

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**October 10, 2018 at 10:30AM**

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

*(Posted: October 5, 2018 at 3:05PM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for September 12, 2018 regular meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion
    - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C 939' West Sweep Dredge (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 2. Northern Expansion Slip C 1671' East Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 3. Northern Expansion Slip C 1671' East Sweep Dredging (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 4. Mitigation Dredge of Slip D (*J. Wayne Plaisance*)
  - B. Airport Projects
    - 1. Aircraft Operations
    - 2. Taxiway Lighting and Runway LED Upgrades (*Duplantis Design Group*)
    - 3. Airfield Drainage Improvements – Design Phase (*Duplantis Design Group*)
    - 4. Airport Access Road Culvert Improvements (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 5. Runway Approach Easement (RPZ)
    - 6. Airport Capital Improvement Program Application
  - C. Other Projects
    - 1. Section 203 Feasibility Study (*GIS Engineering*)
    - 2. LA 308 Airport Access Improvements - LPG (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 3. LA 1 Phase 2 Leeville Mitigation Dredge (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 4. Fourchon Island Soil Borings (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 5. Nerby Collins Marina Boat Lift Extension (*J. Wayne Plaisance*)
    - 6. Public Boat Launch Bulkhead Repairs (*J. Wayne Plaisance*)
    - 7. Roadway and Parking Lot Markings
    - 8. CCTV Slip B Camera and Equipment
    - 9. Belle Pass Structure Repairs
- VI. Update from LA 1 Coalition
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the request to lease site GLF189 for a mobile food truck
    - 2. Consider approving the Amendment to Lease for Oceanering for site GLF629
    - 3. Consider approving the request from Workstrings to include an assignment option in the NOV Sublease Agreement for site GLF624
  - B. Permits and Waterways Committee
    - 1. Review permits from NRCS, LA Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Jefferson Parish Public Works Dept., and South Lafourche Levee District
  - C. Construction and Development Committee
    - 1. Consider accepting the Clear Lien Certificate from Sun Industries for the Taxiway Lighting and Runway LED upgrades
    - 2. Consider accepting the low bid for the Airport Access Road Culvert Improvements
    - 3. Consider adopting a resolution approving the DOTD Sponsorship Agreement for the Airport Drainage Rehabilitation project
    - 4. Consider adopting a resolution and approving the Airport Capital Improvements Program Application
    - 5. Consider accepting the low bid for the Nerby Collins Marina Boat Lift Extension
    - 6. Consider accepting the low bid for Replacing the Bulkhead and Removing the Awning at the Public Boat Launch
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of September 2018 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2. Consider approving the September 2018 unaudited financial statements
    - 3. Consider approving the out of state travel requests
- IX. Any Other Business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**October 10, 2018**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 10:30AM at the Administration Office 16829 East Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345.

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

ATTENDED: Chuckie Cheramie, Perry Gisclair, Kris Gaudet, Rodney Gisclair, Curtis Pierce, Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jr., and Randy Adams

ABSENT: Jimmy Guidry

Upon motion by Griffin second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for September 12, 2018 regular meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion - Engineer Larry Picciola reported Slip C 939' West Sweep Dredge is complete with the lien period ending on October 5<sup>th</sup>. We should have the clear lien certificate and retainage payment ready for next meeting. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Crosby Dredging should be complete in 2 to 3 weeks on the Slip C 1671' East Bulkhead project. They are currently painting the bulkhead, installing timber caps, and placing lightweight aggregate. Engineer Joe Picciola reported a preconstruction meeting is scheduled tomorrow with Magnolia Dredge to discuss the Slip C 1671' East Sweep Dredging project and start date. Executive Director Chiasson reported the 1671' East Bulkhead and Dredge projects both had good bids and we have \$2.7 million of funds remaining. We are in discussions with DOTD Port Priority to use those funds toward future bulkhead and dredging projects. Engineer John Plaisance reported the Mitigation Dredge of Slip D is in the lien period. We should have the clear lien certificate and a change order for additional days ready for next month.

Airport Projects - Airport Manager Richard Osborne reported in September the aircraft operations were 2,476, with 11,501 passengers, and 19,113 vehicles. The contractor Sun Industries is on site today to complete the earthwork on the punch list for the Taxiway Lighting and Runway LED Upgrades. We did meet last week with the sign manufacturer on site and it was determined the sign faces need to be replaced. We are withholding \$2,500 from final retainage for punch list items. Chiasson stated the clear lien certificate is later for approval. Osborne stated DDG is working on the design of the Airfield Drainage Improvements. Engineer Joe Picciola reported the Airport Access Road Culvert Improvements bid opening was September 19<sup>th</sup> with low bid from Byron E. Talbot Contractors in the amount of \$436,611. The bid was in order and recommendation to award. Melancon questioned the Engineer's estimate, which Picciola replied \$450,000. Chiasson stated we have spoken to the landowner regarding the Runway Approach Easement (RPZ). We are working on agreements to have access and perpetuity to cut trees to have a safe approach. Osborne reported there are 5 projects identified in the 2019 Airport Capital Improvement Program which are Terminal Design \$200,000, Airfield Drainage Improvements Construction \$210,000, RPZ Approach Obstruction Removal Design \$40,000, Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation Design \$60,000, and lastly if we qualify the Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation Construction \$1,100,000.

