

Greater Lafourche Port Commission

AGENDA

June 20, 2013 at 10:30 AM

Administration Building 16829 East Main, Galliano, LA

(Revised: June 19, 2013 at 10:20 AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for May 8, 2013 regular meeting and May 22, 2013 special meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion**
 - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C Bulkhead (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 - 2. Adam "Ted" Gisclair Road – Phase III (Picciola & Associates)
 - B. Airport Projects**
 - 1. Glide Slope (LPA/Baker)
 - 2. ODALS – Omni-Directional Approach Lighting System (LPA/Baker)
 - 3. Airport Master Plan Update (LPA/Baker)
 - C. FEMA Projects**
 - 1. Beach Repair Project (Picciola & Associates)
 - D. Port Security and Grant Projects**
 - 1. Multi-Agency Emergency Response/Operations Building (2009)
 - 2. Waterside Radar Video Surveillance Project (2009)
 - E. Other Port Projects**
 - 1. Assumption of Maintenance Study (URS)
 - 2. Storm Harbor Marina (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 - F. Update on LA 1 Projects**
 - G. Update on Legislative Issues**
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the request from Bollinger for a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement regarding Ports of Louisiana Tax Credit
 - 2. Consider approving the request from DANOS to transfer Right of First Refusal to site GLF628
 - 3. Consider approving the request from Schlumberger to lease site GLF626
 - 4. Consider approving the advertisement for yearly surplus equipment sale
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1. Consider approving quotes for the removal of the sunken vessel Mr. Fox
 - 2. Review permit applications by TANA Exploration Company, Shell Pipeline Company, Tennessee Gas Pipeline, Jules Melancon, LOOP, Hilcorp Energy Company
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the DOTD resolution to advertise Northern Expansion Slip C Bulkhead
 - 2. Consider approving the advertisement for the Adam "Ted" Gisclair Road – Phase III (Asphalt)
 - 3. Consider approving the Right of Way agreement with LOOP for the AWOS Relocation
 - 4. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from American Integration Contractors for the Waterside Radar project
 - 5. Consider accepting the Clear Lien Certificate from Dolphin Services for the Mooring Dolphin project
 - 6. Consider approving the Shell Pipeline Right of Way Agreement for Slip C Access Road
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of May invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Consider approving the January to May 2013 Financial Statements
 - 3. Consider approving the out of state travel requests
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Possible Executive Session:
 - A. Discuss the "*In Re: Oil Spill By "Deepwater Horizon" Local Government Entity Short Form*" Eastern District of Louisiana Civil Action Nos. 10-md-2179, 10-9999 and 10-2771
 - B. Discuss pending litigation defined as "*Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. Fouchon Seafood, Suit No.115300 in Division B of the 17th JDC-Parish of Lafourche*"
 - C. Discuss the pending litigation defined as "*Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. Gator Rentals, Suit 122946 in Division B of the 17th JDC-Parish of Lafourche*"
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
June 20, 2013

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 10:30 AM at the Administration Building 16829 East Main Street, Galliano, LA.

President Gisclair called the meeting to order and Secretary Cheramie called roll.

ATTENDED: Chuckie Cheramie, Perry Gisclair, Kris Gaudet, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, John Melancon Jr., Ervin Bruce, and Jimmy Guidry

ABSENT: Donald Vizier

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved the minutes for May 8, 2013 regular meeting and May 22, 2013 special meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer John Plaisance reported that the plans for Slip C Bulkhead are complete. He is now adding the few comments from the Port staff. This project will be 1400 LF of bulkhead on the west side of Slip C along with an alternate to build 1200 LF of bulkhead on the east side. Once the plans are finalized, they will be submitted for DOTD's approval and plan to advertise in July. Gisclair stated that this will be the first undertaking on Slip C. Director Chett Chiasson stated that the work will be further down the slip because the tenants on the northern part plan to build their own bulkhead. He stated that Chouest has the first 2000', Harvey Gulf has the next 1900', then we will build 1400', south of our project Bollinger has the back side of the slip of 2100', and finally on the east side we plan to construct the alternate of 1200'. This leaves approximately 4500' of waterfront property in Slip C that would be available for lease or right of first refusal.

Engineer Joe Picciola stated that the plans and specs for the Adam "Ted" Gisclair Road – Phase III are complete and have been sent to EDA for approval. He stated that EDA approved the project and it is ready to be advertised.

