

Greater Lafourche Port Commission

AGENDA

October 8, 2014 at 10:30 AM

Administration Building · 16829 East Main St · Galliano, LA

(Posted: October 1, 2014 at 3:00 PM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for September 10, 2014 regular meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion**
 - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C Bulkhead (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 - 2. Northern Expansion Slip C Sweep Dredge (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 - B. Airport Projects**
 - 1. Glide Slope (LPA/Baker)
 - 2. Apron Expansion (LPA/Baker)
 - 3. Pump Station – Pipe Replacement (Angelette-Picciola)
 - C. Port Security and Grant Projects**
 - 1. Cybersecurity and Resiliency (2013)
 - 2. Airport Cameras
 - D. Other Port Projects**
 - 1. Assumption of Maintenance Study (URS)
 - 2. Storm Harbor Marina (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 - 3. N. J. Theriot Road Elevation & Improvements (Angelette-Picciola)
 - 4. Nerby Collins Commercial Marina Bulkhead (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 - 5. Leeville Public Boat Launch
 - E. Update on LA 1 Projects**
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee**
 - 1. Consider approving the request from Adriatic Marine, LLC to lease Mooring Dolphins #3 and #4 in Bayou Lafourche
 - 2. Consider approving the Amendment of Lease with Bollinger Fourchon for site GLF627 to accommodate access road
 - 3. Consider approving the Amendment of Lease with Expert Riser for site GLF414 to accommodate access road
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee**
 - 1. Review permit applications from Harvey Gulf International Marine, LLC and TANA Exploration
 - C. Construction & Development Committee**
 - 1. Consider approving the DOTD Resolution for the Aviation Priority Program for Capital Improvements
 - 2. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for the Airport Camera project
 - D. Finance Committee**
 - 1. Consider approving payment of September invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Consider approving September 2014 financial statements
 - 3. Consider approving the out of state travel request
- VII. Any other business - None
- VIII. Public Comment – None
- IX. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
October 8, 2014

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 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, Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, John Melancon Jr., Jimmy Guidry, and Ervin Bruce

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Melancon and second by Bruce, the board unanimously approved the minutes for September 10, 2014 regular meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion Projects - Engineer John Plaisance reported that the contractor for Slip C West Bulkhead has made progress over the last month. All tie rods are installed and we are ready to start dredging. The remaining work on the west side is to install the aggregate, timber cap, and bumper pipe. He reported that the contractor has installed 600' of steel sheet piles on the East Bulkhead. Engineer John Plaisance reported that the bid opening is scheduled for October 14th for the Sweep Dredge of the West Bulkhead along Slip C.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported that we are still waiting to receive all the permits for the Glide Slope project. FAA is involved and will assist us in getting the permit finalized. The Apron Expansion contractor Byron E. Talbot is set to begin October 13th. The Pump Station project preconstruction meeting was held. The contractor is ordering material and should start installing in November. Gisclair questioned what needs to be done with the Glide Slope project, which Breaux replied the issue is a parish permit. The engineer was following FAA guidelines regarding elevations and height restrictions to install this equipment in close proximity to the runway. They are having issues with the parish permit because of the base flood elevation for the electrical that needs to be above a certain elevation whereas FAA states you can't have equipment at a high elevation on the side of a runway. Gisclair questioned if we waterproof the building would it be acceptable, which Breaux replied that is an option if the parish is okay with us doing that. Gisclair stated that are we going to do what needs to be done and have recourse on either the engineer or contractor of the wrong doing, which Breaux replied yes if we have to make those changes the additional cost would go to either the engineer or contractor not following the specifications. Gisclair questioned if this affects the planes not getting information, which Breaux replied that this is a new piece of equipment that has not be activated yet. This is the final piece to the instrument landing system. Executive Director Chett Chiasson stated that until we get this up and running there are things that the planes could be utilizing that is not operating now.

Port Security and Grant Projects – April Danos reported that the equipment has been ordered for the Cybersecurity and Resiliency project. We opened bids on Friday, October 3rd for the equipment for the Airport Cameras. It was a per line item bid similar to the construction material bids. We recommend approval of the lowest responsive bids per line item from Mid-South Technologies, American Integration Contractors, and Expert Technology. There will be an additional \$20,000 to \$25,000 of labor cost to install.

