

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**August 9, 2017 at 10:30 AM**

**Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345**

*(Revised: August 8, 2017 at 9:26AM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for July 12, 2017 regular meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion
    - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C 950 LF West Sweep Dredging (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 2. Northern Expansion GLF625 Site Improvements (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 3. Northern Expansion Slip C 939' West Bulkhead (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 4. Northern Expansion Slip C 1671' East Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 5. Mitigation Dredge of Slip D (*J. Wayne Plaisance*)
  - B. Airport Projects
    - 1. Update on aircraft operations
    - 2. Taxiway Lighting and Runway LED upgrades (*Duplantis Design Group*)
  - C. Other Projects
    - 1. Section 203 Feasibility Study (*GIS Engineering*)
    - 2. Nerby Collins Marina steel pile replacement
    - 3. Offshore Anchorage
    - 4. Airport Access Road (*LPG – EDA Grant*)
- VI. Update from Restore or Retreat
- VII. Public Comment - None
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the sale of the excavator
    - 2. Consider approving the request from FCC Environmental Services to lease site GLF624-A
    - 3. Consider approving the renewal of Adopt-A-Road program for LA 3090
    - 4. Consider naming the Operations Center in memory of Wilbert Collins, Sr.
    - 5. Consider approving the request from Expert Riser Solutions for a landlord agreement
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1. Consider awarding the sunken vessel quotes
    - 2. Review permit from Harvest Pipeline Company, Gulf Inland Contractors, Inc., Discovery Producer Services, LLC, and Castex Lafourche, LLP
  - C. Construction & Development Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the DOTD Third Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for Slip C 2600' project H.010153
    - 2. Consider awarding the lowest responsive bid for the Slip C 1671' East Bulkhead project
    - 3. Consider adopting a resolution certifying Compliance with the Public Bid Law for the Slip C 1671' East Bulkhead project
    - 4. Consider approving the DOTD Intergovernmental Replacement Agreement for Slip C 1671' East Bulkhead project H.012775
    - 5. Consider awarding the lowest responsive bid for the Taxiway Lighting and Runway LED Upgrades
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of July 2017 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2. Consider approving the July 2017 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

August 9, 2017

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 10:30 AM at the Administration Office 16829 East Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345.

Vice President Gaudet called the meeting to order and Secretary Cheramie called roll.

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

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Melancon second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for July 12, 2017 regular meeting.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Engineer Neil Angelette reported RLB Contractors has dredged approximately 70,000 cubic yards for Slip C 950 LF West Sweep Dredge project. They are currently 80 days past the contract time. Angelette recommends approval of the pay request of \$167,999.76 which does account for the liquidated damages withheld. Engineer Angelette reported the contracts have been signed with Sealevel Construction for GLF625 Site Improvements project. We plan to schedule a preconstruction meeting next week. Engineer Angelette reported Sealevel Construction has completed driving piles for 2 deadman for Slip C 939' West Bulkhead project. The sheet piles are being coated and painted in Alabama. Angelette recommends approval of pay request of \$255,437.29. Engineer Joe Picciola reported bids were opened on July 26<sup>th</sup> for the Slip C 1671' East Bulkhead project with Crosby Dredging being the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$10,237,799. The bid was in order and he recommends the award to Crosby Dredging. Executive Director Chiasson stated 400' of this project is for the Oceaneering lease and the remaining 1271' is under Right of First Refusal with Newpark Drilling Fluids. Engineer John Plaisance reported contracts have been signed with Crosby Dredging for the Mitigation Dredge of Slip D. We plan to schedule a preconstruction meeting next week.

Airport Projects – Richard Osborne reported in July the total aircraft operations were 2,661 with 10,284 passengers and 9,138 vehicles. He reported bids were opened on August 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Taxiway Lighting and Runway LED upgrades project with Sun Industries being the lowest responsive bid totaling \$796,124.14. The recommendation is to award contingent on FAA funding. Gaudet stated good job with the lights at the self-service fuel station at the Airport.

Other Projects – Dustin Malbrough with GIS Engineering reported on Section 203 Feasibility Study. He stated the next milestone is November 1<sup>st</sup> to submit the draft EIS along with having our tentatively selective plan which is what depth is most economical to the Port. The 3 big components to get to the milestone are 1) economics which is 85% complete, 2) additional benefits of LNG and general cargo, and 3) maintenance dredging figures. Currently the Water Institute is working on the modeling for dredging and should have preliminary figures in October. The draft EIS is 65% complete. Melancon questioned if the 2 other firms AECOM and JAYMAC are still working on economics, which Malbrough replied yes.

Davie Breaux reported E&L Enterprises repaired the wharf and sills for the Nerby Collins Marina steel pile replacement project. They are on site with the crane barge and began removing the wood pile clusters then will start driving the steel piles. They should be complete by the end of the week. Joni Tuck reported on the Offshore Anchorage. She spoke to the USCG Captain of the Port late last week and they are fine with the offshore anchorage site and it has been forwarded for signatures. Chiasson reported the widening of LA 308 for the Airport Access Road is continuing to move forward. Chiasson stated the LNG company, Energy World has submitted the request for pre-filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission so it is now a public project. Also, the preliminary waterway suitability assessment was

submitted to the USCG. Now the time has started for Energy World to get everything done for their LNG facility in Port. In the upcoming months, you will start to see several Energy World public meetings as part of the public outreach process. Cheramie questioned who is in charge, which Chiasson replied the person in charge is Chris Poke. Griffin questioned if that is the same thing being built in Cameron Parish, which Chiasson replied no however there are tons of LNG work and new plants taking place in and around the gulf and in other parishes.