Airport Projects – Airport Manager Joe Wheeler reported that the LOOP Right of Way agreement is later on the agenda for approval. The Glide Slope bid opening is set for June 26th. Wheeler reported that the ODALS – Omni-Directional Approach Lighting System bid opening is set for June 25th however it may change since we are waiting on the design criteria for crossing the levee. Wheeler reported that FAA approved the Airport Master Plan Update. The plans were received last week and sent to FAA for signatures. This project should be complete in a month. Wheeler reported that there were 1952 aircraft operations for the month of May.

FEMA Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that Hamp's Construction is on site for the Beach Repair Project. They have started filling the geotubes on the western end. They are slow bringing in the sand so we plan to meet with them next week to discuss their progress. They did have some problems at first filling the geotubes so we are working with Hamp's to resolve the issues with a proposed fix. Chiasson reported that some preliminary work is taking place for the State's Caminada Headland project. The contractor will start dredging the area along the east jetty where they will bring in the hopper barges.

Port Security and Grant Projects – Davie Breaux reported that Lincoln Builders has completed the blocks for the exterior walls, roof framing and deck for the Multi-Agency EOC. They are now working on the interior walls and mechanical. They are progressing well. April Danos reported that the substantial completion certificate for the Waterside Radar Video Surveillance project is later on the agenda for board's approval. Chiasson stated that we are currently working on submitting the application for the new round of Port Security grants which we will discuss the projects at the next meeting.

Other Port Projects – Chiasson stated that URS has finalized the Assumption of Maintenance report which has been submitted to the Corps district office and headquarters for review. Chiasson will be setting up meetings with the Corps in the next few months. Chiasson stated that we plan to meet next Tuesday to discuss how to move forward on the Storm Harbor Marina project. Engineer Plaisance stated that the Corps has issues with the planned location of the marina being close to the floodgates. With the Corps' comments on the initial plan it would increase the cost of the project so we will meet to come up with a Plan B.

Update on LA 1 Projects – Henri Boulet reported that with the beginning of Hurricane Season upon us, the Coalition hosted a highway vulnerability awareness function in Washington DC to remind agency stakeholders of the \$300 million need to complete the elevated highway system. We had an exceptional turnout for the event with staff from Louisiana's Congressional Offices, key committee staffers, and Senior Governmental Affairs Representatives of some of our members. Relative to a financial provision, the LA 1 Coalition worked on last summer in the federal transportation bill which would allow us to refinance much of the construction bonds. We are hoping to hear a final decision on the exact amount to be refinanced within a month. The new US Secretary of Transportation is now reviewing the staff's recommendation.

On the Leeville Bridge's 90° turn south of the toll gantry, DOTD's District office reports that the water-filled crash barriers are being replaced at this time. They are putting more of those devices on order for future use. Relative to toll operations, last week DOTD started 24/7 toll booth coverage for the summer months. In the month of May, 340 toll tags were sold with an additional 156 awarded to qualified applicants through the toll tag promotion. Qualified applicants need to provide a driver's license, an email address, and a minimum of \$30 to place on their new account to qualify for the complimentary \$12 sticker tag through the promotion. This is great news for the tolling operations because that means just last month, 500 cars started using the fast toll tag lane that formerly used the cash lane. The lane widening project that extends the lane capacity for those going through the cash lane is now complete. This was a huge expenditure for LA DOTD and I would like to publicly thank them for the continued investments in our system.

Updating you on Phase II, LA DOTD held a project kickoff meeting with the design consultant, HNTB Corporation on May 13th. Boulet is pleased that \$40 million of Priority 5 Capital Outlay funds remained intact in the Capital Outlay Bill throughout many amendments to the bill. The Coalition will be requesting some of these funds be reclassified to another priority to coincide with the earliest possible construction once Phase II Segment C plans are complete. There would be additional steps we will have to go through with the state's bond commission before a construction line of credit can be issued. In addition to the three new members of the LA 1 Coalition reported last month, the Coalition has four more new members: Crosby Tugs, ExxonMobil, MidSouth Bank, and Nexen Petroleum USA have joined this initiative. On other highway work in the area, the letting date for the LA 1 enhancements from Port Fourchon to the Jefferson/Lafourche line is 8/14/2013.

