

A G E N D A

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
MONTHLY MEETING

MAY 10, 1983

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of April 12, 1983
4. Financial Report
5. Approval of payment of April invoices
6. Letters of No Objection
7. Executive Director's Report:
  - A. Commercial Marina Construction Report
  - B. Belle Pass Dredging Report
  - C. Navigational Aids Report
  - D. Port Attorneys
8. Any other business to come before the Board
9. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

MAY 10, 1983

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 May 10, 1983, at 10:30 A. 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: Murphy J. Cheramie, Roland J. Guidry, Dudley A. Bernard, Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Vhores Trosclair, Jr., Tomey J. Doucet, Anthony Toups and Louis Chabert

There was absent: Robert Champagne

President Tomey Doucet convened the meeting and announced the purpose thereof in accordance with the aforesaid written notice.

On motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 12, 1983 were approved.

On motion by Louis Chabert, seconded by Vhores Trosclair, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board approved the Financial Statement for April, 1983.

On motion by Louis Chabert, seconded by Murphy Cheramie and unanimously passed, the payment of all invoices received during the previous month was approved.

Approval of issuance of letters of no objection of the following applicants was given on motion by Roland Guidry, seconded by Louis Chabert and the unanimous consent of the Board:

Equitable Petroleum Corporation  
Andrew Martin Seafood  
Texaco, Inc.  
Century Mineral Corporation  
Mr. Tomey Doucet  
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Mr. Webb Griffin  
Mr. Sam Myers

Mr. Melvin Kiff  
Mr. Douglas Redd, Jr.  
Mr. Gary Borne  
Levia Griffin & Mary Guidry  
Mr. Melvin Bellanger  
Exxon Corporation  
Mr. Raymond Melancon

Commencing his report, Director Falgout requested that Engineer Plaisance give his report on the Commercial Marina. Engineer Plaisance reported that the lights are now installed and should be connected the following day. Thereafter, the marina can be opened to the public. Board Member Chabert stated that a letter should be sent to the contractor and the engineer commending them on a job well done.

Director Falgout stated that there are rules posted on the use of the marina. Discussion followed on the time limit within which boats are allowed to stay in the marina. Director Falgout recommended that the word be circulated that

this is a "short-term slip" and leave it to the discretion of the harbor police officers and the Board as to what is short term and what is not. Board Member Trosclair moved that the Port Commission have a sign made stating "Short-term Mooring Only" and if there are any complaints that the harbor police handle same as they occur. Further discussion then followed. Director Falgout then requested that Mr. Trosclair withdraw his motion until such time as the marina is opened to the public to see whether or not problems do arise. Mr. Trosclair withdrew his motion. President Doucet recommended one rule that might be considered would be that anybody tying up a boat would have to leave a note in the window of that boat with a phone number where they can be reached in order to be at the marina within an hour to move their boat, should it become necessary. Director Falgout stated that he would inform the harbor police of the Board's intent. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

In connection with the emergency dredging of Belle Pass, Director Falgout reported that attempts have been made to obtain emergency disaster assistance or some other form of assistance from the State. One of the prerequisites from the State was that the Port Commission get a bottom survey to get an accurate figure of how many yards of material would have to be removed. Picciola & Associates furnished the survey, which states as follows: "In regards to discussions on the silting of the channel at Belle Pass at Fourchon, please be advised that our firm made a preliminary field trip this week and determined that in some areas of the channel there exists only 15.5 feet of water. After taking fathometer readings, it has been determined that the channel will have to be dredged a distance of about 4,000 feet. The estimated amount of material that will have to be removed will be 650,000 cubic yards. After reviewing the proposed dredging work with contractors, it is my belief that this project will cost about \$600,000.00. The cost was based on a mob and demob cost of \$80,000.00 along with a cost of dredging at 75 to 80 cents per cubic yard." Director Falgout sent a letter to Governor Treen (enclosing the Picciola report) asking that this emergency situation be included in the federal disaster assistance declaration. Director Falgout further informed the Board that Mr. Donald Bollinger, Secretary of Department of Public Safety, is assisting the Port in this request as are Representative Jessie Guidry and Senator Leonard Chabert. Director Falgout stated that he, President Doucet and Mr. Picciola would meet with the State Engineer and Mr. Warren Beedle of the Highway Department on Monday, May 17th, to document the information obtained thus far. Director Falgout further informed the Board that he will continue to pursue this matter until some assistance is obtained.

