

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

AGENDA

December 14, 2016 at 10:30 AM

Administration Building · 16829 East Main St · Galliano, LA

(Posted: December 9, 2016 at 8:50AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for November 16, 2016 regular meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion
 - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C 950 LF West Bulkhead (*Angelette-Picciola*)
 - 2. 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 Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government for the Airport Access Corridor (EDA project)
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1. Review permits from Badger Energy and Shell Pipeline Company
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the Payment Direction Agreement with Blanchard Contractors Slip C 950 LF West Bulkhead project
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of November 2016 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Consider approving the November 2016 unaudited financial statements
 - 3. Consider approving the 2016 Budget Amendment
 - 4. Consider approving the 2017 Budget
- IX. Any other business – None
- X. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
December 14, 2016

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, December 14, 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, Rodney Gisclair, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, John Melancon Jr., and Ervin Bruce

ABSENT: Jimmy Guidry

Upon motion by Griffin second by Collins, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved minutes for November 14, 2016 regular meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer Larry Picciola reported Blanchard Contractors is making progress on the Slip C 950 LF West Bulkhead project. All steel sheet piles, deadman, and tie rods are installed. The bulkhead has been painted and they are installing lightweight aggregate and drainage wedges. The remaining work is to finish installing the lightweight aggregate, limestone, and the wood cap. Melancon questioned if the lightweight aggregate is being barged in, which Picciola replied trucked in. Engineer Picciola reported Slip C 950 LF West Sweep Dredge project is scheduled to open bids on December 20th at 2pm. The pre-bid meeting was held yesterday with only Crosby Dredging in attendance however the meeting was not mandatory.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported Duplantis Design Group presented to the board on Monday the final plan for the Storm Water Management and the Taxiway Lighting Design. Breaux then reported the airport passenger count exceeded 100,000 for the year with 24,147 operations. Melancon stated it is a great milestone of exceeding 100,000 of passengers at the airport. Executive Director Chiasson replied we didn't expect it but with Chevron kicking off their operations brought our number up through November to that milestone. Melancon congratulated Richard and the staff at the airport for the great job.

Other Projects – Dustin Malbrough with GIS Engineering reported the team is making progress for the Section 203 Feasibility Study. They met with the Corps last week to prepare for the first scoping meeting scheduled for January 12th at the Government Complex in Mathews. At that meeting, we will present the project to stakeholders and get feedback to incorporate in the study. Other items the team is working on are cross sections with alternative alignments and calculating dredging quantities to incorporate in the study. In regards to the Geotube Beach Repair project, Chiasson reported we are working on the permit application, with the landowners, and putting together information to send to FEMA for the project worksheet. Engineer John Plaisance reported the contractor continues to make slow but continued progress on the Town of Golden Meadow Floodwall Improvements/Bulkhead. The contractor should be finished with installing the sheets later this week then will start installing the whaler beams and backfill material. Davie Breaux reported SBL Construction is waiting on the treated timber for the wood cap to complete the Nerby Collins Marina west loading zone bulkhead repairs. 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 he received the contracts back from Thomassie Construction for the Airport Maintenance Shop Addition and will be scheduling the preconstruction meeting.

Update from LA 1 Coalition – Henri Boulet reported the Coalition has had several meetings with LA DOTD Secretary Shawn Wilson on the LA 1 Project's path forward. Both DOTD and the Commissioner of Administration's Office is looking at options of how it can move the project forward within the coming

months. In anticipation that the hold on new projects receiving bond commission approval remains intact, Boulet asked Secretary Wilson to consider other funding measures to get some segments of the project moving. He indicated that this may be an option, and Boulet hopes to receive a reply in the next two-three weeks. CPRA Chairman Johnny Bradberry confirmed this morning that GOMESA Infrastructure applications received November 1st remain under staff review, and he should have an update at January's CPRA meeting. Because the CPRA application award decision will not be made until next year, LA DOTD Secretary advised the Coalition not to apply to the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects Program, simply because the state cannot meet the requirement of formally identifying where the remainder of the \$360M will come from. Secretary Wilson suggested the state apply in the next round, when GOMESA funding awards and funds from other state sources can formally be committed. Speaking of funds from other state sources, the Governor's Transportation Infrastructure Investment Task Force passed several resolutions yesterday that will be included in their formal report to the Governor by January 1st. Recommendations in the report will include funding \$700 million per year for multimodal transportation projects, including capacity projects on the A and B Mega-Project list outlined in the Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan, which the LA 1 Project is on. The next state legislative session, the legislature will play a critical role in approving funding measures that the Governor is likely to present. Finally, the project's largest remaining segment to be designed, the middle 6 miles between Golden Meadow and Leeville, is now under contract for final design.

Gisclair questioned if the gas and diesel tax will be addressed in the figures of next year or would those change, which Boulet replied it all depends on what legislature approves of what the Governor is asking. We don't know what they will approve. Gisclair questioned if the \$700 million is pending on what the Governor request, which Boulet replied that is pending on the Governor requesting 20 cents on the gasoline tax. Director Chiasson stated that for every 1 cent a year in taxes it is \$30 million so it is about 27 cents or 28 cents that gets to \$750 million. We don't know if the legislature will send to the people for that much of an increase, however Chiasson thinks it will be more of 10 cents or 15 cents markup to get \$450 million which would be better than zero. It will just take longer to fund some of these projects. We will really have to work hard during this legislative session to make sure that whatever funding is raised that LA 1 continues to be on the list. Chiasson stated that the diesel tax was not part of this groups resolutions but it will come up in this session someone will write legislation on a diesel tax that would actually bring funds to ports for dredging and other activities. The other thing part of the resolution was the increase in aviation fuel tax. It was a small number but would generate more revenue for airports to apply for funding. Boulet stated that even if legislature does not authorize what the Governor is asking it is still based on A and B projects that are shovel ready because some of the projects on the list have not even done their EIS. We are shovel ready.

