastructure Tax Credits. Chiasson stated that this is something passed by the legislature 2 years ago that allows for businesses that invests \$5 million or more in a public port facility to get a tax credit of 5% over a 20 year period. The vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 abstain by Gisclair.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved the request from Francis Drilling for a Landlord Subordination Agreement on site GLF344.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the request from Allport Services for a Leasehold Mortgage Agreement for their sublease on site GLF611.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the request from Entergy for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to use a portion of property at the Airport for storm use.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the high bids for the Surplus Sale of Equipment giving one bidder, D Company only 15 days to pay and pick up items.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved an agreement with Glenn Gisclair for the Port Commission to assume ownership of the bridge built by Gisclair at the S.L. Industrial Park.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved advertising for a person to utilize the 5 alligator tags at the S.L. Industrial Park outside the fenced-in runway area.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met on May 23, 2012 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Chuckie Cheramie, Larry Griffin, and Jimmy Lafont. Perry Gisclair was absent. They also met on June 11, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review the permit applications from Chouest Shorebase Services (Ext), TANA Exploration Company, Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, Swift Energy, TANA Exploration Company, Manti Exploration Operating LLC, Apache Corporation, and Plains Pipeline LP. Cheramie recommended that the Port send a letter in objection to the prop washing described in the Manti Exploration permit. Cheramie stated that we received notice that the engineer was requesting that the Port remove its letter of objection for prop washing from the previous Manti Exploration permit of last month, however the committee decided not to remove the objection letter.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met on May 23, 2012 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Ervin Bruce, Larry Griffin, Donald Vizier, and John Melancon. They also met on June 11, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with only Vizier absent.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the Change Order No. 1 a decrease of (\$165,979.90) from Pine Bluff for the Slip B 1871 LF Dredge, Slip C, and Flotation Canal Dredge.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated May 11, 2012 from Pine Bluff for the Slip B 1871 LF Dredge, Slip C, and Flotation Canal Dredge.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration the lowest responsive bid for the Slip C Additional Dredge & Slip A Dredge project. Chiasson stated that he recommends adopting a resolution to request an Attorney General's opinion as to the apparent low bidder's non completion of bid documents. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont to adopt the resolution to request an Attorney General's opinion on whether it may award the project to the apparent low bidder, which was second by Wilbert Collins, the floor was open to discussion. Vizier questioned if this would take 6 months to resolve, which Chiasson stated no it should take 30 days. Vizier questioned what was wrong in the bid, which Chiasson replied that on the bid form they left 2 areas blank which should have been filled in. The board then voted on the resolution which resulted in all yeas.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the lowest responsive bid for the Guidry Brothers Site Development project to Byron E. Talbot Contractor in the amount of \$4,970,579.42.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 an increase of \$1,938.00 from Capstone Builders for the Airport Maintenance Shop.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the proposal from Honeywell International of \$574,250.00 for the Deployment of a Harbor Intrusion Detection System.

Finance Committee - The committee met on May 23, 2012 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Jimmy Guidry, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, and John Melancon. They also met on June 11, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with only Guidry absent.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the payment of May invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000. James Rome reported that there is an adjustment from the list since Monday night which is the removal of item number 1 an invoice from URS which will be included next month.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the January to May Financial Statements.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel request from April Danos to attend the AAPA Port Security Seminar in Florida on July 17th.

President Griffin opened the floor for any other business. Mr. Rodney Gisclair with Montco stated that Montco recently launched the largest lift boat in the world and the first Port it came to was Port Fourchon. He stated that with this vessel being 300' in length and approximately 200' wide, he discussed with Mr. Breaux his concerns of depth and width of the channel, which Breaux provided him the charts he needed and the Harbor Police provided assistance in entering the harbor. The vessel was escorted in and out of the Port safely. We had great communication with Harbor Police Officer Brent Constransitch who provided the assistance with clearing the channel and communication between the vessels and the captain. He thanked the board for a great job and stated that the lift boat will be back in Port.

Lafont then made a request to the board in regards to the local shrimpers. There was a meeting held by the federal government a few weeks ago in Larose which from the beginning there was miscommunication of the time of the meeting but the outcome of the meeting was that shrimpers will be hit with another regulation which is not what they need now. Representative Gisclair is supposed to write a letter to NOAA along with other officials. He stated that most government regulations that are talked about normally get passed into law which would be unjust. He then stated that he would like to see the Port Commission write a letter in support of the shrimpers to help them out. Griffin stated that the federal government's fact findings are not correct because they are discussing putting TEDS on skimmers on inside waters. The next move would be TEDS on crab traps. Collins questioned whom would the letter be

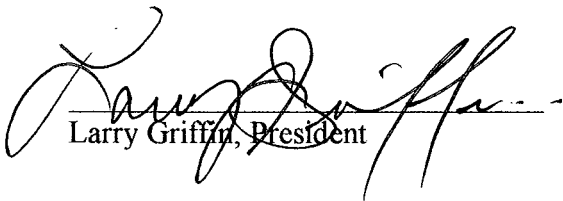
sent to, which Lafont stated we could find out. Lafont then agreed that the data that they have is in a different language. He stated that the turtles they are trying to save have not nested in Port Fourchon or Grand Isle in the last 20 years. The TEDS hurt the catch up to 20-30% and all the fishermen at the meeting never even caught one of these turtles.

Chiasson stated that in regards to the Larose Bridge construction and vessel access in Bayou Lafourche in Larose there has been some intermittent bayou closures. It looks like it will be at least a 2 week impact but he is waiting on a response from the contractors. What is happening now every day from 5 AM to 5 PM with the exception of 12 PM to 1 PM the bayou is closed and you cannot cross in the construction area. The only access through the construction area is at night with that we are having high water posing the problems so the floodgates are closed at night. We are trying to find out how long it will be closed for that area and work out with South Lafourche Levee District to have more access in the late evening for vessels to come through. On weekends the construction area is open for vessels however there is still the issue of the floodgates. So we are trying to alleviate the problem. The other problem is that no one was notified that this was going to be an issue so we are trying to get that information out as soon possible.

Melancon stated that the Golden Meadow – Fourchon Tarpon Rodeo is scheduled for July 5th, 6th, and 7th at Moran’s Marina in Fourchon. This rodeo provides young men and women from South Lafourche High School the opportunity to continue their education on the university and technical college level. This year the rodeo provided 3 scholarships to Dionne Galliano for \$4,000, Orlando Mejia for \$2,000, and Jessi Anselmi for \$2,000. The rodeo also donated and assisted in local charities of \$8,000. He stated that this year they will have a “King of the Catch” Cook-Off during the rodeo which gives teams the opportunity to cook local dishes with 3 prizes of \$500. More information can be found on the website. People come out to inspect the catch, help out South Lafourche, and people can pay \$15 a person to sample every dish during the cook-off. Hope everyone can come to enjoy the rodeo. President Griffin congratulated Melancon on being the admiral this year.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board adjourned the regular board meeting.

ATTEST:


Larry Griffin, President


Wilbert Collins, Secretary