OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

August 13, 1979

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission of the State of Louisiana met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Commission Administration Building in Galliano, Louisiana, on Monday, August 13, 1979 at 3:00 P.M. pursuant to the provision of due notice given in writing to each and every member thereof, and duly posted in the manner provided by law.

There were present Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Tomey Doucet, Pye Theriot, Reed Danos, Roland Guidry, and Ted Martin.

There were absent: Nerby Collins and Andrew Martin.

The President, Pye Theriot, convened the meeting and announced the purpose of the meeting in accordance with the aforesaid written notice, and then stated that the Commission was ready for the transaction of business.

On motion of Harrison Cheramie, Jr., a second by Ted Martin, and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 1979 were approved.

On the motion of Tomey Doucet, a second by Reed Danos, and unanimously passed, the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 16, 1979 were approved.

The motion of Treasurer, Tomey Doucet, a second by Roland Guidry, and the unanimous consent of the board approved the Financial Statement for July 1979 as follows:

PREVIOUS BALANCE:

Auto - Fuel

\$488,163.95

RECEIPTS:		
Martin Fuel	\$ 1,479.50	
Dow Chemical	7,295.00	
Golden Meadow Oil	1,495.75	
Lafourche Parish Water District #1	75,000.00	
South Lafourche Levee District	600.00	
Interest on C. D.'s	10,268.01	
South Lafourche Bank - C. D.	100,000.00	
Raceland Bank & Trust - C.D.	50,000.00	
State Bank & Trust. C. D.	50,000.00	
Greater Jefferson Port Commission	3,520.35	
State Bank & Trust - C. D.	50,000.00	
Reading & Bates	900.00	
LOOP, Inc.	645.75	
Salary Deductions	1,550.40	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$352,754.76
TOTAL		\$840.918.71
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DISBURSEMENTS:		
Salaries	\$ 6,979.00	
Office Maintenance	996.48	
Building Maintenance	206.75	
General Maintenance	5,989.32	
Utilities	748.66	
Telephone	288.11	

802.22

Auto - Repair	\$ 250.92	
Harbor Police	481.47	
Tool Allowance	100.00	
Travel	125.40	
Per Diem	340.00	
Hospitalization Insurance (Agency)	300.88	
Hospitalization Insurance (Employee)	352.08	
State Retirement (Agency)	601.04	
State Retirement (Employee)	552.16	
Equipment	1,353.05	
Federal W. H. Taxes	1,851.90	
State W. H. Taxes	286.98	
Subscriptions	53.00	
C. D. Purchase - South Lafourche Bank		
C. D. Purchase - Raceland Bank	50,000.00	
C. D. Purchase - State Bank	100,000.00	
Bank Charges	216.76	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	220.70	
BALANCE 7-31-79		

$\frac{$272}{$568}, \frac{876.18}{042.53}$

RECAPITULATION

State Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 15,520.90
State Bank & Trust Co. (C.D.)	400,000.00*
Raceland Bank & Trust Co. (C.D.)	50,000.00
Raceland Bank & Trust Co.	2,421.63
South Lafourche Bank & Trust (C.D.)	100,000.00
Petty Cash	100.00
TOTAL	

\$568,042.53

Upon the motion of Roland Guidry, a second by Reed Danos, and the unanimous consent of the board, the payment of all invoices received during the month was approved.

Approval of issuance of Letters of No Objection to the following applicants was given on the motion of Roland Guidry, a second by Ted Martin, and the unanimous consent of the board:

Alario & Guidry, Inc.
Curtis Griffin
Williams Exploration Co.
Terra Resources, Inc.
LOCAP, Inc.
Gulf-Fab Salvors, Inc.
Texaco, Inc.
Westover Oil Corp.
Brock Exploration Corp.
Bobby P. Guidry
J. Wayne Plaisance, et al
Shell Pipe Line Corporation
C. F. Braun and Caompany

The letter of No Objection to be issued to C. F. Braun and Company is to include the requirement that the proposed canal and slip be properly marked with poles and reflector tape.

^{*}Additional \$100,000 C. D. Purchase

President, Pye Theriot, announced that the Commission had received a letter from the South Lafourche Ambulance District #1 requesting that the Commission appoint someone to the board to fill the vacancy created by the death of Norman Doucet. President Theriot announced that he was appointing Commissioner Reed Danos to fill this position on the board of the South Lafourche Ambulance District #1.

Board Member, Roland Guidry, informed the Board that he had been receiving numerous complaints from small boat owners as to the damages being done to their vessels by speeding boats, especially out of state boats. He then called upon Harbor Police Superintendent, Mack Picou, to report on the status governing this. Picou told the board that unless the officers witnessed the violation they cannot take action necessary to file proper criminal charges. The person then would have to file the charges with the Justice of the Peace on their own. However, even though the criminal charges are filed, this does not mean that the person will be paid for damages incurred, because civil law comes into this, and the individual would have to consult an attorney and file the necessary civil suit. He briefly summarized two sections of the Revised Statutes concerning careless and reckless operation of a vessel (watercraft). A short discussion ensued and afterwards, President Pye Theriot, with unanimous board approval authorized Superintendent Picou to have the necessary signs prepared informing watercraft operators of the specific statutes and penalties regarding violations thereof, and also to place these signs in appropriate locations in Bayou Lafourche.

