

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**March 14, 2018 at 10:30 AM**

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

*(Revised: March 13, 2018 at 9:17AM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for February 7, 2018 regular meeting and February 21, 2018 special meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion
    - 1. Northern Expansion GLF625 Site Improvements (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 2. Northern Expansion Slip C 939' West Bulkhead (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 3. Northern Expansion Slip C 939' West Sweep Dredging (*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. Aircraft operations
    - 2. Taxiway Lighting and Runway LED upgrades (*Duplantis Design Group*)
  - C. Other Projects
    - 1. Section 203 Feasibility Study (*GIS Engineering*)
    - 2. LA 308 Airport Access Improvements (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 3. Fourchon Bridge removal project (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 4. LA 1 Phase 2 Leeville Mitigation Dredge (*Angelette-Picciola*)
- VI. Update from the LA 1 Coalition
- VII. Update from Tim Osborn with NOAA
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the Wisner Intrusive Access Agreement for Fourchon Island
    - 2. Consider approving the advertisement for summer employment
    - 3. Consider approving the request from Falcon Global for a Short-Term Mooring Agreement in Flotation Canal
    - 4. Consider approving the Amendment to BJ Service/Baker Hughes lease GLF403
    - 5. Consider approving the request from OMNI Energy Services to sublease a portion of site GLF625 to Heritage Environmental Services, LLC
    - 6. Consider approving the request from American Integration Contractors to terminate the additional office space at the Port Complex
    - 7. Consider approving the Amendment to the hay lease at the S.L. Industrial Park
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1. Review the permit from Bollinger Fourchon, LLC
  - C. Construction & Development Committee
    - 1. Consider accepting the Clear Lien Certificate from Sealevel Construction for GLF625 Site Improvements project
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of February 2018 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2. Consider approving the LaPorte CPA Audit Engagement Agreement and Agreed-Upon Procedures Agreement
    - 3. Consider approving the out of state travel requests
- X. Any Other Business
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**March 14, 2018**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 10:30 AM at the Administration Office 16829 East Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345.

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

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

ABSENT: Jimmy Guidry

Upon motion by Griffin second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for February 7, 2018 regular meeting and February 21, 2018 special meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Engineer Larry Picciola reported Sealevel Construction has completed GLF625 Site Improvements and submitted the clear lien certificate which is later for approval. Executive Director Chiasson questioned the cost, which Davie Breaux responded \$879,613. Engineer Larry Picciola reported Sealevel Construction is installing tie rods and lightweight aggregate for Slip C 939' West Bulkhead project. The current completion date is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. He reported the contracts are being signed by Magnolia Dredge for Slip C 939' West Dredge. We are in the process of scheduling the preconstruction meeting to begin once Sealevel is finished with the bulkhead project. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Sealevel Construction is driving piles, steel sheets, and coating sheets for Slip C 1671' East Bulkhead. They are on schedule having completed 16 out of the 26 deadman and installed 740 feet of sheets. Engineer John Plaisance reported Crosby Dredging continues to dredge and place spoil in the mitigation area for Mitigation Dredge of Slip D. They should be complete in the pond area in the next week or so and move to Flotation Canal. Chiasson questioned if levees are in place, which Breaux replied yes.

Airport Projects - R. Osborne reported in February the aircraft operations were 2085 with 8827 passengers and 6620 vehicles. Regarding the Taxiway Lighting and Runway LED upgrades, Sun Industries continues to pour concrete forms. Gaudet questioned the end date, which Osborne replied before summer but there are rain and freeze days that will be included.

Other Projects – Chiasson reported GIS Engineering continues to work on the Section 203 Feasibility Study. He stated there were some minor delays due to the questions from resource agencies which is good to have these questions answered now to prevent delays during the public commenting period. We are still on track for the full packet submittal in June/July 2018. Engineer Joe Picciola reported the Parish approved the right of way agreements with the Port and Water District for the LA 308 Airport Access Improvements. Once these are recorded, we will forward to EDA and proceed with bidding the project. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Tidewater Dock has removed the south side approach of the Fourchon Bridge. They are now removing the piles and the piles for the fendering system. Next, they will start removing the center span. Chiasson stated both the LA 308 Airport Access and the Fourchon Bridge Removal are both Parish projects which we continue to monitor the progress. Engineer Larry Picciola reported Magnolia Dredge is scheduled to complete the LA 1 Phase 2 Leeville Mitigation Dredge by next week. We are in the process of scheduling a final inspection meeting with the contractor, DNR, the Port, and the landowner to repair any damages. Melancon questioned if the meeting would apply to completion time, which Picciola replied the time stops once construction is complete.

Update from the LA 1 Coalition – Henri Boulet reported Segment E of the LA 1 Project is on track for official construction by James Construction Group starting May 26<sup>th</sup>, with the contractor having 422

working days to complete the build-out. James Construction Group is expecting to work on the 390-foot northern extension first, then the widening of the existing bridge after. The Coalition continues to work with supporters toward securing additional funds that would be needed to complete the project to Golden Meadow. The update on LA 1 traffic counts are as follows: 1) Traffic increased 3.85% over last year in February, and there has been 3 increases in traffic over the last five months. 2) Revenue increased 41.09% over last year in February, and we have seen 5 increases in revenue over the last six months. The 41% increase in February is a huge spike and is due to increased large truck traffic. 3) 72% of our traffic is currently 2-Axle Vehicles, with the remainder of the traffic accounting for 28% of the traffic. The total traffic count for the month of February was 76,723 vehicles, with a daily average of 2,740 vehicles.