Lastly and importantly, relative to future protection of LA 1 and LA 308 north of the Intracoastal Canal, I wanted to inform you in case you were not aware that in the USACE Report approving the Morganza to the Gulf Levee System, a revised alignment calls for a floodgate on the Intracoastal Canal east of North American Shipyard, and a levee that heads from that floodgate behind Larose and Valentine on the Hwy 308 side to behind Lockport. While this will certainly be years in the making, this will help minimize future storm surge inundation up the Bayou Lafourche Corridor for both highways for close to ten miles.

Collins questioned if all the permits have been received for Phase II, which Boulet replied yes they are all secured. The permits may need to be updated if construction does not start in time, however, DOTD did bring in the initial environmental consultant that did the permits so everything is in line if we can get the \$320 million we could go to bid tomorrow. Chiasson stated that he was on KLRZ this week and a caller suggested putting message board on the geauxpass lane similar to other toll lanes to notify customers if there is a problem with your credit card and pass. Some type of notice to check account.

Boulet stated that he will contact Rhetta Deselle to if they would consider putting out that equipment. Gaudet questioned if DOTD plans to improve the lighting on the bridge, which Boulet replied that the initial installation of the lights was a cooperative agreement between DOTD and Lafourche Parish Government (LPG). DOTD installed the lights and then LPG would maintain and pay electric bills. So if lights are out the process is to contact the LPG Director of Public Works who then activates the contractor to do any repairs. Gaudet questioned if they plan to put more lighting, which Boulet replied that would have to be discussed with DOTD but it would probably result in the same agreement with the Parish to maintain. Boulet stated that they are starting to discuss the lighting for the next phase. Cheramie stated that there are no lights on the bridge at all. Boulet stated that it was never intended to light the entire bridge. The lights are only placed at the different intersections. Boulet said that he will check on the lights with the Parish if some are out. Cheramie stated that he thinks they should put lights on the whole bridge because if it wasn't for us you wouldn't have collected the money for the bridge. Cheramie then questioned why it is taking so long for DOTD to fix the shoulder from Fourchon to Grand Isle because it is unsafe in that area with no shoulder. Boulet stated that he was not sure why it was pushed back. Cheramie stated that it needs to be checked on because it is unsafe and with all the people going to Grand Isle this summer it is dangerous. Boulet replied that he will get with Desselle to see if they can up the bid date.

Update on Legislative Issues – Chiasson thanked our legislative delegation Representative Gisclair and Senator Chabert on their hard work for our community and the Port this session. Senator Chabert worked on the Port Infrastructure Tax Credit that passed the House and Senate that allows for private investments in public ports. He stated that we will have our first application that should be approved later this year for a large project in Fourchon. He stated the Representative Gisclair also worked on the same tax credit but Chabert's bill had more in it. We were able to get Capital Outlay funds of \$1.4 million for the N.J. Theriot Road project in Priority 5 funding supported by Senator Chabert. This doesn't mean the money is ready now but it is on the books and we can build the project then get reimbursement at a later date. This road project also has \$1.4 million from EDA then the rest will be funded by the port. Chiasson stated that also Senator Chabert worked on the Leeville Boat Launch getting funds of \$500,000 for a pavilion and a pier. The Port also approved \$200,000 for the launch. The bill for the transfer of property for this boat launch was written by Representative Gisclair which was passed thru the House and Senate and approved, so now the Parish is working on the transfer from the State to the Parish. The Leeville Fishing Village State Commission was created from a bill by Senator Chabert. Lastly, the South Lafourche levee system was awarded \$12 million in Capital Outlay funds from a bill by Senator Chabert. They will be receiving \$7 million in Priority 1 which is cash now and \$5 million in Priority 5 which will come later. Chiasson stated that both legislative delegations worked hard for our community and the Port which is worth a public thanks for that. Griffin questioned if our contribution of \$200,000 was acknowledged in the article, which Chiasson replied no but it was corrected.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The Committee met on May 22, 2013 at the Operation Center in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Gisclair, Griffin, Cheramie, and Melancon. The committee also met on June 17, 2013 at the Administrative Building in Galliano with all members present.

Upon motion by Cheramie and second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Bollinger Fourchon, LLC for a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in regards to the Ports of Louisiana Tax Credit program.

Upon motion by Collins and second by Gaudet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Danos & Curole Marine Contractors to transfer their Right of First Refusal from Site GLF626 to site GLF628 on the east side of Slip C in Port.

