



Greater Lafourche Port Commission

Port Fourchon ♦ South Lafourche Leonard Miller, Jr. Airport

"The Gulf's Energy Connection"

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MEETING NOTICE

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission Board of Commissioners will be held in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 16829 East Main Street, Galliano, LA at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, September 12, 2012.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for August 8, 2012 regular meeting and August 22, 2012 special meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion**
 1. Slip C Additional Dredging/Slip A Dredging (Picciola & Associates)
 2. Guidry Brothers Site Development (Picciola & Associates)
 - B. Airport Projects**
 1. Parallel Taxiway "A" South Paving (LPA/Baker)
 2. Airport Maintenance Shop (Picciola & Associates)
 3. Hangar & Foundation (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 4. Glide Slope (LPA/Baker)
 5. Airport Master Plan Update (LPA/Baker)
 - C. FEMA Projects**
 1. Bathhouse (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 2. Beach Repair Project (Picciola & Associates)
 3. Debris Fence Repair (Picciola & Associates)
 - D. Port Security and Grant Projects**
 1. Multi-Agency Emergency Response/Operations Building (2009)
 2. Waterside Radar Video Surveillance (2009)
 - E. Other Port Projects**
 1. Nerby Collins Steel Bulkhead Repair (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 2. Assumption of Maintenance Study (URS)
 3. Mooring Dolphins Phase 3 (Angelette-Picciola)
 - F. Advertisement for proposals to lease property south of Airport for hunting purposes**
 - G. Update on LA 1 project**
 - H. Update on Coastal Issues**
 - I. Hurricane Isaac**
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 1. Consider approving the bids for the sale of 2 Evinrude Etec Engines
 2. Consider approving the accredited delegate for 2012 AAPA Convention
 3. Consider approving the request from Danos for a Right of First Refusal along Slip C
 4. Consider approving the request from HOS Port for a Right of First Refusal along Slip C
 5. Consider approving a lease with Nabors Offshore for rigs

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B. Permits & Waterways Committee

1. Review permit applications by Catherine Rogers, Doug Gremillion, Apache Corporation, and Castex

C. Construction & Development Committee

1. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for River Sand
2. Consider accepting the Clear Lien Certificate from Pine Bluff for Slip B/Slip C Dredging project
3. Consider approving the Change Order No. 1 from Mike Hooks for the Dredging of Slip A
4. Consider accepting the Clear Lien Certificate from Picciola Construction for the Small Hangar & Foundation project
5. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Kostmayer for the Nerby Collins Marina Bulkhead Repairs

D. Finance Committee

1. Consider approving payment of August invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
2. Consider approving August Financial Statement
3. Adopt the adjusted millage rate for the tax year 2012
4. Consider approving insurance renewal
5. Consider approving the out of state travel request

VII. Any other business

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Adjournment



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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2012**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, September 12, 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, Perry Gisclair, Jimmy Lafont, Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, John Melancon Jr., and Ervin Bruce

ABSENT: Jimmy Guidry

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the minutes for August 8, 2012 regular meeting and August 22, 2012 special meeting.

President Griffin veered from the agenda to recognize Scott Angelle, Secretary of DNR. He is a candidate for the Public Service Commission which includes 13 parishes including Lafourche. What our generation of Americans need to focus on is a balance of energy, environment, and economy. The people in Washington don't get that as goes the energy industry of America so goes the economy. We need to get more access to domestic energy which the Port is dedicated in doing so we can fix things in America. He reminded the board that election is on November 6th and he will continue to work hard for the parish.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that Mike Hooks is on site and completed the dredging in Slip A and had started dredging in Slip C before the storm. They moved out during the storm and returned last week. They are dredging in Slip C and depositing the spoils in the mitigation area. Gisclair questioned at what point do they switch from depositing spoils in the mitigation area to the future development area, which Picciola replied that we require them to take the top part from 0 to -12 ft in mitigation area which is a more clay material then below -12 ft is more of a sand material for further development area along Slip C. Executive Director Chett Chiasson stated that the silt material is better for marsh creation with more nutrients for vegetative growth. Director of Operations Davie Breaux stated that approximately 600,000 yards will be pumped into the mitigation area and over 1 million yards in the development site. Engineer Joe Picciola reported that Byron Talbot is driving piles for crane pads on the Guidry Brothers Site Development project. They are complete with the majority of the site development work for now until all utilities are installed. They did pour concrete slabs for the water tank and sewage treatment foundation.

