

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**July 10, 2019 at 10:30AM**

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

*(Revised: July 9, 2019 at 8:25AM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for June 12, 2019 regular meeting and June 26, 2019 special meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion
    - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C 400' East Part 2 Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 2. Minor Cheramie Sr. Road Paving (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 3. Coastal Wetlands Park
  - B. Airport Projects
    - 1. Aircraft Operations
    - 2. Airfield Drainage Improvements – Design Phase (*Duplantis Design Group*)
    - 3. Airport Road Culvert Improvements (*Picciola & Associates*)
  - C. Other Projects
    - 1. SLLD – LA 1 Re-Alignment and Flood Wall (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 2. Section 203 Feasibility Study (*GIS Engineering*)
    - 3. CCTV Slip B & C Camera and Equipment
    - 4. Belle Pass Tower Upgrades
    - 5. AMSTEP Exercise by USCG
- VI. Update from LA 1 Coalition
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the request from Edison Chouest Offshore for a Consent and Estoppel Agreement for Martin Holdings, Offshore Support Services and Fourchon Heavy Lift leases
    - 2. Consider approving the request from Bristow US to extend the trailer site lease at the SL Industrial Park
    - 3. Consider approving the Reimbursement Agreement with NOAA for the management, operations, and maintenance and repair to the Port Fourchon Physical Oceanographic Real-Time Systems
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1. Corps of Engineers Belle Pass Jetty Extension and Repair project
    - 2. Review permits from Delta Seaboard Marine, LLC and ACE Pipeline, LLC
  - C. Construction and Development Committee
    - 1. Consider adopting the DOTD Resolution to advertise Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead project
    - 2. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for the Airfield Drainage Improvements project
    - 3. Consider accepting the clear lien certificate from Byron E. Talbot Contractor for the Airport Road Culvert Improvements project
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of June 2019 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2. Consider approving the 2019 May and June 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**  
**July 10, 2019**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 10:30AM at the Administration Office 16829 East Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345.

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

ATTENDED: Perry Gisclair, Jimmy Lafont, Rodney Gisclair, Curtis Pierce, John Melancon, Jr., Mike Callais, and Kris Callais

ABSENT: Harris Cheramie, Jr. and Larry Griffin

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for June 12, 2019 regular meeting and June 26, 2019 special meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion - Engineer Joe Picciola reported Slip C 400' East Part 2 Bulkhead contract was awarded to Sealevel Construction for \$2,585,603. Contracts are signed and we plan on scheduling the preconstruction meeting in two weeks. Engineer Larry Picciola reported Byron E. Talbot Contractor is on site for the Minor Cheramie Sr. Road Paving project. He reported all cross culverts are installed. They continue to place limestone at the end of the roadway. Davie Breaux reported on the Coastal Wetlands Park that we filled the area and the vegetation is growing on its own. We now have our maintenance excavating the tidal creek. Thad Angeloz updated the board on the grant applications submitted to Land and Water Conservation, Recreational Trails Program, and LA Cajun Bayou Tourism for the development of parking, an orientation pavilion, kayak launch and view finders.

Airport Projects – Joe Wheeler reported in June aircraft operations were 2450, with 10,431 passengers, and 17,577 vehicles. He stated 2 bids were received for the Airfield Drainage Improvements project with the lowest responsive bid from Byron E. Talbot Contractor in the amount of \$440,968. We do have a \$243,000 FAA Grant. The bids did come in over the estimate, but we do have the engineer looking at options to lower the cost possibly up to \$100,000. We do have FAA looking for more grant funds but there are no guarantees. Wheeler reported the clear lien certificate and final retainage for the Airport Road Culvert Improvements is on the agenda for approval.

Other Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Byron E. Talbot Contractors has poured concrete for the past month for the South Lafourche Levee District's LA 1 Re-Alignment and Flood Wall project. They expect the gate fabrication to be complete by the end of this month. They plan to start on the completion of the roadway at the beginning of August. The completion time is mid to late August. Dustin Malbrough with GIS Engineering reported on Section 203 Feasibility Study. He stated he along with Chett, Bryce, and GIS team met last week in DC with the Corps ASA office to review the comments and responses. One issue was some inconsistencies between our report and Energy World's Water Suitability Assessment application for the LNG Facility. On Monday we had a conference call with Graham Elliot with Energy World and that issue has been resolved. The next big thing is convincing the Corps that the LNG Facility Phase 2 will use the biggest P-Max tankers and Q-Max vessels, which we discussed with Mr. Elliot and it was confirmed. He stated Mr. Elliot is supposed to come down in August so we can meet and get these items in writing and resolved. The result in if we wouldn't be able to use the largest vessels, LNG would cap out its economics at 45' which would put us in a situation with the rig repair as a single user facility. The Port could have gotten around, but we would be required to do a multi-port analysis. This would involve us evaluating the ports in Texas, Mobile, and Louisiana to show we are not stealing business from the domestic ports. Time is of the essence here to make this next WRDA Bill so we would rather not have to do the multi-port analysis. Energy World's commitment to use the largest

vessels could resolve that issue. We are driving toward mid to end of August to get this resolved and submitted to the ASA's office.