Other Projects – Dustin Malbrough with GIS Engineering reported on the Section 203 Feasibility Study. The report has been submitted to the Corps and the IEPR team for review. There is a public meeting to be held in 2 weeks here in the board room. The notice has been published in newspapers in the surrounding areas and in the libraries in Lafourche Parish. Last week we attended a meeting with the IEPR team. They presented 27 clarifications to the report which we are working on the response to send out today. We expect to receive mid review comments. We hope to have the final IEPR report by

November 6<sup>th</sup> which is around the time the public commenting period will end. Then a 45-day period to wrap up all the loose ends and resolve any comments to send the final to the Corps ASA office before year end. Chiasson stated the public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 5PM to 7PM here at the GLPC Administration Office in Cut Off. P. Gisclair requested Chiasson explain the slide on the screen. Chiasson explained an artist's rendering of the proposed drilling rig repair and refurbishment facility planned for Port Fourchon on Fourchon Island, including a 50 foot deep channel in Belle Pass and a 30 foot deep channel in Bayou Lafourche north of Pass Fourchon. He stated on the west side is the proposed LNG facility slated to be 2 million ton per annum with current water depths and if we get to 50 foot deep channel it will be increased to a 5 million ton per annum facility. P. Gisclair stated the LNG Facility is a \$900 million private investment project. Adams questioned the phase LNG is in, which Chiasson replied they are still in the pre-filing phase with FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) and recently completed the soil borings to complete the engineering. Adams questioned the timeframe, which Chiasson replied a couple of years to get approved, then a couple of years for construction. Basically, 4 to 5 years before facility is operational. Gaudet stated as they prepare the engineering they are doing so with the anticipation to sustain a 50 foot depth, which Chiasson replied yes.

Engineer Joe Picciola reported the LA 308 Airport Access Improvements bid opening was September 12<sup>th</sup> with low bid from Beverly Construction Co. in the amount of \$920,014. The bid was in order and we received approval from EDA and the Lafourche Parish Government to award the project. Chiasson stated this is a Parish project with the Port participating \$100,000, Parish \$350,000 and EDA \$750,000. Engineer Larry Picciola reported the LA 1 Phase 2 Leeville Mitigation Dredge project is still ongoing. The contractor Magnolia Dredge has not completed the punch list yet. They are applying for a new access permit which had expired with ConocoPhillips. We are withholding retainage. This is to repair the damage to the marsh they did during the project. Melancon questioned the time passed since substantial completion certificate, which Picciola replied that was mid-May therefore it is over 90 days. Melancon questioned what recourse we have if they don't repair, which Picciola replied we have \$35,000 of retainage as well as the performance bond is still in effect. Melancon questioned if they will complete anytime soon or is it due to the weather, which Picciola replied they must bring in a small dredge to place material in the buggy tracks and they have been waiting on the low tide, so the material doesn't wash away. Adams questioned at what point do we start looking at options, which Picciola replied with the fall approaching we should start getting low tides and if he doesn't do it in the next month we need to look at other options. Engineer Larry Picciola reported the Fourchon Island Soil Borings are complete. He is attending a meeting on Friday with Eustis Engineering to discuss the data. P. Gisclair stated Energy World was taking soil boring on the west of Bayou Lafourche and the Port is taking soil borings on Fourchon Island once all the data is in we can do a comparison, which Picciola replied yes.

Engineer John Plaisance reported Nerby Collins Marina Boat Lift Extension bid opening was October 4<sup>th</sup> with low bid from Gulf Island Services in the amount of \$114,267. The bid was in order and recommendation to award. Engineer Plaisance reported Public Boat Launch Bulkhead Repairs bid opening was September 20<sup>th</sup> with low bid from Plaisance Dragline & Dredge in the amount of \$78,360. The bid was in order and recommendation to award. Davie Breaux reported the contractor Pavement Markings plans to be in Port tomorrow to redo all the double lines on the roadways. MJR Line Striping plans to redo all the lines in the parking lot this weekend here at the Administrative Office and Port Complex. Chiasson stated April Danos, Troy Dufrene, and Scott Bynum were invited to teach a Criminal Justice class one night at Nicholls to show them the Port's C4 System. April Danos reported the bid opening for the CCTV Gaps Slip B Camera and Equipment is October 11<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. She reported we will be reviewing the structural analysis of the Belle Pass Camera Structure to develop a scope of work to do repairs.