Airport Projects – Airport Manager Joe Wheeler reported that the Parallel Taxiway "A" South Paving project is substantially complete. The punch list items remaining are approximately 30 ft of pavement to finish the AWOS Road. The striping is nearing completion along with dressing up the sides. Full use of the runway is expected by Monday. Melancon questioned if the parallel taxiway will be operational on Monday, which Wheeler replied no. We still need to do the final inspection. The taxiway should be operational within the next 2 to 3 weeks. Vizier questioned if there are any plans to repair the Airport Road mainly the right side, which Chiasson replied that he has spoken to the Parish officials and they are discussing putting that in their next budget for road repairs. The portion of road from LA 308 to the bridge is Parish responsibility and from the bridge on is the responsibility of the Port. Vizier questioned why is it damaged more on one side, which Wheeler replied that is due to all the construction projects at the Airport and some LOOP construction with loaded trucks going to the Airport and leaving with empty trucks. Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the Airport Maintenance Shop is complete, the occupancy

permit has been received, and the maintenance crew has moved in. Limestone was placed around the shop. We are currently in the lien period waiting the certificate. Engineer John Plaisance reported that the Hangar & Foundation project is complete and the clear lien certificate/final retainage is up for approval today. There was some minor damage to the roof vent caps that the Port will repair.

Wheeler reported that the Glide Slope is being built off site. He did receive a call from DOTD Alan Taylor that stated they will fund the generators for the glide slope and localizer. Cheramie questioned if we still have the site in Golden Meadow, which Chiasson replied no. Wheeler stated that site was for the non-directional beacon which is an old school way of guiding in airplanes and is inactive now. Wheeler replied that we plan to have another meeting at the end of September for the Airport Master Plan Update. The discussion will be on planning future projects for the expansion of the airport. Wheeler reported that there were 1608 operations at the Airport for August with 678 fixed wing and 930 helicopters.

FEMA Projects – Engineer John Plaisance reported that the Bathhouse sustained some damages but the contractor is back on site as of today. Engineer Joe Picciola stated that the Beach Repair project will be surveyed next week to assess the damages from Isaac. Once this is done, the survey will be incorporated in the design plans and specs to proceed with bidding the project. Engineer Picciola reported that the contracts have been signed for the Debris Fence Repair and a preconstruction meeting will be scheduled soon.

Port Security and Grant Projects – Director of IT April Danos reported that the architect for the Multi-Agency EOC Building expects completion of the design drawings next week and this will be presented at the next committee meeting. Danos stated that the Waterside Radar Video Surveillance contracts are being negotiated and we hope to have this finalized in the next few weeks.

Other Port Projects – Engineer John Plaisance reported that the Nerby Collins Steel Bulkhead Repair project is currently on hold due to some equipment problems. There is a change order on the agenda for an increase of \$34,832.00 for additional work on the outfall ditch and extra sheets used to extend the bulkhead along the marina. Gisclair questioned the installment of the culvert with possible flap gates, which Breaux replied that we do plan to install a culvert but it has to be done at low tide. The option of putting flap gates on the culvert may cause more harm than good by high tides flooding the road. William Evans with URS updated the board on the Assumption of Maintenance Study. He stated that the Corps New Orleans District had not heard anything from headquarters regarding our letter. Chett will follow up with headquarters. Evans has spoken with Picciola & Associates in regards to the shoaling rates and it seems positive that we will have capacity in the existing permitted areas for the dredge materials. We will continue to wait on a response from headquarters. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that contracts for the Mooring Dolphins Phase 3 project have been sent to Dolphin Services for execution which we expect back next week. Dolphin is anxious to get the notice of award because of the steel roll in October. They have the pipe already on order.