President Theriot then welcomed special guest, Representative Leonard Chabert. Rep. Chabert gave a detailed explainantion of the \$6,180,000.00 in State Funds which were obtained for the Port Commission through his efforts, by request of the Commission. He indicated that the first phase, Priority I, will be let October 16, and at that time \$2.5 million of the allocated funds will be received by the Port. The second phase, Priority IV, will be let sometime in mid 1980, and the balance of \$3,680,000 will then be received. The money is to be spent by the Port on projects as they see fit. At this point, President Theriot, intervened and explained that an outstanding state debt had to be cleared before any monies from the approved \$1.6 million CZM grant, and the \$3.5 million CZM loan could be disbursed. Though the commission felt certain that arrangements could be made to obtain the CZM funds, but as a precaution against not being able to fund the project, the Commission approached Rep. Chabert for assistance in obtaining state funds. He further indicated that arrangements had been made to clear and no problems were anticipated in clearing the outstanding debt. Mr. Theriot extended his gratitude and that of the whole board to Representative Chabert for his efforts in obtaining these state funds.

Executive Director, Ted Falgout, reported that he was continuing to work on the CEIP loan and grant to finalize all necessary detailes. He continued his report by stating that the Commission would hold a pre-bid meeting at 4:30 P.M. this date to discuss the Seafood Industry Sites 1 and 2 that are up for lease at Port Fourchon.

Mr. Falgout also reported that the marker light which was discussed at the last meeting had been completely knocked down by Hurricane Bob, and that the light was picked up and it is extensively damaged. He indicated that this light is an important one in the lighting system and should be replaced. He also told the board that the lighting system in the pass was difficult to distinguish from other lights in the area. He informed the board that in speaking with different marine lighting concerns, he learned of a new light which is visible from twelve and one-half miles away. This new type of light is a rotating light and would be very easily distinguished from the other lights in the area, as it would be the only rotating light and would greatly enhance the visibility of the rock jetties at night. He indicated that the cost of this light is approximately \$8,000; however, the light could be moved when the rock jetties are modified in the near future.

Following a short discussion of the above, upon a motion by Roland Guidry, a second by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and the unanimous consent of the board, the Executive Director, Ted Falgout, was authorized to replace the missing marker light on an emergency basis, and to prepare a bid package for the new rotating light to mark the end of the jetties to be let at the next regular meeting.

Continuing his report, Mr. Falgout told of his letter to the Congressional delegation for assistance in removing the sunken vessels which create a hazard to navigation in Bayou Lafourche. At this point, a member of the audience, Louis "Red" Pitre, interrupted Mr. Falgout and expressed his views that it was not the sunken vessels in Bayou Lafourche which created a hazard to navigation, but the derrick which has fallen into the bayou below the Leeville Bridge. He indicated that two vessels, when meeting, have difficulty passing in this area. He said that buoys would help mark the area, but the channel area would still remain narrow because of the obstruction. Mr. Falgout stated that the Commission Harbor Police could place reflector tape on the obstruction in an effort to help. A discussion followed as to the cost of perhaps removing the derrick and plugging the well, since no recourse can be had from the owner, as the company is now defunct.

After the above discussion, Mr. Louis "Red" Pitre asked to be recognized. President Theriot so recognized Mr. Pitre, after which time he began to express his views concerning cross pilings which had been recently driven in Pass Fourchon. Mr. Pitre said that the fishermen were pushed out of the slip area and now have only a small area at Pass Fourchon in which to dock their vessels. They are now unable to do this because of the cross pilings which were driven. Harbor Police Superintendent Mack Picou asked to be recognized, he so was, and stated that the cross pilings were driven in the Pass Fourchon area in an effort to alleviate the road erosion in this area. He said the roadway along Pass Fourchon is erroding in various places, and the piles were driven in the most serious areas, and the only reason the piles were driven was to protect the roadway and to try to prevent vehicles from falling into Pass Fourchon because of road erosion. This is only of a temporary nature, as the road will be relocated when the new slips are constructed. discussion ensued as to Mr. Pitre's statement that the fishermen were being "pushed out" of the Fourchon area.

In continuing his report, Mr. Falgout stated that he had received notice from LOOP, Inc., that they would be vacating the three office spaces they presently have in the Port Commission building effective September 30, 1979. He also informed the board that he re-invested \$200,000 in matured Certificates of Deposit, and invested \$100,000 of idle funds in Certificates of Deposit.

Member Tomey Doucet expressed that he felt that the commission should designate two loading and unloading zones. One for the express use of the fishermen, and the other for the express use of the oil and related industry. Upon the suggestion of Representative Chabert, to include this in a separate bid when the bids for the other improvements are let, Commission President, Pye Theriot, indicated that this would be included in the proposed project for additional slips.

Representative Chabert told the board that he had funds from the Department of Public Works for a public boat launch. He indicated that if the Commission could find the property necessary to accomodate this launch, he had the available funds. Mr. Jervis Autin then expressed the problems he is experiencing in obtaining a launch site in the west Golden Meadow area, as Texaco has the only available property, and they will not release it for public use without a hold harmless clause, which no state agency can provide them with. Commission President Pye Theriot told Mr. Autin that this Commission would be happy to work with the Levee District in obtaining a suitable launch site.

Mr. Jervis Autin of Plaisance Dragline & Dredging reported to the board that his firm has completed the repairs to the flotation canal levee as per the letter of agreement, and would like an inspection and approval of the work. He also indicated that the remaining part of the levee which had not been recapped was in need of repair, as it had been cut by Hurricane Bob. Repairs which could be made now would not be as costly as at a later date. A short discussion followed, and it was decided that Executive DIrector Falgout check into the cost and time involved in repairing the levee and report his findings to the board at the next meeting.

With no other business to come before the board, upon a motion by Roland Guidry, a second by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Paris "Pye" Theriot, II, President

Harrison Cheramie Jr., Secretary