Update from LA 1 Coalition – Henri Boulet reported in late September the Coalition formally requested Governor Edwards to consider funding the LA 1 Project's Segment C in Golden Meadow with the State's recently acknowledged FY18 surplus. He worked with Senator Chabert and Representative Gisclair for letters of support on the request. While the Governor's Office is working on prioritizing a list

of state projects, the projects to be funded will require legislative approval. This segment is .75 miles long with an estimated cost of \$37.8M and includes construction of a T-Wall in the levee. The request listed several reasons why this is a timely investment for the state. The Coalition is continuing to work with area legislators on a funding plan that will build-out Phase II. Specific legislation next session will be needed to provide necessary state funds for the administration to apply for a matching US DOT INFRA grant. We continue to need approximately \$300-\$340M, depending on if the Governor elects to fund Segment C with surplus funds. The Coalition has also conveyed the highwater conditions LA 1 is currently under to the Governor's Office and the DOTD Secretary so that the elevating of LA 1 remains a pressing need for state funding needs.

Chiasson gave a brief update on Hurricane Michael. We did have some impacts last night. State police, Lafourche Sheriff's office and Harbor Police were there monitoring the water levels. The stretch between Golden Meadow and Leeville was impacted from 11:30PM until 3AM today. Cars were not able to pass but truck traffic was able to drive safely. He stated around 4AM this morning the water started going down and as of now there is no water on the roadway. We will continue to monitor this evening. Adams stated there were some delays yesterday with DOTD working on the signs, which Chiasson replied yes, they were still working around 5:15PM which caused traffic to back up.

President P. Gisclair opened the floor for public comment. Andrew Martin requested a copy of the Section 203 Feasibility study and the Airport operations. Chiasson stated the Section 203 Feasibility report is not finalized but we can give you a copy of the EIS that is currently on public notice. Lafourche Parish Councilmen Danielle Lorraine, District 9 addressed the board to discuss the garbage tax reinstatement. He first congratulated the board members that are unopposed and wished good luck to others. In 1986 we passed a 1 cent sales tax throughout the Parish except for Thibodaux. Once the sales tax passed we did away with the property tax. In 1996 there was a \$17 million surplus and the Parish decided to roll back 3/10 cent and just collect 7/10 cent. From 1986 to now, there are more houses, more people, and more cost. We are bringing in \$6.2 million a year on sales tax but the contract is \$8 million. We recently transferred \$1 million from the BP fund to help pay for this year. We are now asking the people to reinstate the 3/10 cent. This is not a new tax. This sales tax was passed by the people in 1986 and includes Golden Meadow and Lockport. He stated think about the \$66 million we did not collect in 20 years. Since 1986 there are more entities that went for sales tax, so it is up, but it will still be under 10 cents in the South Lafourche area. The alternative is putting it back as a user fee but that still needs to be voted on by the public. If it doesn't pass, we can still operate but some services may be cut. He doesn't like taxes but without taxes you are not going to do anything. It will be on the November 6<sup>th</sup> ballot and early voting is October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>.

Radar "Dickie" Cheramie running for Port Commission Seat G addressed the board. He questioned the use of the Nerby Collins Marina new boat lift project, which Director Chiasson replied the immediate use will be for an agreement the Port has with Chevron due to the Fourchon Bridge removal Chevron will park a vessel to transport their employees since there is no road access. If and when a new bridge is built, the lift will be for the Port. Radar Cheramie stated when the Port received the grant to rebuild the bulkhead was that not for commercial fishermen only, which Chiasson replied CDBG dollars were used to repair the bulkhead, but Chevron is not using the bulkhead. The rest of the marina was built with Port funds. Radar Cheramie stated in the past the marina was only used for shrimpers, fishermen, crabbers and oystermen so why do we have to accommodate a big company like Chevron on a lift? Chuckie Cheramie replied if someone gets hurt the marina is the quickest place to get them to that dock. It will not be there forever it is being built for safety reasons. It is less than 5 minutes away and anywhere else it would take longer. Once a bridge is built, the lift will be for the Port's patrol vessel. Radar Cheramie agreed with saving someone's life. The commercial shrimpers have a small square area at this marina compared to the oilfield. C. Cheramie responded the commercial fishermen are the only ones that park for free everywhere else they have to pay to park at other facility docks. Radar Cheramie wanted a guarantee that the Port will keep this marina for commercial fishermen, which C. Cheramie replied as long as he is on the board he will fight for it. The rest of the board agreed as well. P. Gisclair stated no one is here to change what the marina was made for. The only thing that happened was the bridge was

taken out leaving no road access to Chevron. Chevron is paying for the lift and the rent upfront for the safety of their employees only. No equipment will be transported in the marina, that is being done at other docks. Radar Cheramie stated before the bridge was there Chevron had a place to cross, which P. Gisclair replied that was not on our property it was with another landowner. Radar Cheramie stated he just wanted to make sure the Port is not running out the commercial fishermen, which C. Cheramie replied he will fight to keep it. Pierce thanked the board for clarifying this project since he did get questioned about it. This is a temporary situation for safety reasons only. R. Gisclair reminded the public October is breast cancer awareness month to keep those people in your prayers.