Gisclair opened the floor for public comment. Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine thanked the board for the help with the Leeville Public Boat Launch a \$1.2 million project with the Port contribution of \$200,000, Parish Government \$450,000, and the State Wallop-Breaux fund of \$500,000. He also thanked the Port on the next phase of the Leeville Fishing Pier contribution of \$166,000. He reported that in December the Hobie Fishing World Championship was held in Leeville, LA with over 16 countries participating. They also held some events at Moran's Marina in Port Fourchon. These people spent a week here spending money, fishing, and having a good time. The Leeville Public Boat Launch will bring more rodeos down here and he thanked the board again for participating and the good working relationship the Port and Parish have over the years.

Breaux stated the Fourchon Oilman's Association presented their grant award ceremony to give back to the community and gave \$38,000 to 11 different groups such as: schools, charitable organizations, Shriners, and coastal restoration groups. In the past six years, the FOA has given back to the community in grant awards a total of \$530,000.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met on December 1st in Galliano present was P. Gisclair, Cheramie, Griffin, and Melancon. They also met on December 12th in Galliano with all present.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government to fund \$100,000 toward Phase I of the Lafourche Parish Airport Access Corridor to design and construct improvements in the vicinity of LA 308 at its intersection with Airport Road. Chiasson stated that the Parish received an EDA Grant of \$740,000 with the Parish's cost share of \$434,829.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met on December 1st in Galliano present was Cheramie, Griffin, P. Gisclair, and Collins. They also met on December 12th in Galliano with all present.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review permits from Badger Energy and Shell Pipeline Company.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met on December 1st in Galliano present was Griffin, P. Gisclair, and Bruce with R. Gisclair absent. They also met on December 12th in Galliano with all present.

Upon motion by Gaudet second by Collins, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Payment Direction Agreement with Blanchard Contractors to make all future payments to an escrow agent for Slip C 950 LF West Bulkhead project.

Finance Committee - The committee met on December 1st in Galliano present was Melancon, P. Gisclair, and Gaudet with Guidry absent. They also met on December 12th in Galliano with all present.

Upon motion by Melancon second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of November 2016 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$1,442,415.91.

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

Upon motion by Melancon second by Gaudet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the 2016 Budget Amendment reduction of (\$1,287,938) due to the 20% discount on rentals for seaport tenants from April 2016 to December 2016 and changes to the expensed projects and grants. A lease revenue decrease of (\$2,745,519), a savings of landowner expenses of \$613,478, along with a few project classification changes of \$844,103.

Chairman Melancon presented for the board's consideration approving the 2017 Budget of \$59,249,449. Finance Director Miranda Parker presented the highlights of the budget. The Port revenues of \$26.1 million includes the 20% discount in lease revenues for 2017 less direct cost of \$8.5 million equals the gross profit of \$17.5 million less operating expense of \$17.3 million equals operating profit of \$218,000 plus non-operating revenues of \$11.9 million includes advalorem and capital and maintenance grants equals the net income of \$12.1 million. After taking all the revenues and expenses into account, we are in a position to reserve \$50 million for Fourchon Island development and \$31 million for other future projects at the airport and seaport. The overall operating budget \$25,901,866, capital budget \$30,322,003, non-operating budget \$3,025,580 totals the 2017 Budget of \$59,249,449.

Chiasson presented highlights of the proposed projects for 2017 which are as follows: Seaport projects are the Northern Expansion Slip C 950' West Bulkhead \$6.5 million and Slip C 950' Sweep Dredge \$475,000 which are port funded, Slip C East 871' Bulkhead of \$6 million with \$5 million funded from Port Priority Program, Highway Embankment & Bayou Cleanup \$100,000 each, Section 203 Deep Draft Study \$1.3 million, Mitigation of Slip D \$2.5 million, and Flotation Canal and Slip D Hydraulic Dredge of \$8.7 million which would develop the landside of Slip D. Airport projects are SL Industrial Park limestone and waterline development \$124,000, Runway Lighting upgrades \$50,000, Approach Easement \$60,000, Terminal Design \$200,000 with DOTD funding \$150,000, and Taxiway Lighting Improvements \$792,000 with DOTD funding \$147,251 and FAA funding \$565,550. Upon motion by Melancon second by Collins, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the 2017 Budget of \$59,249,449.00.

President Gisclair opened the floor for any other business. Mr. Roland Guidry stated that last week the federal government passed the WRDA bill and there is funding available for deep water ports of 45' to 55'. Chiasson stated at 45' we are not eligible. Chiasson stated we are preparing ourselves for the next WRDA bill to have verbiage in there for our new development.

The Commissioners then wished each and every one a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Upon motion by Cherie second by Griffin, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:12 am.

ATTEST:


Kris Gaudet, Vice President


Harris "Chuckie" Cherie, Jr., Secretary