

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**November 16, 2016 at 10:30 AM**

**Administration Building · 16829 East Main St · Galliano, LA**

*(Revised: November 15, 2016 at 9:25AM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for October 12, 2016 regular meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion
    1. Northern Expansion Slip C 800 LF East Sweep Dredging (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    2. Northern Expansion Slip C 950 LF West Bulkhead (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    3. Northern Expansion Slip C 950 LF West Sweep Dredging (*Angelette-Picciola*)
  - B. Airport Projects
    1. Storm Water Management (*Duplantis Design Group*)
    2. Taxiway Lighting project (*Duplantis Design Group*)
    3. Update on aircraft operations
  - C. Other Projects
    1. Section 203 Feasibility Study (*GIS Engineering*)
    2. Geotube Beach Repairs (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    3. Town of Golden Meadow Floodwall Improvements/Bulkhead (*J. Wayne Plaisance*)
    4. Nerby Collins Marina west loading zone bulkhead repairs
    5. Connector Road Base
    6. Airport Maintenance Shop Addition
- VI. Update from LA 1 Coalition
- VII. Public Comment - None
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    1. Consider approving the request from Energy XXI for a tower lease in Fourchon
    2. Consider approving the request from Offshore Support Services for site GLF205 in Fourchon
    3. Consider approving the request from Tank Specialties to lease site GLF306 in Fourchon
    4. Consider advertising for the sale of a 2006 Dodge Ram truck
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    1. Review permits from White Oak Operating Co., South Lafourche Levee District, Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District, Alpine Exploration Co., Glenn Plaisance, and Allan Company
  - C. Construction & Development Committee
    1. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing a reimbursement agreement with DOTD and designation of person authorized to sign for Port Priority Program funding for Slip C Phase III
    2. Consider accepting the clear lien certificate from Crosby Dredging for the Slip C 800' East Sweep Dredge project
    3. Consider approving the low responsive bid for the Airport Maintenance Shop Addition
  - D. Finance Committee
    1. Consider approving payment of October 2016 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    2. Consider approving the October 2016 unaudited financial statements
    3. Consider approving the out of state travel requests
- IX. Any other business – None
- X. Adjournment

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**November 16, 2016**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 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., Jimmy Guidry, and Ervin Bruce

**ABSENT:** Rodney Gisclair

Upon motion by Griffin second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved minutes for October 12, 2016 regular meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Executive Director Chett Chiasson reported Crosby Dredging is complete and the clear lien certificate and final retainage is later on the agenda for approval for Slip C 800 LF East Dredge project. Chiasson reported with the completion of the dredge, the total cost of the bulkhead and dredge for the Slip C 800 LF East site is \$5,879,398. Davie Breaux reported Blanchard Contractors continues on the Slip C 950 LF West Bulkhead project. All the steel is in place and welding complete. They are installing the lightweight aggregate and started blasting and painting today. Engineer Larry Picciola walked in and stated they are starting to paint today putting on the first coat of primer and should be complete in 4 days. Gaudet entered the meeting at 10:33AM. Engineer Picciola reported Slip C 950 LF West Sweep Dredging project started advertising on Monday with plans to open bids December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported the Storm Water Management Study and the Taxiway Lighting Design are complete and we expect final reports and a presentation at the next meeting. Chiasson reported the aircraft operations for October total 2,385 with 10,012 passengers. For 2016, the total operations of 22,212 and 94,929 passengers.

Other Projects – Dustin Malbrough reported the Section 203 Feasibility Study is progressing well with task and schedules. We are going thru the process of reaching milestones as expected. The Notice of Intent with the Corps has been executed and will be published in the federal register by November 25<sup>th</sup>. Once this is published, we will proceed with scheduling a scoping meeting in January to explain the project to stakeholders and get their feedback. Other items his team is working on is to develop alternatives, cross sections, channel depths, and dredge quantities matching cost with alternatives. We are also finalizing the questionnaire to send to industry leaders. Engineer Larry Picciola reported he continues to work with staff to provide the necessary information requested by FEMA and GOHSEP for the Geotube Beach Repair project. Engineer John Plaisance reported the contractor continues to make slow but continued progress on the Town of Golden Meadow Floodwall Improvements/Bulkhead. We hope to be complete by the end of the year. Davie Breaux reported SBL Construction is completing the welding work on Nerby Collins Marina west loading zone bulkhead repairs. They plan to blast and paint next week. Breaux reported all the material is in and the section over the pipeline is complete for the Connector Road Base. We did place stone over the pipeline area as required and will place stone on the rest of the road once material has settled. Engineer Joe Picciola reported bids were received November 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Airport Maintenance Shop Addition and recommends award to Thomassie Construction with the low bid of \$77,855.