April Danos reported the CCTV Slip B & C Camera and Equipment is complete as of June 28<sup>th</sup>. The project installed 11 new cameras at a cost of \$103,000. The structural analysis of the Belle Pass Tower Upgrade has been extended to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Danos then announced the upcoming Area Maritime Security Training Exercise Program (AMSTEP) being conducted by the US Coast Guard next Thursday, July 18, 2019. This full-scale exercise will bring together federal, state, local law enforcement, and emergency management partner agencies in addition to the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP) and GLPC Harbor Police to test the South Louisiana Area Maritime Security Plan. This exercise will also validate security measures and various interagency agreements. Simultaneously, the GLPC will be testing its Harbor Police response and C4 Incident Management System. The exercise will take place at several locations throughout the parish including: LOOP Galliano, GLPC's Administration Building, Larose Civic Center, and the Lafourche Parish EOC in Mathews. Unauthorized persons and media will not be permitted access during the exercise. Members of the community should note that this full-scale exercise means there will be lots of activity on and around these sites on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Police units, fire trucks, ambulances, and more will be visible at the above sites as they are participating in the exercise. R. Gisclair questioned if this has been put out on public notice, which Danos replied yes.

Update from LA 1 Coalition - Executive Director Chiasson stated House Bill 578 passed and has been signed by the Governor which was a 2-project bill that turned into 8 projects of \$700 million for infrastructure. Our next main concern was the promise from the Governor, if we got the \$150 million match from the State through legislation, they would commit DOTD to put forth an INFRA grant to the federal government for the rest of the \$140 million needed to complete the last 8 miles of the elevated highway. We have discussed this with the Governor's Office and Representative Tanner Magee was informed that they are committed to apply for the LA 1 project in the next round. The rest of the LA 1 elevated highway should have all its money within the next year to have the project moving with construction in the next 2 to 3 years.

R. Gisclair opened the floor for public comment. Todd Joffrion announced his candidacy for District Court Judge Division C.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met June 26<sup>th</sup> in Fourchon present were Cheramie, R. Gisclair, P. Gisclair, and Melancon. They also met July 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all members present.

Upon motion by P. Gisclair second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Edison Chouest Offshore for a Consent and Estoppel Agreement for Martin Holdings, Offshore Support Services, and Fourchon Heavy Lift leases.

Upon motion by M. Callais, second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Bristow US to extend the trailer site lease at the S.L. Industrial Park for 3 years with an additional 3 year option and a 90 day cancellation clause.

Upon motion by Pierce second by P. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Reimbursement Agreement with NOAA for the management, operations, and maintenance and repair to the Port Fourchon Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System located at the Nerby Collins Marina for a term of 5 years. Chiasson stated the tidal information is available on our website for the public.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met June 26<sup>th</sup> in Fourchon present were P. Gisclair, Pierce, Lafont and Cheramie. They also met July 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all present.

Davie Breaux updated the board on the Corps of Engineers Belle Pass Jetty Extension and Repair project. Bertucci is the contractor and plans to move in next week weather permitting. He stated in 7-10 days barges of limestone will be coming down. The project will take a few months to extend and repair the jetties. Chiasson stated the extension will be on the backend of the jetty on the land side and will backfill with sand to protect against the current washout area.

P. Gisclair then presented for the board's review the permits from Delta Seaboard Marine, LLC and ACE Pipeline, LLC.

Construction and Development Committee – The committee met June 26<sup>th</sup> in Fourchon present were K. Callais, Lafont, Cheramie, with Griffin absent. They also met July 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with Griffin absent.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted the DOTD resolution to advertise Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead project.

Upon motion by P. Gisclair second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the lowest responsive bid from Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$440,968.00 for the Airfield Drainage Improvements project.

Upon motion by Pierce second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the clear lien certificate from Byron E. Talbot Contractor for the Airport Road Culvert Improvements project.

Finance Committee – The committee met June 26<sup>th</sup> in Fourchon present were Melancon, R. Gisclair, M. Callais, and Cheramie. They also met July 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all members present.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of June 2019 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which totaled \$1,261,179.79.

Upon motion by Melancon second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the 2019 May and June unaudited financial statements.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Joe Wheeler to attend the National Association of State Aviation Officials in Minnesota September 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, Thad Angeloz to attend the AAPA Communications & Marketing Seminar in Canada October 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, Joseph Colson to attend the DEFCON Security Conference in Nevada August 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, April Danos to attend the US Department of Homeland Security Advancing Security Resilience Briefing in Virginia August 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, and Michael Kinler, Jason Plaisance and Scott Bynum to attend the Zuercher One User Conference in South Dakota September 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

Vice President R. Gisclair opened the floor for any other business. Director Chiasson reported the National Hurricane Center aircraft will be going out this afternoon to investigate the weather. We are currently in a Tropical Storm Watch. They are predicting this will be a hurricane south west of us by Friday or Saturday. We will monitor it closely. We did put out the Port's Storm Watch update and the Storm Harbor Marina is now open and we have officers monitoring the site. Our major concern is public safety and workers and tenants in Port and having road access in and out with the lower sections of LA 1 just south of the Golden Meadow Locks to Leeville and to Grand Isle. We did have a conference call this morning and there is another one at 11:30AM and again this afternoon. By this afternoon, there will be decisions made for what needs to take place and we will notify our tenants and the public by social media.

P. Gisclair announced Commissioner Larry Griffin is still in good spirits waiting this hip replacement surgery please keep him in your prayers. Davie Breaux announced the Golden Meadow – Fourchon Tarpon 71<sup>st</sup> Rodeo last weekend was a great success. The leader boards were filled and all the kids that participated walked away with a fishing line. He stated unfortunately the Fourchon Oilmen's Rodeo has been cancelled which was planned for this weekend. Over 3,000 meals have been donated to the local food bank.

Upon motion by P. Gisclair second by K. Callais, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:09AM.

ATTEST:

  
Harris Cheramie Jr., President

  
Perry Gisclair, Secretary