

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**August 14, 2019 at 10:30AM**

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

*(Revised: August 13, 2019 at 8:35AM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for July 10, 2019 regular meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion
    - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C 400' East Part 2 Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 2. Northern Expansion Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 3. Minor Chermie Sr. Road Paving (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 4. Coastal Wetlands Park
  - B. Airport Projects
    - 1. Aircraft Operations
    - 2. Airfield Drainage Improvements – Construction Phase (*Duplantis Design Group*)
  - C. Other Projects
    - 1. SLLD – LA 1 Re-Alignment and Flood Wall (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 2. Section 203 Feasibility Study (*GIS Engineering*)
    - 3. Belle Pass Tower Upgrades
- VI. Update from LA 1 Coalition
- VII. Retirement Recognition for Harbor Police Officer Michelle Thomassie
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider adopting a resolution committing funds to the LA 1 Elevated Highway Phase 2 project
    - 2. Consider approving the request from Martin Holdings for a Right of First Refusal on the former site GLF307-A
    - 3. Consider approving the request from Halliburton for a new lease for site GLF313
    - 4. Consider approving the renewal of the Adopt-A-Road Contract with DOTD for LA3090
    - 5. Consider approving the Office Closure and Emergency Duty Pay Provisions Policy
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1. Corps of Engineers Belle Pass Jetty Extension and Repair project
    - 2. Review permits from Crimson Midstream, LLC; Harvest Midstream; Discovery Gas Transmission, LLC; Grand Isle Sea Farms, LLC; and LOOP, LLC
  - C. Construction and Development Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the Change Order No. 1 from Byron E. Talbot Contractor for the Airfield Drainage Improvements
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of July 2019 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2. Consider approving the 2019 July unaudited financial statements
    - 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**  
**August 14, 2019**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 10:30AM at the Administration Office 16829 East Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345.

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

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

ABSENT: Larry Griffin

Upon motion by Melancon second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for July 10, 2019 regular meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Marc Picciola reported Slip C 400' East Part 2 Bulkhead contractor Sealevel Construction was issued a conditional notice to proceed on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are currently purchasing materials and beginning to prep and coat the steel sheet piles. M. Picciola reported Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead project will begin advertising on August 19<sup>th</sup> with the bid opening scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>. Engineer Larry Picciola reported Minor Cheramie Sr. Road Paving Byron E. Talbot is shaping the roadway and they plan to start paving next week weather permitting. The contract ends September 24<sup>th</sup>. Thad Angelloz reported on the Coastal Wetlands Park grants. The Recreational Trails grant was submitted July 1<sup>st</sup> and within a month from now we should know if our application will be approved. Regarding the Land and Water Conservation grant, we have moved on to the second phase of the grant process and will find out before the end of the year if our application is approved. We did meet with LA Cajun Bayou to have discussion on the view finders and the plan is to move forward and have a temporary site developed by October.

Airport Projects – Joe Wheeler reported in July aircraft operations were 2568, with 10,733 passengers, and 19,104 vehicles. He stated there is a change order for the Airfield Drainage Improvements project a deduct of \$116,300. The original price was \$440,968 with this change order the new contract price will be \$324,668.

Other Projects – Marc Picciola reported Byron E. Talbot Contractor's is complete with pouring the concrete for the I Wall for the South Lafourche Levee District's LA 1 Re-Alignment and Flood Wall project. The gate will be installed this week. The highway tie in work will be a night time operation and will begin tonight for approximately 3 weeks. They will not work on Friday or Saturday night. Engineer John Plaisance reported on the Section 203 Feasibility Study. We expect to submit the final economic analysis in the next couple of weeks. Chiasson stated we were waiting on the letter from Fourchon LNG regarding the vessel sizes which was received this morning so that will be included in the final packet. John Crochet reported the structural analysis is complete for the Belle Pass Tower Upgrades. The upgrade will include installation of a steel plate under the existing wooden deck for reinforcement prior to installing the 50' tower. We are waiting on an updated cost estimate to move forward with the project.