Chiasson stated that the advertisement for proposals to lease property south of the Airport for hunting purposes will be published next week. The area is 266.8 acres with a minimum bid of \$40.00 per acre limited to only bow and shot gun since it is near the airport. The proposals will be opened on October 26th. Gisclair stated that all insurance regulations and requirements will be written in, which Chiasson replied yes.

Update on LA 1 project – Chiasson read Henri's report since he is in Washington today providing testimony to a Congressional Hearing and meeting with Homeland Security's Designee on the Federal Restoration Council. There were only minor damages to the elevated section where some signing was blown down by the storm, and no damage at any of three down ramps. Damage to LA 1 between Golden Meadow to Leeville was also minor damage by aggregate washed away adjacent to the asphaltic concrete shoulder. An estimated 500 CY of aggregate material had to be hauled in. Damage to LA 1 between Fourchon to Grand Isle included 21 locations where the asphaltic concrete roadway was washed away along with the shell embankment material underneath. Also, at many locations the asphalt was still in place but the shell embankment was washed away with approx. 2' to 4' of asphalt roadway still in place,

but with no support underneath. Approximately 13,500 CY of limestone aggregate were required and 523 SY of 12" asphaltic concrete patching. Henri was in contact with DOTD District 2 Administrator Mike Stack and the Houma Sub-District Engineers and provided them status information as it became available from the Port Commission and other sources. Update on the toll collections, as you know DOTD resumed toll collections yesterday. Tolls will be collected manually until the new ATPM is received from the manufacturer. The motoring public is asked to drive carefully around DOTD staff on the bridge, and have their toll payments ready to make this situation as efficient as possible.

Concerning Phase II of the LA 1 project, DOTD's Real Estate Section is working with the three remaining property owners on R/O/W agreements. Relative to design of Phase II, DOTD project management has been activated to help with bridge inspections and other storm related work. They anticipate getting back to work on reaching a refined scope of design for Phase II Segment C with the chosen design consultant HNTB sometime next week. They were able to get a critical meeting with the Corps of Engineers concerning the highway's crossing of the levee before the storm came, so certain CORPS/DOTD understandings relative to design have been finalized. Concerning construction funding for Phase II's Segment A, the request submitted in January to the Federal Highway Administration was not funded. We continue to work on funding opportunities at the state and federal level, most importantly now Restore Act funding. On other highway projects in the area, the contractor on the new Bayou Lafourche Lift-Span Bridge at Larose informed the state that estimated completion has been pushed back to late October. Vizier stated that DOTD did reopen the Larose Pontoon Bridge. Cherie requested that we look into LA 1 from Fourchon to Grand Isle because there is no shoulder there. If we can work with Grand Isle to possibly widen the shoulder and strengthen it. Chiasson replied that would need to be brought up to DOTD.

Update on Coastal Issues – Simone Maloz with Restore or Retreat (ROR) addressed the board. She stated that before the storm ROR made it their business to know everything we needed to know about the Restore Act and what the impacts to this area would be. She presented a summary to the board on how the money will be divided. There are 3 pots of money. The first pot is 35% going directly to the State subdivided and shared 70% to the State and 30% to the 20 coastal parishes. The second pot is 30% for State Impact which is subdivided and shared 40% for miles of shoreline oiled, 40% distance from explosion, and 20% for population. The third pot is 30% for the Federal Restoration Council. This involves the task force that was set up after the oil spill that is now being converted into a council to look at ecosystem and restoration all across the Gulf Coast.