Update from Tim Osborn with NOAA – Osborn reported on lessons learned during the 2017 hurricane season. He started off by showing a photo of the Paragon drill ship that broke loose of its mooring, sank a tugboat, and blocked off the Corpus Christi's ship channel entrance to the Gulf of Mexico during Hurricane Harvey. The 2017 tropical season was the 2<sup>nd</sup> busiest hurricane season with 4 landfalls of major hurricanes. The 2005 season with Hurricane Katrina is still the busiest on record. However, the most damaging hurricane season is 2017, with over \$300 billion of damages. Population wise people are moving to the coast. The fastest growing state in America is Texas with the second being Florida. He stated Florida has 1,000 new residents daily and the majority of all gasoline is delivered by ships that come from LA and TX. Over 26 million gallons of gasoline is burned on average each day in Florida. The connection is that it is very important and critical for the recovery of Florida to the country. He then explained in detail Hurricane Irma's path through Florida with sustained winds of 185 mph and over 70,000 square miles of Florida was under tropical storm force winds at one time or another. NOAA monitors the Gulf of Mexico every day and we are just a phone call away. The Port is welcomed to tour or attend seminars at the National Hurricane Center in Miami or Tallahassee. We also have the center in Slidell to learn about weather forecast.

Osborn then explained in detail Hurricane Harvey's path through Texas the rainfall triggered flooding event in Houston. By the end of the event, Hurricane Harvey broke a 50-year old record by 10 inches with a total of 61 inches of rainfall in Houston. It was all flood damage with no wind damage and the residents were not in a flood zone so no one had flood insurance. The record shows 70% of the cost of all damages were uninsured. He encouraged everyone to send in the \$350 to FEMA for flood insurance even if you are not in a flood zone area. The Command Center in Houston went from trying to open the Port and channel to search and rescue and coordinating with other agencies like what the Port did during the BP Oil Spill. Personnel from all essential agencies are in one place. He then reported on the vulnerability of storms, damages, debris, winds, surges, tornados, and knowing when to evacuate. Everyone along the gulf coast has the same goal after a storm which is to get on that boat, get that boat to the dock, and get the economy back up again. There is no storm season that has not driven home the importance of Fourchon, LOOP, and the export of crude oil, energy and LNG. Osborn then reported on the new electronic navigation equipment. He stated after storms buoys and other aids to navigation are gone. USCG through the AIS system place virtual buoys to identify channels as well as debris or sunken vessels. Besides the Harbor Police and USCG, a NOAA survey crew is also deployed after storms to survey the channels and waterways. NOAA is now working with all ports to purchase these mobile transportable survey units to have onsite and ready to install in any vessel rather than them transporting a crew and vessel during a disaster. Chiasson thanked Osborn and acknowledged that NOAA is always here with us for storms.

The floor was then opened for public comment. Kristine Russell announced her candidacy for Lafourche Parish District Attorney. Early voting started March 10<sup>th</sup> with election day March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met February 21<sup>st</sup> in Fourchon present was P. Gisclair, Griffin, Melancon, and Cheramie. They also met March 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Wisner Intrusive Access Agreement for Fourchon Island.

Upon motion by Pierce second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the advertisement for summer employment to hire 6 roustabout workers.

Upon motion by Gaudet second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Falcon Global, LLC for a Short-Term Mooring Agreement in Flotation Canal for staging 2 liftboats.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Amendment to BJ Service/Baker Hughes lease GLF403 to correct the property layout and company name.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from OMNI Energy Services to sublease a portion of site GLF625 to Heritage Environmental Services, LLC.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from American Integration Contractors to terminate the additional office space at the Port Complex.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Amendment to the hay lease at the S.L. Industrial Park to extend the term.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met February 21<sup>st</sup> in Fourchon present was Cheramie, Griffin, Pierce, and P. Gisclair. They also met March 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all present.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review the permit from Bollinger Fourchon, LLC.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met February 21<sup>st</sup> in Fourchon present was Bruce, Griffin, P. Gisclair, and R. Gisclair. They also met March 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion by Pierce second by Gaudet, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate from Sealevel Construction for GLF625 Site Improvements project.

Finance Committee - The committee met February 21<sup>st</sup> in Fourchon present was Melancon, Guidry, Gaudet, and P. Gisclair. They also met March 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with Guidry absent.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the payment of February 2018 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$3,191,662.71.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the LaPorte CPA Audit Engagement Agreement and Agreed-Upon Procedures Agreement.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Chett Chiasson and up to 3 Commissioners TBD to attend the Gulf Ports Association of the Americas in Texas May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>; and Chett Chiasson and Joni Tuck to attend the Offshore Technology Conference in Texas April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Upon motion by Cheramie second by R. Gisclair, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:32AM.

ATTEST:

  
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Perry Gisclair, President

  
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Harris "Chuckie" Cheramie, Jr., Secretary