In reference to the floodgates being constructed in Bayou Lafourche, Director Falgout reported that back in 1979 the Port Commission had requested a public hearing from the Corps of Engineers on the floodgates. In the 1979 letter the Commission expressed concern about the dimensions of the gates. He further reported that Board Members Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and Vhores Trosclair, Jr. had attended the Levee District meeting on Monday, May 9th. Mr. Trosclair gave the following report: "The Levee District adopted a resolution requesting that the Corps of Engineers look into the depth of the floodgates and see if it is justifiable to reconsider the depth of the La-rose floodgate (which would cause a three-year delay in construction). The point brought out was that the letter to the Commission from Colonel Sands of the Corps back in 1980 stated that the dimensions of the channel that the Corps is responsible for maintenance on is 60' wide by 6' deep. The design

for the dimensions is generous in that it is 4.8' deeper than the Corps maintains. However, what they failed to realize is that soft mud is not much of an obstacle to navigation whereas the cement sill is." Mr. Trosclair felt that the public was not properly informed at the beginning of the project. "It is felt that the depth of the Larose floodgate should be the same as the Golden Meadow floodgate. It may take legislation to change the dimensions of the channel; however, it is known that the present dimensions will limit navigation and commerce in this area." Upon motion by Vhores Trosclair, Jr., seconded by Louis Chabert and unanimously passed, Director Falgout was authorized to write a letter to the Corps of Engineers requesting that the depth at the Larose floodgate be the same as the Golden Meadow floodgate. President Doucet suggested that the Board Members request boat owners, shrimpers, etc. to also write letters to that effect.

Director Falgout reported that he inquired concerning purchasing the property directly behind the Commission building. Lamar Realty is handling the property which measures 90.5' by 150' less a 60' x 60' parking lot. The sale price is \$24,937.00. Upon motion by Louis Chabert, seconded by Murphy J. Cheramie and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission does hereby agree to purchase from Danos Bros., Inc., for and in consideration of the price and sum of \$24,937.00 cash, the following described property, to-wit:

A certain piece or portion of ground, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, rights, ways, servitudes, privileges and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in Section 28, T18S, R21E, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. Said tract measures Ninety and 50/100 (90.5') feet, more or less, on its northern and southern boundary lines and One Hundred Fifty and No/100 (150') feet, more or less, on its eastern and western boundary lines, less and except an area Sixty (60') feet by Sixty (60') feet; all as appears on the attached sketch, identified as Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; said sketch being a part of that certain map or plat entitled "Survey Plat Showing Commercial Site of Tarpon Heights Subdivision, Being Part of Sec. 28, T18S, R21E, Galliano, La., Lafourche Parish" prepared by J. Wayne Plaisance dated September 21, 1972. LESS AND EXCEPT HOWEVER, and reserving to Vendors, their heirs, successors and assigns, all of the oil, gas and other minerals in and under all of the land herein sold.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate said purchase, all on such terms and conditions as he in his sole discretion may deem necessary and advisable.

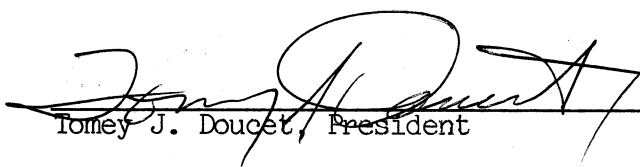
In connection with the CEIP grant, Director Falgout reported that authorization had been received from the federal government to commence expenditures on the Public Boat Launch. Discussion followed in connection with what improvements could be made other than increasing the area of the parking lot, adding rip-rap and possibly bulkheading. The Board also discussed the use of the parking lot insofar as camping, etc.

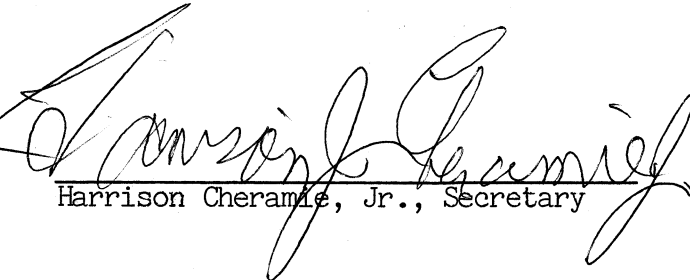
Director Falgout informed the Board that after consideration of the three bids received in connection with the emergency purchase of a tractor, the Commission purchased a tractor from M & L Industries at a cost of \$10,241.

Concluding his report, Director Falgout informed the Board that he had requested some attorneys to furnish a list of their charges to handle port business, but had not heard from all the attorneys yet. He will follow up on this and report at a later meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Vhores Trosclair, Jr., seconded by Roland Guidry and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Tomey J. Doucet, President

  
Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary