

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

AGENDA

April 12, 2017 at 10:30 AM

Administration Building · 16829 East Main St · Galliano, LA

(Revised: April 11, 2017 at 9:10 AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for March 8, 2017 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*)
 3. Northern Expansion Slip C 939' West Bulkhead (*Angelette-Picciola*)
 4. Northern Expansion Slip D Dredge Phase 1 (*J. Wayne Plaisance*)
 - B. Airport Projects
 1. Update on aircraft operations
 2. Taxiway Lighting and Runway LED upgrades
 - 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. Connector Road (*Angelette-Picciola*)
 5. Airport Maintenance Shop Addition (*Picciola & Associates*)
- VI. Update from LA 1 Coalition
- VII. Public Comment - None
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 1. Consider approving the request from M-I to amend the mooring dolphin agreement
 2. Consider approving the request from Chevron regarding the trailer site
 3. Consider approving the high bids for surplus equipment sale
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 1. Review permits from Walter Oil & Gas Corporation and GLPC
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 1. Consider approving the Change Order from Byron E. Talbot Contractor for the Connector Road Entrance project
 2. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from Byron E. Talbot Contractor for the Connector Road Entrance project
 3. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from Thomassie Construction for the Airport Maintenance Shop Addition
 - D. Finance Committee
 1. Consider approving payment of March 2017 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 2. Consider approving the 2016 Unaudited Financial Statements
 3. Consider approving the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
 4. Adopt the 2017 ad valorem millage rate
 5. Consider approving out of state travel requests
- IX. Any other business – None
- X. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
April 12, 2017

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 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, Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jr., Jimmy Guidry, and Ervin Bruce

ABSENT: Wilbert Collins

Upon motion by Griffin second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for March 8, 2017 regular meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer Larry Picciola reported Blanchard Contractors has completed the Slip C 950' West Bulkhead project and the lien period ends tomorrow. Engineer Picciola stated RLB Contractors is on site for the Slip C 950' West Sweep Dredge project. Executive Director Chett Chiasson questioned the timeframe of completion, which Picciola replied May 18th so they will need to push to get this done. Engineer Picciola reported there is a preconstruction meeting with Sealevel Construction today at 1:30pm for the Slip C 939' West Bulkhead project. Engineer John Plaisance reported on the new Slip D Dredge project which will dredge the top 9' of Slip D to fill the mitigation area aka Rappelet's Pond. The design plans and specs should be ready in a few weeks. Melancon questioned once finished filling what the water level will be, which Plaisance replied it will be marsh. Davie Breaux stated the cost estimate for this project is \$2.2 million.

Airport Projects – Richard Osborne reported in March the total aircraft operations were 2,149 with 9,257 passengers. In regards to the Taxiway Lighting and Runway LED upgrades, all the paperwork was submitted to FAA and we expect to bid out soon. Chiasson stated the project is estimated at \$800,000 with funding from FAA of \$712,000 and DOTD of \$72,000. Gaudet questioned if this will require the airport to be shut down, which Osborne replied it will be a phased project with some closures as needed to have as little interruptions as possible.

Other Projects – Dustin Malbrough with GIS Engineering updated the board on Section 203 Feasibility Study. He stated on April 26th the first milestone meeting is scheduled with agencies and stakeholders. We continue to pursue rail alternatives, innovative engineering, economics and feasibility to different alternatives, and coordinating with the State and Corps on beneficial use of material for cost effective approach to the project which is a big component of success of the study. Malbrough stated he met last week in DC with the Corps to let them know we continue to meet with the district office as well as the navigation office. We met to get their input on the direction we are going and what we are accounting for to make sure we are align with what they will be looking for. The feedback from them was that we are meeting with the right people and asking the right questions. Engineer Larry Picciola reported the survey of Pass Fourchon resulted in no sand for the Geotube Beach Repairs therefore we will be looking at alternate sources. Chiasson stated we submitted our appeal to the State and once they are finished they will submit it to FEMA then if denied we will submit a second appeal in DC. Engineer John Plaisance reported the contractor for the Town of Golden Meadow Floodwall Bulkhead continues to make slow progress and should be complete next month. Davie Breaux stated Byron E. Talbot Contractors completed the culvert and drainage improvements to the entrance of the Connector Road. The change order and substantial completion are later for approval. Breaux reported the Airport Maintenance Shop Canopy is complete with the substantial completion later for approval.