Upon motion by Guidry and second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Schlumberger Technology Corp to lease site GLF626 on the west side of Slip C in Port Fourchon.

Upon motion by Collins and second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the advertisement for yearly surplus equipment sale.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met on May 22, 2013 at the Operations Center in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Cheramie, Collins, Griffin, and Gisclair. The committee also met on June 17, 2013 at the Administrative Building in Galliano with all members present.

Upon motion by Cheramie and second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the quote of \$9,040 from SBL Construction for the removal and proper disposal of the sunken vessel Mr. Fox located in Bayou Lafourche in Golden Meadow. Chiasson stated that we sent the proposal to several contractors however only received one quote.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review permit applications from TANA Exploration Company, Shell Pipeline Company, Tennessee Gas Pipeline, Jules Melancon, LOOP, and Hilcorp Energy Company.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met on May 22, 2013 at the Operations Center in Fourchon. Present was Griffin, Gisclair, and Vizier with Bruce absent. The committee also met on June 17, 2013 at the Administrative Building in Galliano with Vizier absent.

Upon motion by Bruce and second by Collins, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted the DOTD Resolution to advertise the Northern Expansion Slip C Bulkhead project.

Upon motion by Gaudet and second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved advertising for the Adam "Ted" Gisclair Road – Phase III (Asphalt).

Upon motion by Bruce and second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Right of Way agreement with LOOP for the Glide Slope/AWOS Relocation.

Upon motion by Melancon and second by Collins, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated May 28, 2013 from American Integration Contractors for the Waterside Radar project.

Upon motion by Cheramie and second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate from Dolphin Services for the Mooring Dolphin project.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration approving the Shell Pipeline Right of Way Agreement for Slip C Access Road. Chiasson stated that no action needs to be taken at this time we need to have further discussion with Shell regarding the responsible party if there are pipeline damages or repairs needed.

Finance Committee - The committee met on May 22, 2013 at the Operations Center in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Melancon, Guidry, Gaudet, and Gisclair. The committee also met on June 17, 2013 at the Administrative Building in Galliano with Guidry absent.

Upon motion by Melancon and second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of May invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000.

Upon motion by Melancon and second by Gaudet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the January to May 2013 Financial Statements.

Upon motion by Melancon and second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Jon Callais and April Danos to attend the AAPA Port Security Seminar in Maryland on July 16th and Chett Chiasson to attend the Congressional Delegation and agency meetings in Washington, DC on July 29th.

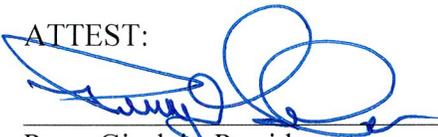
President Gisclair recognized member Gaudet to report on the AAPA Commissioners Seminar he attended in Florida a few weeks ago. Gaudet stated that they covered a variety of topics such as board management relations, legal and liability issues, public meeting laws, executive sessions, asset and property management, and cargo markets. We also had the opportunity to tour the hosting port and share ideas, experiences, and legislative issues. He stated that overall it was a good seminar and he did take away a great insight to the topics that could benefit the board. Breaux informed the public that the Golden Meadow – Fourchon International Tarpon Rodeo will be held July 4th, 5th, & 6th. He stated this is a non-profit organization that provides college scholarships for students at South Lafourche High School along

with assisting student fund raisers. Melancon questioned the admiral, which Breaux replied that it is Brent Bankston.

Upon motion by Cheramie and second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved entering into the executive session to discuss (1) the *"In Re: Oil Spill By Deepwater Horizon" Local Government Entity Short Form* Eastern District of Louisiana Civil Action Nos. 10-md-2179, 10-9999 and 10-2771; (2) the pending litigation defined as *"Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. Fourchon Seafood, Suit No.115300 in Division B of the 17th JDC-Parish of Lafourche;* and (3) the pending litigation defined as *"Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. Gator Equipment Rentals, Suit 122946 in Division B of the 17th JDC-Parish of Lafourche.* The roll call vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 absent by Vizier. The board returned to the meeting with one item to take action on. Upon motion by Kris Gaudet and second by Larry Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the settlement of \$2,625.00 with Gator Equipment Rentals, Suit 122946 for the Fourchon Bridge property damage.

Upon motion by Cheramie and second by Collins, the board unanimously adjourned the board meeting.

ATTEST:



Perry Gisclair, President



Harris "Chuckie" Cheramie Jr., Secretary