Lafourche Parish figures, based on a settlement, could get \$5 to \$15 million directly and then of course the state and the federal council would have their share. All these monies are separate from the NRDA process or any other fines from the oil spill. We want to make sure we are getting the most in our area as it relates to impacts. The Port has an excellent opportunity to make its case as well for the Maritime Forest Ridge and the Lafourche shoreline that will always be a priority. ROR is working with the Parish closely to have a game plan because now it is not if that money will come it is when. There are a couple of different eligible ways that monies could get divided up besides restoration such as: infrastructure, levee protection, workforce development, tourism, and seafood promotion.

She then presented slides of impacts after the storm of the West Belle Pass Restoration Project which is a \$40 million CWPR project. Several feet of shoreline lost and sand fencing down. The bigger Caminada project to repair the shoreline is a \$70 million project and should not be delayed going out for bid this fall. Bayou Lafourche fared much better during Isaac than during Gustav. During Gustav there were 850 trees that went into the bayou contributing to problems with the drinking water. She stated that this storm there were only 50 trees that fell into the bayou. They were able to push some freshwater into the bayou using 3 pumps in Donaldsonville, unfortunately water levels rose in Donaldsonville by doing this but overall the Freshwater District did a great job handling this situation by providing fresh drinking water.

Gisclair questioned what figures are being used for the Restore Act the \$5 billion or \$21 billion, which Maloz responded that it depends on who you asks. This all depends on when they settle and the amount of the settlement. ROR had discussions with our Congressional Delegation and even they are on different sides so no one really knows now. What we do have is all the time to plan and make sure when the monies do come down we are ready to go. Louisiana is much better prepared than other states in particular Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes are ready to go by knowing their priorities. Gisclair stated that the money goes to the Parish, which Maloz replied yes some part goes directly to the Parish. Gisclair stated that it goes to the Parish Government then it funnels down to different projects from there. Maloz stated that this was all built into the legislation with very strict planning guidelines that you had to have a plan. Louisiana was the only state required to have a comprehensive land use plan for each parish which is documentation on how money will be spent.

Cheremie stated that during the oil spill we built some bulkheads on the beach side from Fourchon to Elmer's Island. Did they help out during this storm because I know it built up land before and now the landowners want to pull them out? Archie Chiasson with CZM replied that in some areas it did help however Breach#3 is now in the Gulf because we lost the sand material in front of it (Breach#1 is at Elmer's Island). Where the breaches were the structures held up with some natural forces and marsh behind them causing some breaches on the outer sides but the structures held up. The plan is to still pull them out within the next few weeks. Cheremie stated if it helped out why pull them out.

Hurricane Isaac – Chiasson commended the industry as a whole and our tenants and staff on the entire process of preparing for the storm, how we react during the storm, and how we come back to work after the storm. This business and local community really knows what do to and how to do it. The oil and gas industry get their people out of harm's way early. The weekend prior to the storm the oil industry was already evacuating their personnel which allows for the Port to work with the tenants to get them out of Port moving further inland. By Monday afternoon, all the tenants were locked up and ready to evacuate Fourchon. We try to keep them access to the Port as long as possible and this storm we did that and everyone was out before any major issues could took place. He thanked them for that and it is important to continue to work well with the industry and our tenants to remain safe. He then commended the Port staff they did an excellent job. We always had people around and they know what to do and don't need direction. The Harbor Police did a great job, our administration does a good job in preparing and coming in afterward, and our maintenance crew does an excellent job as well. Also would like to thank all of our elected officials locally, statewide and federal. They are always checking in on us making sure everything is okay.

Griffin questioned how fast did we get back into operation, which Chiasson replied that LA 1 was closed for 78 hours due to flooding which is our weak link and this is why it is critical for the second phase to be built. As soon as the water was down on Thursday afternoon August 30th, we were in Port assessing damages as well as several port tenant assessment teams checking facilities. By Friday morning at 6 AM, everyone was coming in Port and business was getting back to normal. The elevated highway is critically important for the Port and this industry and does lessen the amount of time it takes to get back into Port.