Update from LA 1 Coalition – Henri Boulet stated the Coalition continues to engage with the Governor’s Office on the state’s financing of the next segment through the Capital Outlay Program. There will be legislative bills in this session that will be critical to moving our next segment to construction. Both the Governor himself and executives in his office are aware of the pressing need to move forward on LA 1. The Governor reminded me last Friday that he has submitted the LA 1 Improvement Project as one of five infrastructure projects he has prioritized funding request for, to the Trump Administration. With that said, we are continuing to monitor developments of the Trump administration’s infrastructure program. Updating you on other state program revenues which can forward LA 1 Improvements, a much talked-about gasoline tax hike proposal will be presented this session. Such funding is still anticipated to address Megaprojects A & B listed in the state’s official Transportation Improvement Program, of which the LA 1 Improvements is a Megaproject B designated project. And, we are continuing dialogue with CPRA on their GOMESA program. Finally, our Segment E final design documents are expected to be complete in May. Boulet explained Segment E is down by the 90-degree curve in Leeville which would widen the bridge structure 1400’ from the curve going south to receive a 3-lane structure from the north. Then they would build 900 ft. going north. R. Gisclair questioned if the toll booth will be relocated, which Boulet replied yes, eventually it will be in Golden Meadow when they open the whole structure. Chiasson stated recently they closed off the cash lane which caused problems and people received citations in the mail. Boulet replied it was the same day the Governor attended the Caminada ribbon cutting ceremony. The system sent out notices which stated to pay toll only but a lot of people didn’t read the bottom section. R. Gisclair stated he received a notice and went to the customer service center and they were very helpful. Gaudet suggested that they change the format of this specific letter, which Boulet will make that recommendation.

The floor was opened for any public comment. Mr. Douglas Cheramie Jr. announced to the board that he is currently working with Attorney General Jeff Landry’s office and if he can be of any assistance just give him a call. Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine stated there is a meeting scheduled tomorrow with the US Coast Guard regarding the Fourchon Bridge. We will do what is needed and I don’t see that we have a choice. The bridge has outlived itself, it is over 80 years old. The bridge belongs to the Parish and there was an agreement with the Port to operate and maintain. The Parish participated with repairs 2 years ago of approximately \$75,000, but now with it being deemed unsafe and since it belongs to the Parish naturally you will give it back to the Parish. Cheramie stated the Port spent \$1.5 million just in the last 10 years and that bridge is not feasible for us and we have no use for the bridge. We have not made any money from it and the landowners don’t let anyone on that side so we just need to stop spending tax payer’ money. Lorraine replied the Parish participates too, which Cheramie said no only sometimes. The Port paid majority of the cost on the bridge. Lorraine stated the paperwork was signed that the Port would maintain it and now it is not feasible anymore, you want to give it back which is fine. We will do what we need to do. Gaudet stated maintenance is different than replacing a structure and we did our best at extending the life and now there is no bridge for us to maintain. Lorraine stated that after the meeting tomorrow we may have more information. P. Gisclair stated the Port had a commitment to always do what we had to do which is operate and maintain. Now, we have a stamped document stating the bridge is no longer operable and needs to stay in a closed position until possible removal. The decision will be discussed tomorrow on how long it can stay in a closed position. Our commitment was there until this letter and now it goes to the Parish. We are here to give you any direction, recommendation, any cooperation, but right now the ball is in the Parish’s court. Lorraine agreed and replied we will do what the Coast Guard recommends.

P. Gisclair read the Proclamation by the Lafourche Parish Council to honor Ervin “Vin” Bruce *“Whereas, requested on behalf of Council Chairman Corey Perrillieux, the Lafourche Parish Council wishes to honor Mr. Ervin “Vin” Bruce and declare April 25th of every year as “Vin Bruce Day”;* *Whereas, born in Cut Off, LA on April 25, 1932, Cajun singer Vin Bruce grew up in a musical environment provided by his father, whose fiddle playing for local Cajun dances usually held in someone’s front room, influenced Vin at an early age to take up the guitar and write music;* *Whereas, in October 1951, Vin signed a recording contract with Columbia Records in Nashville, Tennessee and recorded all time popular Cajun songs such as “Dans La Louisiane”, Fille de la Ville” and “Clair de la Lune” recording with Nashville profession musicians such as Chet Atkins, Grady Martin, Tommy Jackson, Owen Bradley and Shook*

Jackson. Vin continued to play with his band through the 1960's, 70's, and 80's and signed a contract with Swallow Records and had a hit single with "Jolie Blon"; Vin was one of the first Cajun musicians to appear on the LA Hayride and the Grand Ole Opry; Whereas, for his contribution and performance in Cajun music, Vin is known as the "King of Cajun Singers" and in 1973 was honored in Lafourche Parish with "Vin Bruce Day"; was chosen as Lafourche Parish's Citizen of the year and has been inducted into the Nashville Music Hall of Fame, the CFMA Cajun Music Hall of Fame, the LA Hall of Fame Living Legend and the Westbank Musicians Hall of Fame; therefore Be it Resolved, by the Lafourche Parish Council convened in regular session on March 14, 2017 that the Council wishes to honor Mr. Ervin "Vin" Bruce and declare April 25th of every year as "Vin Bruce Day". Bruce thanked the Parish for this proclamation.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met March 22nd in Fourchon present was P. Gisclair, Melancon, Cheramie, and Griffin. They also met April 10th in Galliano with all present.