Other Port Projects – William Evans with URS reported on the Assumption of Maintenance Study. The port staff is in discussions with US Risk to acquire the environmental data needed for the permit. As soon as URS gets word that the data has been submitted and we receive resolution from that agency, we

can move forward. Engineer John Plaisance reported that the contractor has made substantial progress over the last month for the Storm Harbor Marina project. All the piles have been driven. They are constructing the wharves. The contractor is behind schedule. The remaining items to be completed are installing the mats and installing aggregate for the parking area. We are pushing them to be finished by the November meeting. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the bid opening for the N. J. Theriot Road Elevation & Improvements project is scheduled for October 14th. Once received, we will forward to EDA and the State for approval to award hopefully by the November 20th meeting we can move forward and issue contracts. Chiasson stated that the pre-bid meeting was held yesterday and there were several contractors in attendance. Engineer John Plaisance reported on the replacement of the back timber bulkhead at the Nerby Collins Commercial Marina with a PVC bulkhead. The plans and specs should be complete by the end of this month. We expect to go out for bid before the end of the year. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Leeville Public Boat Launch. The contractor completed the wharves on the west side and the dredging. They are pulling out the steel coffer dam. They continue to bring in aggregate and should be finish with aggregate next week. The contractor is working on the kayak launch area and wharves on the east side. We expect completion by the end of this month. Vizier questioned the rules for the Storm Harbor Marina if the public will be able to tie up only during storms, which Chiasson replied yes it is the Emergency Storm Harbor Marina. It will be on a first come first serve basis only for commercial fishermen. The grant was written for an Emergency Storm Harbor Marina for commercial fishing vessels due to what happened during Hurricane Katrina in Plaquemines Parish with all the fishing vessels all over the roads. Only during storms, vessels will be allowed to dock at the marina at a first come first serve basis.

Chiasson stated that we are in the process of discussing with users of the Port and federal agencies such as USCG and NOAA regarding offshore anchorage. We are moving forward with a meeting scheduled on October 21st to meet with BOEM and BSEE regarding available offshore blocks. We will keep the public and Port users updated throughout the process. Griffin questioned if it will be buoys to tie onto or drop anchor, which Chiasson replied it will be an area to drop anchor.

Update on LA 1 Projects - Henri Boulet reported that DOTD continues to be on schedule with final design of Segment C of the LA 1 Project with an estimated construction letting date in August/September 2015. DOTD recently completed the value engineering study on all of Phase II, which yielded over 30 design suggestions for DOTD to consider implementing in design and construction. The most significant and potentially multi-million cost-saving measures suggested was measures to reduce the cost of the estimated 500,000 feet of support pilings the project will require. These are very expensive piling, and currently only 1 company in Louisiana and 1 company in Mississippi can produce them. DOTD is looking at several measures they could insert into construction bid requirements to gain savings on this item and many more.

LA 1 and the LA 1 Improvement Project were positively cited by the U.S. Government Accounting Office for their criticality to the nation and the project's resilient design measures in testimony before the United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs. The hearing this spring focused on extreme weather events, limiting federal fiscal exposure and increasing the nation's resilience. The LA 1 Coalition's Board of Directors met with our Congressman and House Majority Whip Steve Scalise earlier this week to seek his support in our funding strategy to achieve construction of all three segments of Phase II. That strategy involves funds from two future funding sources including Outer Continental Shelf Revenue Sharing monies and RESTORE Act dollars, both of which funding amounts to our state are still not fully determined, but both of which we feel can contribute to the completion of elevated LA 1. The Coalition has submitted public comment to the state encouraging the state's on-going structural work on bridges on LA 1 between Port Fourchon and Grand Isle. As well, the Coalition submitted public comments to the U.S. Department of the Interior encouraging the department to look at opening additional areas of the nation's Outer Continental Shelf for energy exploration and production within the departments upcoming 2017-2022 five year plan.

Gisclair questioned if it will not be supported with cement piles what with, which Boulet replied that it will have to be cement piles. They are just looking at what they can cut back per square feet for the estimated 500,000 feet of pilings. It may involve transportation cost for these piles are made with certain pressures and cement mix to avoid salt water getting to the rebar. Gisclair stated to do that it would seem that it is over designed now and if you cut back to a minimum requirement it may jeopardize the structure. Boulet stated that the engineer has to meet a certain load limit that passes on the structure. They are not looking at smaller piles but trying to get it transported at a cheaper cost.

Chiasson recognized candidates in audience. Wendy Thibodaux announced her candidacy for Lafourche Parish Assessor. She stated that she is currently serving as Lafourche Parish Assessor and has 17 years of experience, 350 credited hours of education and training through International Association of Assessing Offices, and a four time certified LA Deputy Assessor. She asked for the board's support and vote on November 4th. As the current assessor, she reported on some good news with the preliminary figures for the 2014 tax roll. Last year, the total taxes collected parish wide is \$112 million. This year she is anticipating \$124 million, a \$12 million increase. \$7.8 million of that increase comes from watercraft alone which is significant. \$1.2 million comes from oil and gas wells with the difference coming from oil and gas industries. An interesting figure is the aircraft. During 2006 to 2012, aircraft only generated \$4 to \$5 million. In 2013, aircraft generated \$2 million in taxes and in 2014 it will generate \$3 million in taxes. This is significant and the figures do not include the Chevron facility. What this means for the Port, last year the advalorem budget was \$3.9 million and this year it will increase to \$4.5 million. Keep up the good work.