Griffin commended Mr. Kelly Bason for clearing the roadway from Grand Isle to Fourchon. Vizier questioned how much water was on A.O. Rappelet Road and how long did it stay, which Chiasson replied that we had about a 6½ ft storm surge. The majority of the Port is at a +6 ft elevation. The A.O. Rappelet Road center of the road is at +4½ ft elevation and we had about 2 ft of water above the roadway. The water rose up 2 ft and stayed there for about an hour or two then went down quickly. In regards to all Port Roads, the water remained for a total of 8 hours. It is interesting the way the hydrology is when it comes up in Golden Meadow near the floodgates because the water will stay higher for longer periods of time there rather than in Port. Vizier stated that if the new elevated road would be finished it would only take 12 hours to get back in Port, which Chiasson replied that every storm is different but yes it would be quicker. Cheremie stated so if we raised LA 1 by 3 ft we would be good, which Chiasson

replied for this storm but every storm is different. Cheramie said that he has been there for every storm and hurricane and if we would go up 3 to 4 ft on the highway we would be good. Melancon stated that he is there for every storm as well and Gustav would have been the exception. He stated that for his company in Leeville the elevated highway is very effective for them and would like to see it complete.

Chiasson then mentioned that there was a report of a whale washed up on Fourchon Beach. There was no whale on the beach however there was a whale on East Timbalier Island. The other report was washing up of new oil on the beach. This did not take place but there was uncovering of tar balls, which is the same thing that BP contractors has been doing all this time. Chiasson then went thru a slide presentation of photos of Hurricane Isaac which included LA 1 near Golden Meadow Floodgates, front commercial marina, beach, breakwaters, jetties, pavilion, Port roads, operation center and airport building damages, etc. He stated that we are working with FEMA to get some help in funding repairs. There is a FEMA kickoff meeting tomorrow which we will be attending to start the process.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The Committee met on August 22, 2012 at Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Larry Griffin, Wilbert Collins, Jimmy Lafont, and Perry Gisclair. They also met on September 10, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the bid from Rico Lefort in the amount of \$1,204.85 for the sale of the 2 Evinrude E-Tec 200 HP engines.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the 2012 AAPA Convention accredited delegate to be Chett Chiasson with alternate being Larry Griffin.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the request from Danos & Curole Marine Contractors "Danos" for a Right of First Refusal to lease 25.71 acres measuring 1400 LF of property along Slip C with a planned investment of \$46 million and the creation of 80 jobs.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously voted not to grant the Right of First Refusal to HOS Port, LLC for 2,071 LF along Slip C. Chiasson stated that he will call HOS Port for future development options however since we just approved the request from Danos there is no property ready for lease at this time. Gisclair stated that Danos' letter did come in before HOS Port and also included a plan with investment details.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the request from Nabors Offshore to lease a portion of Flotation Canal fairway measuring 1,000' x 200' for the storage of idle rigs with up to 3 rigs in the section. Chiasson stated that Nabors currently has a short term lease to stack rigs in Flotation Canal but are interested in having a set location. There will be terms in the agreement for either party to cancel the lease.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met on August 22, 2012 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Chuckie Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, Larry Griffin, and Perry Gisclair. They also met on September 10, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review the permit applications by Catherine Rogers, Doug Gremillion, Apache Corporation, and Castex Energy.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met on August 22, 2012 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, John Melancon, and Larry Griffin. They also met on September 10, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the lowest responsive bid from Onshore Materials in the amount of \$12.99 CY for River Sand for Intracoastal to Golden Meadow areas.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate from Pine Bluff for Slip B/Slip C Dredging project.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Mike Hooks an increase of \$42,733.60 for the Hydraulic Dredging of Slip A.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate from Picciola Construction for the Small Hangar & Foundation project.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 an increase of \$34,832.00 with 30 additional days from Kostmayer for the Nerby Collins Steel Bulkhead Repair project.

Finance Committee – The committee met on August 22, 2012 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Jimmy Guidry, Wilbert Collins, John Melancon and Larry Griffin. They also met on September 10, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with Jimmy Guidry absent.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the payment of August invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the August Financial Statement.