Update from LA 1 Coalition – Henri Boulet reported the Coalition is meeting Friday with DOTD Secretary Shawn Wilson on the LA 1 Project. Since the last update, we applied for funding to the State's Coastal Authority which allows the CPRA to commit up to 10% of future offshore revenues sharing proceeds to infrastructure directly impacted by coastal wetlands loss. We should know results in the spring

of next year. Over the next several months, CPRA will be evaluating the applications and taking public comment. The Governor's Transportation Infrastructure Investment Task Force has met several times, including in Houma where Boulet was able to make a presentation on the LA 1 Project. The Task Force is due to submit a recommendation to the Governor in January on funding mechanisms to address the state's transportation needs. Our project has been talked about at every meeting he has attended. Boulet is confident that if the legislature moves forward next year with implementing funding mechanisms recommended by the task force, our project will be a recipient of those funds. In response to Mr. Larry's request on information for Veterans free passage over the Tomey Doucet Bridge, the state has passed legislation relative specifically to World War II Veterans exemptions and Disabled Veterans exemptions. Such veterans need to secure an exempt toll tag in advance of crossing the bridge, and should contact Geauxpass online or stop by the Geauxpass Service Center to get information on documentation needed to receive the exempt toll tag. Finally, the project's largest remaining segment to be built, the middle 6 miles between Golden Meadow and Leeville (Segment B), is expected to be under contract for final design within two weeks.

The floor was open to public comment. Chiasson recognized Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine District 9 and Senator Norby Chabert in the audience. Senator Chabert addressed the board with updates. The fiscal situation has not improved with the result of the downturn and commodity prices make a ripple effect in the state budget. Some have seen a downturn like this before, while other elected officials have not. Prior to the drop in oil prices, they managed to cut billions from the state budget which indicated the collections process overall was bad. Taxing some things too much or too little which can't be run that way when a major revenue stream is in the red while going thru a "boom time". On the opposite end of the state, they are seeing some boom time as related to LNG but we wonder how much that will benefit us. In regards to the natural resources committee, one of the biggest issues was the lift of the oyster moratorium which was very complicated and dealt with CPRA, the oil and gas industry, attorneys, and landowners. In regards to the health and welfare committee, Chabert debated issues such as medical marijuana and whether or not nurse practitioners need a collaborative practice agreement with a physician. Next year will be another major budget battle in the fiscal session. In regards to the transportation infrastructure committee, Chabert will serve as proxy to President Alario. The LA 1 project is in the forefront and everyone understands the significance of it. At the last meeting, a bunch of stakeholders came to the table to voice concerns and some offices of multimodal made presentations including Joe Accardo with the Ports Association of Louisiana (PAL). We discussed funding sources and the option of raising gas and diesel taxes. We have some of the largest infrastructure needs in the country and we are charging the least amount. During Mr. Accardo's presentation to the committee, Chabert urged that he get the point across that aside from federal appropriations for self-generating funds from ports like Port Fourchon or capital outlay funds, there is no money coming for dredging, deepening, and maintenance. This issue is lost with legislators most don't realize the number of coastal ports we have or the number of ports in the state. Dredging challenges are across the state. We have a group working to address this to come up with a dredge program that would operate similar to the port priority program. One of the sources we will target is any increase in the diesel tax so that all the ports in the state could have a funding source to either match the agency share or match any federal money. In the end we got our point across that we are losing jobs due to our infrastructure crumbling by land and our lack to compete on a maritime standpoint. Senator Chabert met with LED about tweaking the port tax credit. Bollinger was one to achieve the goals to get the credit. He has no problem with the changes recommended regarding going to the bond commission. Griffin stated since the presidential election, what is the feel of the oil and gas restrictions being eased off, which Chabert replied he spoke with the Governor's executive council on the election and he feels this administration is worried with what the new administration will put forward. Chabert was happy to receive a letter from the Governor's office advocating for lease sales in the gulf. He believes they would welcome responsible retractions of some of the unreasonable regulations from the environmental and practical side. The Governor's office main concern is what happens with Obamacare. We were one of the last states to expand Medicaid. It will be interesting on how the new president handles it.