Update from Restore or Retreat (ROR) – Simone Maloz reported on the work being done as a result of the Coastal Master Plan. ROR is distributing a copy of the master plan along with a map to all state libraries distributing. Relating to finances and the possibility of public/private partnerships or how governments can do things as a business, ROR secured a grant to partner with CPRA to start a financial structure for them. ROR will look into ways to maximize and leverage the funds they have and the expected future funds of over \$10 billion over the next 15 years. The statement of interest and qualifications was posted last Friday to develop a team of financial services to look at what we have and other ways to make it last longer. The statements will be due in September. We hope to have that underway by October to influence the state's next annual plan of how the money is spent. We want to make sure the funds are available to do the projects we have in place. Chiasson stated a lot of the funding from the different pots of money is grant based, so we will need to bank roll to have the cash flow in order to complete the different projects. Maloz explained it is similar to the Caminada project the state had to put up the cash first since the funds were grant based then submit invoices to get reimbursed. The state is not in the position to help bank roll, so we need to find other ways to do so. The good news is money managers like the fact that the money is spread out over a period of 15 years and part of federal regulations related to the Department of Justice, so that money is secure in more ways than most. Caminada is a good example, but we are trying to do 5 or 6 projects like that a year so what we don't want to do is start all these projects and get to year 4 and find out we owe someone \$800 million. It has been a very interesting partnership and we are glad that CPRA is trying to think more like a business and hope that this is the first of many to bring the business side to state agencies.

President Gisclair opened the floor for public comment. Curtis "Tompuss" Pierce introduced himself and announced he is running for Port Commission Seat E.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met July 26<sup>th</sup> in Fourchon present was P. Gisclair, Melancon, Griffin with Cheramie absent. They also met August 7<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair second by Kris Gaudet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the sale of the 2005 Pontoon Mounted Excavator in the amount of \$37,200.00 to Waterfront Property Services, LLC.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from FCC Environmental Services to lease site GLF624-A of 17.245 acres fronting 939 LF along Slip C.

Upon motion by Guidry second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the 2-year renewal of Adopt-A-Road program for LA 3090.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board approved naming the Operations Center in memory of Wilbert Collins, Sr.

President Gisclair presented for the board's approval the request from Expert Riser Solutions for a landlord agreement. Bryce Autin explained this allows the bank to come on the lease site in the event of a foreclosure on the loan to sell moveable equipment and also assign the lease to another company in an effort to make back their money. The one difference in this agreement is the bank's request to foreclose on property and not have to pay rent until the foreclosure is complete. We did negotiate putting a 12 month cap on the time to sell moveables and assign the lease. At the end of the 12 months, they will pay all back rent. Another issue is the sublease with Weatherford which it was negotiated that during the 12 month foreclosure period the bank pledges the rental paid by Weatherford will be paid to the Port to go toward our rent which is an additional security. Upon motion by Gaudet second by Melancon to approve the landlord agreement, the floor was open to discussion. Gaudet questioned if they will remit payments from

Weatherford as they are received, which Autin stated the only way the 12 month abatement starts if they are not making enough money on the sublease to pay our rent as it comes due. Melancon stated this is a USDA government loan, which Chiasson stated it is a USDA loan but through a bank in Louisiana. With no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Expert Riser landlord agreement.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met July 26<sup>th</sup> in Fourchon present was P. Gisclair, Griffin and Callais with Cheramie absent. They also met August 7<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all present.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's consideration to award the quote for the vessel removal at Griffin's in Leeville. No Action was taken.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review the permits from Harvest Pipeline Company, Gulf Inland Contractors, Inc., Discovery Producer Services, LLC, and Castex Lafourche, LLP. Cheramie requested Director Chiasson look into the Castex permit regarding the use of pilings.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met July 26<sup>th</sup> in Fourchon present was Griffin, P. Gisclair, R. Gisclair, with Bruce absent. They also met August 7<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the DOTD Third Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for Slip C 2600' project H.010153 which will release the final payment of \$3,912,481.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the lowest responsive bid from Crosby Dredging in the amount of \$10,237,799 for the Slip C 1671' East Bulkhead project.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted a resolution certifying Compliance with the Public Bid Law for the Slip C 1671' East Bulkhead project H.012775 (321).

Upon motion by Callais second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the DOTD Intergovernmental Replacement Agreement for Slip C 1671' East Bulkhead project H.012775 which will provide \$1,087,519 of available funds.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the lowest responsive bid from Sun Industries in the amount of \$796,124.14 for the Taxiway Lighting and Runway LED Upgrades contingent on FAA agreeing to fund at least \$600,000.

Finance Committee - The committee met July 26<sup>th</sup> in Fourchon present was Melancon, P. Gisclair, Gaudet with Guidry absent. They also met August 7<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of July 2017 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$1,286,519.07.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the July 2017 unaudited financial statements.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Chett Chiasson, Kris Gaudet, Rodney Gisclair, Mike Callais, and John Melancon to attend the AAPA Annual Convention in California October 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, April Danos to attend the AAPA IT Committee & Cyber Security Subcommittee Meetings in Washington September 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, April Danos to attend the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee Meeting in Virginia September 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, Davie Breaux to attend the AAPA Facilities Engineering Seminar in Florida October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, and April Danos to attend the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers Maritime Convention in Texas October 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.

President Gisclair opened the floor for any other business. P. Gisclair questioned the cleaning of the building and requested the staff look into using The Center. He stated Janserv is our cleaner but we could use The Center for one of them possibly the Port Complex.

Upon motion by Cheramie second by R. Gisclair, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:13 AM.

ATTEST:

  
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Perry Gisclair, President

  
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Harris "Chuckie" Cheramie, Jr., Secretary