

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 at 10:30 AM
Operations Center 108 A.O. Rappelet Road, Port Fourchon, LA
(Posted: September 18, 2015 at 2:35 PM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Nominations and roll call election to fill vacancy in Seat D
- V. Consider issuing a proclamation ordering a special election to fill vacancy in Seat D, setting dates for
primary and general election, and qualifying periods for same
- VI. Any other business
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
September 23, 2015

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in special session on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 10:30 AM at the Operations Center 108 A.O. Rappelet Road, Port Fourchon, LA.

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

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

ABSENT: Wilbert Collins and Donald Vizier

President Gisclair opened the floor for nominations to fill vacancy in Seat D. Gaudet nominated Roy Kiffe, Griffin nominated Jimmy Lafont, Guidry nominated Roland Guidry, and Gisclair nominated Ted Savoie. The nominations were closed. The roll call ballot election followed: Cheramie voted J. Lafont, Gaudet voted R. Kiffe, Griffin voted J. Lafont, Melancon voted R. Kiffe, Guidry voted R. Guidry, Bruce voted T. Savoie, and Gisclair voted T. Savoie.

President Gisclair requested that Bryce Autin explain the nomination process and rules. Autin stated that there is no guidance under our bylaws or state law on how to handle nominations. Our bylaws refer to Robert's Rules of Order which state you can open and close nominations without a motion and you do not need a second to nominate someone. The election portion states in our bylaws that it will be handled by a roll call ballot and you need a majority of the full board. We will need 5 votes for one candidate to appoint. Under Robert's Rules, you can vote over and over until you get a majority or you can stop at some point return to the agenda and come back to the election at a later date. Under state law, this vacancy is required to be filled within 20 days therefore our deadline is October 5th. If we do not appoint someone by then, the Governor will appoint someone to fill the vacancy. In the event that we do not appoint someone today, we still need to issue the proclamation to set the election dates. Gisclair stated that he would not like to see the Governor appoint someone. Autin also stated that the President is not required to vote only required when there is a tie, but once he votes he cannot change his vote. Gisclair voted for T. Savoie.

Cheramie then continued with the second roll call ballot election as follows: Cheramie voted J. Lafont, Gaudet voted T. Savoie, Griffin voted J. Lafont, Melancon voted T. Savoie, Guidry voted T. Savoie, Bruce voted T. Savoie, and Gisclair voted T. Savoie. With 5 votes, Mr. Savoie is now the newly appointed board member to fill Seat D. Autin then swore in Ted Savoie.

Upon motion by Griffin, and second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted the proclamation by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission ("GLPC"), pursuant to La. R.S. 18:602, that Ted Savoie is hereby appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the GLPC, Seat D, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Donald J. Vizier, said appointee possessing all legal qualifications for said office; be it further resolved and proclaimed, pursuant to La.R.S. 18:402(E), 18:467, and 18:468, that a Special Election will be held for Board of Commissioners of the GLPC, Seat D, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Donald J. Vizier, according to the following dates: Qualifying period for candidates will be December 2, 2015 to December 4, 2015; Special Primary Election on March 5, 2016; and Special General Election if necessary will be April 9, 2016.

President Gisclair sincerely thanked everyone who put their name in for this nomination. We had 11 people interested which shows the significance of our Port and Airport in this community. Donald Vizier

complimented the board for choosing a good man to take his place and congratulated Mr. Savoie. Griffin also thanked all who applied and congratulated Mr. Savoie.

Upon motion by Cherie and second by Griffin, the board adjourned the special meeting at 10:48AM.

ATTEST:



Perry Gisclair, President



Harris "Chuckie" Cherie, Jr., Secretary