Upon motion by Cheramie second by Gaudet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from M-I to amend the mooring dolphin agreement extending the term through March 31, 2018 and removing dolphins #37, #38, and #39 pending an inspection of the dolphins.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Chevron to donate a mobile home to the Port and then lease the site with mobile home set up subject to the Port being able to obtain any, and all necessary permits.

Upon motion by Bruce second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the high bids for surplus equipment sale which are as follows: Jason Snyder 2006 Dodge Ram Truck \$5,101 and 2004 Ford Expedition \$2,005; Jamie Souileau 2006 Dodge Ram Truck \$2,512 and 2012 Yamaha 300 HP Outboard Engine \$1,300; Benjamin Gatz Cypress tree \$400; and Colby Istre 2012 Yamaha 300 HP Outboard Engine \$2,109.

Upon motion by Cheramie second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved adding to the agenda to discuss the Omni Energy Services letter of intent. Chiasson stated Omni Energy Services issued us a letter of intent to lease site GLF625 of 950' waterfront property which they currently have a Right of First Refusal. This request includes the Port doing site development of approximately \$800,000 which would be added to their improvement rent. This will also be the first tenant that will take advantage of the recent approval of a 15-year primary term. The recommendation is to approve. Upon motion by Griffin second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the letter of intent by Omni Energy Services to lease site GLF625.

Upon motion by Melancon second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved adding to the agenda Expert Riser Solutions Landlord's Release and Consent agreement. Bryce Autin stated Expert Riser Solution recently purchased a crane and will be financing it through Midsouth Bank. The agreement basically states that if they don't make payments in a timely manner the bank can come on site and take the crane. The recommendation is to approve. Upon motion by R. Gisclair second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Landlord's Release and Consent agreement with Expert Riser Solutions and Midsouth Bank for the purchase of a crane.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met March 22nd in Fourchon present was Cheramie, P. Gisclair, Griffin, and Collins. They also met April 10th in Galliano with Collins absent.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review the permits from Walter Oil & Gas Corporation and GLPC.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met March 22nd in Fourchon present was Griffin, P. Gisclair, and R. Gisclair with Bruce absent. They also met April 10th in Galliano with all present.

Upon motion by Bruce second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 a decrease of \$3,305.25 from Byron E. Talbot Contractor for the Connector Road Entrance project.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated March 17, 2017 from Byron E. Talbot Contractor for the Connector Road Entrance project.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated March 7, 2017 from Thomassie Construction for the Airport Maintenance Shop Addition.

Finance Committee - The committee met March 22nd in Fourchon present was Melancon, P. Gisclair, Gaudet, and Guidry. They also met April 10th in Galliano with all present.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the payment of March 2017 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$805,097.13.

Upon motion by Melancon second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the 2016 Unaudited Financial Statements.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Gaudet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.

Chairman Melancon presented for the board to adopt the millage rate for the tax year 2017. President P. Gisclair then read the resolution out loud: *"Be it resolved, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2017 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Greater Lafourche Port Commission for maintenance of 6.54 mills; Be it further resolved, that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2017, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law."* Upon motion by Melancon to adopt the 6.54 mills for tax year 2017, which was second by Cheramie, the floor was open to discussion. Director Chiasson explained with the 6.54 mills the Port will collect the same as it did last year. He stated that since 2005 we have continued to roll back the millage rate. We anticipate the 6.54 mills to generate \$4,590,782. Griffin questioned how many years we have left to go back to our max 6.83 mills, which Miranda Parker replied we have 2 more years to roll forward to our max. A roll call vote was taken which resulted in 8 yeas by Cheramie, P. Gisclair, Gaudet, R. Gisclair, Griffin, Melancon, Guidry, Bruce and 1 absent by Collins.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel request from Kris Gaudet and Rodney Gisclair to attend the AAPA Commissioners Seminar in Indiana May 15th – 18th, Chett Chiasson to attend the 2017 Offshore Technology Conference in Texas April 30th – May 3rd, Joni Tuck to attend the 2017 Offshore Technology Conference in Texas May 1st – 4th, Chett Chiasson, Rodney Gisclair, Kris Gaudet, Perry Gisclair, Larry Griffin, Jimmy Guidry, and John Melancon to attend the Gulf Ports Association of America Spring Meeting in Mississippi May 3rd – May 5th.

Upon motion by Cheramie second by Gaudet, the board adjourned the board meeting at 11:10 AM.

ATTEST:



Perry Gisclair, President



Harris "Chuckie" Cheramie, Jr., Secretary