Update from LA 1 Coalition – Henri Boulet reported on July 30<sup>th</sup> the Coalition along with Senator Chabert met with LA DOTD Secretary Wilson and DOTD's Undersecretary for Finance and DOTD's Deputy Secretary to discuss advancing the LA 1 Project's Phase II Funding Plan. The state is moving forward with a consultant to help prepare a federal INFRA grant application and the Coalition is currently helping them finalize a Scope of Work. To accurately monetize and document the fiscal impacts of a secured highway to the port, the consultant will need to gather data and cost figures on

supplies, transportation cost, OCS production, past shut-in production, safety enhancements to the highway system, and other factors relative to a LA 1 Project INFRA application. The Secretary noted that there is no guaranty that the INFRA grant program will provide a 100% match to the state's \$150M. He wants to be prepared, in case the INFRA program offers a smaller amount, to have other state resources lined up. That discussion included both Capital Outlay funds and GOMESA funds. Before the meeting, the Coalition conveyed to the Secretary and the Governor's Chief Counsel that we hope they would consider utilizing some budget surplus monies to close any funding gap needed to identify Phase II construction funds. The Secretary updated the Coalition that a recent internal construction estimate completed in late July is \$375-\$425M for Phase 2. In the past DOTD was using an estimate of \$347M. With this higher estimate it is critical the administration remain open minded on utilizing the other state funds to close any funding gap. The Coalition intends to support the administration in doing so. Boulet updated the Secretary that the Coalition was continuing to work on the industry match, with over \$5M secured in pledge letters as of late July. The Coalition requested DOTD move as soon as possible to address several pipelines in the Phase II ROW which will need to be deepened or relocated. Achieving this work will lower risk and bid cost to contractors bidding on the Phase II job. Finally, the Coalition offered to utilize both the Alpine Group and other resources we have in advocating for the application. Secretary Wilson knows our lobbyist Mike Henry very well, and we will all be working together to coalesce delegation support for the application.

Executive Director announced the retirement recognition for Harbor Police Officer Michelle Thomassie. Mrs. Thomassie has been working for the Port for 12 years retiring with 30 years of service from Lafourche, Terrebonne, and the Port Commission. In appreciation for her years of dedicated service and leadership as a Harbor Police Officer, Director Chiasson presented her with a certificate and wishes of good health, happiness, and continued success in her life after retirement. President Cheramie stated on behalf of Port staff and Commissioners we appreciate your service. Thank you.

President Cheramie opened the floor for public comment. Marla Abel announced candidacy for District Court Judge Division C. Luci Sposito announced candidacy for Lafourche Parish President. Daniel Lorraine announced candidacy for Lafourche Parish Councilmen District 9. Early voting is September 28<sup>th</sup> to October 5<sup>th</sup> with Election day on October 12, 2019.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met July 24<sup>th</sup> in Fourchon present were Cheramie, R. Gisclair, P. Gisclair, and Melancon. They also met August 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all members present.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board to consider adopting a resolution committing funds to the LA 1 Elevated Highway Phase 2 project. Chiasson stated the Port Commission has been involved with getting the elevated portion completed from Golden Meadow to Leeville which will cost approximately \$343 million. This is based on the \$150 million state commitment and the \$25 million commitment from private industry. This resolution would commit \$25 million from the Port Commission as \$5 million per year for 5 years. With the state and local match of \$250 million, we would then go to the federal government to get the rest allocated. It is important for South Lafourche and the future of the Port for business to our community. The recommendation to the board is to approve this resolution and later we will have an official agreement with DOTD. The first check will not be sent until after a notice to proceed for construction is issued. The timeframe may be 2021 but we will start budgeting it for 2020 to be conservative. Upon motion by Pierce second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved to adopt the resolution to participate in funding \$25 million towards construction of Phase 2, Segments A – D of the LA 1 Improvements Project of \$5 million per year for 5 years.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair second by P. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Martin Holdings for a Right of First Refusal on the former site GLF307-A in Port Fourchon.