Gisclair stated in the newspaper it had on Friday the Governor was going to talk about closing the deficit of \$300 million will that affect colleges or hospitals. Senator Chabert stated on Friday he will be attending committee meetings on the budget. At that time, they will address the budget short fall for this year. We understand that when a disaster occurs a substantial amount of revenue comes in for recover which has not manifested yet on the tax rolls. The recovery efforts in Baton Rouge is slow since they are not used to disasters in that area. We will recognize we do have a budget shortfall and all the sectors of government services will be affected. This will be the third time they will have to face a budget deficit in the hundreds of millions of dollars. The only fix to these deficits each year is fixing the collection structure which may not be fixed without constitutional convention. Gisclair then thanked Senator Chabert for the update.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met on November 14<sup>th</sup> in Galliano present was P. Gisclair, Cheramie, Griffin, and Melancon.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Energy XXI Services for a tower lease in Fourchon.

Upon motion by Gaudet second by Collins, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Offshore Support Services to retract the termination notice and continue operating under the current lease for site GLF205 in Fourchon.

Upon motion by Guidry second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Tank Specialties to lease site GLF306 in Fourchon.

President Gisclair presented for the board's consideration advertising for the sale of a 2006 Dodge Ram truck. No action taken.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met on November 14<sup>th</sup> in Galliano present was Cheramie, Griffin, P. Gisclair, and Collins.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review the permit applications from White Oak Operating Co., South Lafourche Levee District, Terrebonne Levee & Conservation District, Alpine Exploration Co., Glenn Plaisance, and Allan Company. Chiasson updated the board that the sunken houseboat in Golden Meadow has been removed from the water and put on the land. This case is closed.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met on November 14<sup>th</sup> in Galliano present was Griffin, P. Gisclair, and Bruce with R. Gisclair absent.

Upon motion by Gaudet second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing a reimbursement agreement with DOTD designating a person authorized to sign for Port Priority Program funding for Slip C Phase III (1,671 ft.).

Upon motion by Bruce second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the clear lien certificate from Crosby Dredging for the Slip C 800' East Sweep Dredge project.

Upon motion by Collins second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously awarded the lowest responsive bid of \$77,855.00 from Thomassie Construction, Inc. for the Airport Maintenance Shop Addition.

Finance Committee - The committee met on November 14<sup>th</sup> in Galliano present was Melancon, Guidry, P. Gisclair, and Gaudet.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of October 2016 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$1,225,132.19.

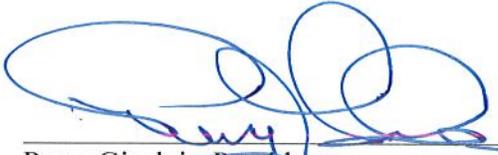
Upon motion by Melancon, second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the October 2016 unaudited financial statements.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel request from Chett Chiasson to attend the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission meeting in Washington DC on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

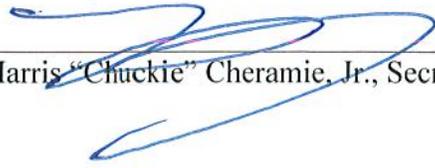
President Gisclair opened the floor for any other business. Chiasson stated Noel Cheramie donated the shrimp boat on display here in our lobby which represents the fishing industry that started Port Fourchon. We thank Mr. Cheramie for this donation we will display it proudly in our lobby.

Upon motion by Cherie second by Gaudet, the board adjourned the board meeting at 11:16 AM.

ATTEST:



Perry Gisclair, President



Harris "Chuckie" Cherie, Jr., Secretary