John J. Erny III addressed the board and announced his candidacy for District Court Judge. He stated that he is a lifelong resident, practicing attorney since 1988, practicing attorney in all of the state courts in Louisiana and federal courts, licensed up to U.S. Supreme Court, ABA attorney with highest rating for legal and managerial skills. He asked for the board's support and vote on November 4th.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met on September 24th in Fourchon. Present was Gisclair, Cheramie, Melancon, and Griffin. They also met on October 6th in Galliano with Gisclair absent.

Upon motion by Melancon and second by Collins, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Adriatic Marine, LLC to lease Mooring Dolphins #3 and #4 in Bayou Lafourche.

Upon motion by Cheramie and second by Gaudet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Amendment of Lease with Bollinger Fourchon for site GLF627 to reduce property footprint to accommodate access road.

Upon motion by Griffin and second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Amendment of Lease with Expert Riser for site GLF414 to reduce property footprint to accommodate access road.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met on September 24th in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Cheramie, Gisclair, Griffin with Collins absent. They also met on October 6th in Galliano with Gisclair and Collins absent.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review permit applications from Harvey Gulf International Marine, LLC and TANA Exploration. Chiasson stated that the TANA permit plans to utilize the Public Boat Launch for vessels however there is no commercial use at the launch. We will respond that they need to find an alternate location to launch vessels for this work.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met on September 24th in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Bruce, Gisclair, Griffin, with Vizier absent. They also met on October 6th in Galliano with Gisclair absent.

Upon motion by Bruce and second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the DOTD Resolution for the Aviation Priority Program for Capital Improvements Program.

Upon motion by Collins and second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously awarded the low bid line items from Expert Technology, Mid-South Technologies, and American Integration Contractors for the Airport Camera project.

Finance Committee - The committee met on September 24th in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Melancon, Gisclair, Gaudet with Guidry absent. They also met on October 6th in Galliano with Gisclair absent.

Upon motion by Melancon and second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the payment of September invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 totaling \$3,533,644.27.

Upon motion by Melancon and second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the September 2014 financial statements.

Upon motion by Melancon and second by Collins, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel request from Chett Chiasson and Kris Gaudet to attend Congressional Meetings and Louisiana Alive Event in Washington, DC on January 20th.

President Gisclair opened the floor for any other business. Cheramie stated that he attended a meeting with Entergy to question why they are not putting culverts in the canal from Golden Meadow to Fourchon. He stated that Entergy did not have to put culverts since the Water District did not consider it a canal since water can go in and out. Cheramie also asked about the water flow, which Entergy stated that they will be contacting the Port's director regarding the busted waterline. He then stated that on Monday they did a fish kill at the end of the canal which killed all the minas for the fisherman in Leeville.

Chiasson reported on the changes to November meetings. Committee Meeting will be Thursday, November 6th at 6:00 pm and Board Meeting on Friday, November 7th at 10:30 am. During the November 7th board meeting, Dr. Loren Scott will attend to present the Economic Impact Study update as part of our master plan. The following Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, November 20th at 10:30 am at the Galliano Administration Building mainly to discuss the budget.

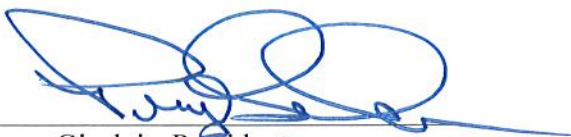
Gaudet stated that in regards to the budget by looking at our revenues we are almost spot on with what was budgeted for in the past 9 months. In looking at our expenditures, we are way ahead even with the \$3 million of construction we are still \$600,000 ahead on expenses so good job.

Vizier stated that with the last 2 dolphins being leased do we have plans to build more in the future, which Chiasson replied yes. Chiasson stated that we plan to build more in Bayou Lafourche and Flotation Canal. The design is being finalized. Breaux stated that we are looking at 6 dolphins in Bayou Lafourche and 18 in Flotation Canal. The issue we have is where the rigs are being moored in Flotation Canal however they are aware that the rigs will need to be moved. Collins questioned if the rigs are paying rent, which Chiasson replied yes.

Gisclair opened the floor for public comment. Gisclair reported on the group Best of Lafourche 40 Best under 40 future leaders of the Parish initiated by Leadership Lafourche, Lafourche Chamber of Commerce, and Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce. He then recognized and congratulated Chett Chiasson and Joni Tuck for being part of this chosen group. He then reminded the public that October is breast cancer awareness month.

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

ATTEST:



Perry Gisclair, President



Harris "Chuekie" Cheramie, Jr., Secretary