Upon motion by P. Gisclair second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Halliburton Energy Services for a new lease for site GLF313. The current 30-

year lease has ended, and the new lease includes a 5-year primary term and 4 additional 5-year options to begin November 1, 2019.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Jimmy Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the renewal of the DOTD Adopt-A-Road program for 2 years to maintain the grass and trash along LA 3090.

Upon motion by Pierce second by P. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Office Closure and Emergency Duty Pay Provisions Policy.

Permits & Waterways Committee – The committee met July 24<sup>th</sup> in Fourchon present were P. Gisclair, Pierce, Lafont and Cheramie. They also met August 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all present.

Davie Breaux reported on the Corps of Engineers Belle Pass Jetty Extension and Repair project. He stated the contractor is Bertucci and currently the dragline is down waiting on parts but should be back running on Friday. They do have on site a long reach excavator and completing the second set of barges of limestone. They do have 6 barges leaving New Orleans on the way down now and another 6 barges scheduled to leave the quarry next week. Chiasson showed on the screen the location of the jetty extension on the land side that will be filled with rock and back filled with sand. This project may potentially have extra funds remaining from the allocated \$4 million project. We will discuss with the Corps to utilize the funds remaining to place additional limestone on the bullnose on each end of the jetties.

Chairman P. Gisclair presented for the board's review the permits from Crimson Midstream, LLC; Harvest Midstream; Discovery Gas Transmission, LLC; Grand Isle Sea Farms, LLC; and LOOP, LLC.

Construction and Development Committee – The committee met July 24<sup>th</sup> in Fourchon present were K. Callais, Lafont, Cheramie, with Griffin absent. They also met August 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with Griffin absent.

Upon motion by Pierce second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Change Order No. 1 from Byron E. Talbot Contractor for the Airfield Drainage Improvements project to decrease the contract price by \$116,300 for a new contract price of \$324,668.

Finance Committee – The committee met July 24<sup>th</sup> in Fourchon present were Melancon, R. Gisclair, M. Callais, and Cheramie. They also met August 12<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 July 2019 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which totaled \$1,886,615.58.

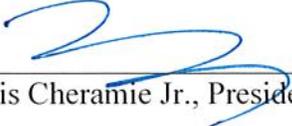
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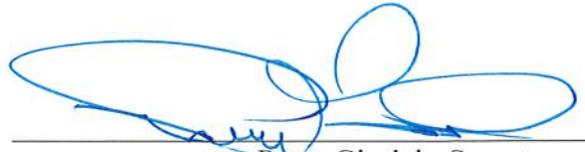
Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Chett Chiasson, Mike Callais, Jimmy Lafont, Rodney Gisclair, Curtis Pierce, and John Melancon, Jr. to attend the AAPA Annual Convention in Virginia October 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, April Danos to attend the AAPA IT Committee Meeting in Florida September 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, and Chett Chiasson to attend LA 1 Meeting in DC dates to be determined later.

President Cheramie opened the floor for public comment. P. Gisclair reported Commissioner Larry Griffin walked on his new hip yesterday and thanks everyone for all their prayers and please keep him praying for a quick recovery. Melancon congratulated Commissioner Pierce on his upcoming wedding on Friday wished him the best of luck, which Pierce replied thank you all. Pierce stated he does have cancer but will continue to go on and will continue being a Commissioner. President Cheramie replied good luck and we will pray for you. Chiasson thanked all the political candidates for being here and our door is always open. We look forward to working with you all in the future. He also thanked Michelle Thomassie again for her service to the Port Commission.

Upon motion by P. Gisclair second by K. Callais, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14AM.

ATTEST:

  
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Harris Cheramie Jr., President

  
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Perry Gisclair, Secretary