Upon motion by John Melancon to adopt the adjusted millage rate of 6.83 mills for the tax year 2012 which was second by Wilbert Collins, Melancon then read the resolution out loud. “Be it resolved, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2012 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Greater Lafourche Port Commission of 6.83 mills for Port operations, repairs, maintenance, and improvements; Be it further resolved that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2012, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.” Chiasson stated that this is a decrease from 6.84 mills to 6.83 mills. Lafont questioned previous mills and if we can roll forward in future years, which Chiasson replied yes. President Griffin called for any public comment after none the board then had a roll call vote which resulted in 8 yeas by Cheramie, Gisclair, Lafont, Vizier, Collins, Griffin, Melancon, and Bruce with one absent by Guidry.

Melancon presented for the board’s consideration approving insurance renewal. Director of Finance James Rome presented the details to the board of the September 25th insurance renewals with our agent AON represented by Mr. Jim Lawler. The premium for the year 2012 – 2013 is \$366,197.90 which is half % lower than last year’s premium. There are 2 changes in providers which are: 1) Auto provider was QBE last year premium was \$58,165 and they proposed a 10% increase to \$63,814 so AON brought in another quote that includes emergency vehicles from Travelers Insurance at \$55,104 which is 5½% reduction from last year; and 2) Maritime Employers Liability (MEL) provider was Lloyds of London and they decided not to write that line anymore so AON received quotes and went with Great American for \$9,500.00 which is an 11% increase and because of our relation with the TTClub they proposed adding that into the umbrella of general liability, P&I, and hull coverage. The TTClub was willing to do that because they are covering the same exposure and their premium was only \$5,250.00 which is a 45% decrease from the next quote. Upon motion by Wilbert Collins to approve the insurance renewal with AON, which was second by Ervin Bruce, the floor was open for discussion. Lafont stated that we are on our 3rd year with AON and the premium total of all 3 years combined is roughly \$1 million. Lafont stated that our payout in the last 3 years comes to about \$36,000. He stated that at the last meeting he questioned the AON agent who said he works hard for the Port, but it’s Chiasson and our staff that needs to be commended because we have no claims. He stated Mr. Rome is doing a good job staying on top of it but if our contract is done with AON we may need get their attention and deal with somebody else. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas.

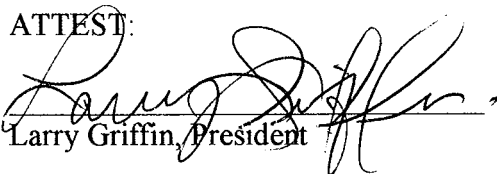
Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel request from Brent Constransitch and Tait Lafont to attend the Commercial Vessel Boarding Training in South Carolina on September 23rd.

President Griffin opened for any other business. Lafont stated that he received a letter from Congressman Jeff Landry in which he read, "The Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) of 2006 made improvements, providing us 37.5% of offshore royalties. Unfortunately, that bill included a cap on the money given to Gulf States at \$500 million per year." Lafont stated that it seems like before getting any money they are already cutting from us. He then continued with the letter, "Since taking office, I have fought to increase this cap. I have twice passed through the House of Representatives an amendment that would raise the cap to \$750 million, eventually giving Louisiana \$2 billion more in revenues from our energy production. As you know, our Louisiana Constitution requires that we spend those funds on coastal restoration and hurricane protection. My efforts would lead to more funds for our coast and a fairer shake for our state. I'm adding that language to every relevant bill, and I won't stop until it's signed into law. We desperately need these funds, and I hope to have your support in this fight." Lafont stated this is a chance to get our money. We can't take it for granted we need to make a move. We thank him for sending us this letter and we will see what we can do to support this effort.

President Griffin opened for any public comment. Chris Gaudet announced his candidacy for Port Commission Seat C.

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

ATTEST:


Larry Griffin, President


Wilbert Collins, Secretary