Billy Joe Brunet addressed the board questioning the previous report on the Section 203 feasibility study and rig repair facility if in 4 years will there be a 50 ft. channel depth and a dock facility, which Chiasson replied no the comment on 4 years was regarding the LNG Facility and not the rig repair site. Brunet rephrased the question on what the timeframe of an open dock at 50' depth since it will be a massive project of lowering or removing pipelines, which Chiasson replied we would hope that by next year we could get authorization to move forward. We would then have to determine financing and get companies interested in renting dock space, so the proposed timeframe is between 5 and 7 years. Brunet stated in the past there were 2 free docks the Public Tug Dock and the Nerby Collins Commercial Fishermen's Marina. He stated the board decided to get rid of the public tug dock so now we have 1 free dock. There are very few places along the gulf coast where you can tie up a commercial vessel for free. Chiasson clarified his earlier statement saying that we would hope to be complete within 5 to 7 years, but we would most likely start before then. Adams questioned how long we have been working on this study, which Chiasson replied 2 ½ years. Charles "Mike" Callas announced his candidacy for Port Commission Seat H.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met September 26<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Griffin, Melancon, Cheramie, with P. Gisclair absent. They also met October 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with Griffin absent.

Upon motion Gaudet second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from The Big Bite on the Bayou, LLC owner Andrea Leonard to lease site GLF189 for a mobile food truck service.

Upon motion Pierce second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Amendment to Lease with Oceaneering for site GLF629 to incorporate the rent increase due to the utilization of additional property of 350' x 800' and 400' x 173' and allow for self-insurance of the environmental impairment liability.

Upon motion Adams second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Workstrings to include an assignment option in the National Oilwell Varco (NOV) Sublease Agreement on site GLF624.

Permits and Waterways Committee - The committee met September 26<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Cheramie, Griffin, Pierce, with P. Gisclair absent. They also met October 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with Griffin absent.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review the permits from NRCS, LA Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Jefferson Parish Public Works Dept., and South Lafourche Levee District. Chiasson stated that the CPRA project is for coastal restoration and protection to further protect the Port and the camp owners on the east side of Fourchon.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met September 26<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Griffin, R. Gisclair, Adams, with P. Gisclair absent. They also met October 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with R. Gisclair and Griffin absent.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved to accept the Clear Lien Certificate from Sun Industries for the Taxiway Lighting and Runway LED Upgrades.

Upon motion by Adams second by Gaudet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved to accept the low bid from Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$436,611.00 for the Culvert Replacement and Pavement Patching along Airport Road.

Upon motion by Pierce second by Gaudet, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted a resolution approving the LA DOTD Sponsorship Agreement to fund \$132,000 for the Airport Drainage Rehabilitation (Culvert) project.

Upon motion by Gaudet second by Adams, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted a resolution approving the Airport Capital Improvements Plan.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved to accept the low bid from Gulf Island Services, LLC in the amount of \$114,267.00 for the Nerby Collins Marina Boat Lift Phase 3.

Upon motion by Pierce second by Gaudet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved to accept the low bid from Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co., Inc. in the amount of \$78,360.00 for Replacing the Bulkhead and Removing the Awning at the Public Boat Launch Pavilion.

Finance Committee - The committee met September 26<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Melancon, Gaudet, Guidry, with P. Gisclair absent. They also met October 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Adams, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the payment of September 2018 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$1,393,418.84.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the September 2018 unaudited financial statements.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Adams, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Jason Plaisance to attend the Street Sergeant Evidence Based First Line Supervision Course in Tennessee December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, April Danos to attend the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee Meeting in Texas November 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, and Aaron Montez and Brook Angelette to attend the RCTA Gangs & Drugs Investigation Course in Mississippi October 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>.

P. Gisclair opened the floor for any other business. Chiasson stated the next Committee Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> in Fourchon will change to Cut Off since the Ethics Training class in Thibodaux is later that same day.

Upon motion by Cherie second by Gaudet, the board adjourned the board meeting at 11:32AM.

ATTEST:

  
Perry Gisclair, President

  
Harris "Chuckie" Cherie, Jr., Secretary