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# March 13, 1990

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- -3. Approval of minutes of February 13, 1990
- 4. President's Report:
  - a. Resolution requesting federal funding
- 5. Committee Reports:
  - I. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
    - a. Letter of No Objections
    - b. Anchor piles
    - c. Bayou Dredging Permit
  - II. Construction & Development:
    - a. Martin Fuel request to cancel IDF lease and lease to FDF
    - b. Lease to Houston Helicopters, Inc.
  - III. Finance:
    - a. February Invoices
    - b. Financial Report
    - c. Systems Survey and Compliance Questionaire
  - IV. Executive:
    - a. Beach Patrol
- 6. Executive Director's Report
  - a. Dredging Flotation Canal Update
  - b. Dredging Belle Pass Update
  - c. US Customs Port of Entry Update
  - d. Port Development Update
- 7. Any other business
- 8. Adjournment

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION MARCH 13, 1990

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Commission Administration Building on Tuesday, March 13, 1990, at 10:30 AM pursuant to the provision of due notice in writing to each and every member thereof and duly posted in the manner provided by law.

President Doucet called the meeting to order and requested that Harrison Cheramie, Jr. call the roll.

PRESENT: Harrison J. Cheramie, Jr., Rodney J. Terrebonne, Vinton J. Crosby, Brent A. Duet, Tomey J. Doucet, Robert M. Champagne, Donald J. Vizier, Dudley Bernard and Roland J. Guidry

ABSENT: None

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Marco J. Picciola, Larry J. Picciola and Johnny Robichaux of J. Wayne Plaisance Inc., Port Engineers; George J. Ledet, Jr., Port Attorney; Gerald A. Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; and Louverda Duet, Port Secretary.

On motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Robert M. Champagne, and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 1990 were approved.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Doucet urged the Board to adopt the following resolution in connection with funds which would be available to Louisiana from the federal budget. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Dudley Bernard, and unanimously passed:

- WHEREAS The Land and Water Conservation Fund has had a significant impact on outdoor recreation in Louisiana and, more particularly, in the Port Fourchon area of Lafourche Parish, and has greatly contributed to the quality of life in this state; and
- WHEREAS Louisiana state and local governments have benefited greatly from the \$57.3 million in the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program by using these funds to acquire and develop more than 567 recreation facilities; and
- WHEREAS The Greater Lafourche Port Commission has participated in construction of the Port Fourchon Boat Ramp project with Land and Water Conservation Fund grant assistance; and
- WHEREAS Louisiana state and local governments have contributed over \$57.3 million to match Federal support for this program; and

WHEREAS State and local governments have received less and less of their proportionate share of the Outer Continental Shelf revenues still flowing into this program; and

WHEREAS These cuts have come at a time when Louisiana state and local governments are engaged in an intensive effort to protect and enhance our conservation estate, wetlands and recreational resources; and

WHEREAS There is an important relationship between recreation opportunities and tourism, industrial inducement, protection of our natural and cultural resources and the health and economic well being of our citizens; and

WHEREAS We need to provide for full funding of the state portion of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission does hereby urge you to support authorization of a minimum of \$200 million in the budget for FY 1991, of which at least \$3.6 million would be available to Louisiana to be used to protect and enhance our natural resources and expand, enhance or develop natural and developed outdoor recreation opportunities at the state and local levels.

This resolution is hereby adopted by a majority of members present on this the 13 day of March, 1990.

# LEGAL, PERMITS AND WATERWAYS:

Upon motion by Roland J. Guidry, seconded by Harrison J. Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize sending letters of no objection to the following applicants:

Louisiana Land & Exploration Mr. Arthur Gautreaux Greenhill Petroleum Corporation

Chairman Guidry stated that the Committee has discussed installing an anchor pile system on the western bank of Bayou Lafourche and in Pass Fourchon at the Port, and recommends that Director Falgout be authorized to proceed with construction of said system. Upon motion by Roland J. Guidry, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to purchase anchor chain and casings for the installation of an anchor pile system on the western bank of Bayou Lafourche and in Pass Fourchon at the Port, and to advertise for bids for same, if necessary. Discussion followed in connection with the size and type of materials needed.

Chairman Guidry stated that the first application for dredging in Bayou Lafourche had been received from Clifton and Lisa Bellanger. The application has been reviewed, and there being no objection to same, has been approved.

## CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that Martin Fuel Distributors, Inc. had requested approval to cancel its sub-lease International Drilling Fluids on Lot #1 of its lease and lease same to Francis Drilling Fluids effective May 1st. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the cancellation of the sub-lease by Martin Fuel Distributors, Inc. to International Drilling Fluids on Lot #1 of its lease and to lease same to Francis Drilling Fluids, effective May 1, 1990.

Chairman Bernard further stated that a request had been received from Houston Helicopters, Inc. to lease a site across from Deepwater Port Services to be used as a helipad. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Rodney J. Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve a Surface Lease to Houston Helicopters, Inc., and does hereby authorize President Doucet to sign any and all documents to effectuate said lease to Houston Helicopters, Inc.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Roland J. Guidry and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of all invoices received in the previous month.

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for February, 1990.

Chairman Duet presented a Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire for approval by the Board. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Roland J. Guidry and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt a Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire as a required part of the Commission's financial and compliance audit as of December 31, 1989, in compliance with the request of the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

President Doucet stated that the Committee had reviewed the possibility of patrolling the beach at Port Fourchon. Beginning May 1st the beach will be patrolled by Harbor Police. The section between the bags and the water will be roped off and made off limited to vehicular traffic, for safety purposes.

President Doucet stated that Saturday, March 31st is State Clean Up Day, and the Commission will be participating by cleaning the bayou on that day.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Commencing his report, Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer Larry J. Picciola for a report on the dredging of the Flotation Canal. Mr. Picciola stated that the work had been completed at a total cost of \$100,550.23. He then presented Changed Order #1 which adjusted the quantities of material removed to increase the width of the canal. He also presented a Certificate of Substantial Completion for adoption by the Board. Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne,

seconded by Vinton J. Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve Change Order #1 in connection with the Flotation Canal Dredging project. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Roland J. Guidry and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept, as substantially complete, the Dredging of the Flotation Canal Project.

Director Falgout then called upon Mr. Johnny Robichaux of J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. for a report on the dredging of Belle Pass. Mr. Robichaux stated that the contractor, Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Co., has almost completed the work, with an estimate of five days left to dredge. The weather is currently delaying work, even though he has repaired the spud which was broken this past week. Director Falgout stated that Board members had visited the dredge last week. The spud was broken in rough weather. The contractor will wait for better weather before starting up again. Director Falgout informed the Board that Great Lakes had, at its own expense, prepared a bottom profile from the Flotation Canal all along the channel to the Gulf, and had presented same to the Commission.

Director Falgout stated that he had obtained the necessary information from Customs to file an application to have Port Fourehon declared a US Customs Port of Entry. He will begin the lengthy process of gathering the information necessary to file the application.

In connection with the port development update, Director Falgout stated that interest in leasing property at the Port is growing.

He further stated that in 1978 there was an average of approximately 300 vehicles a day parked at the Port. This year the average is approximately 1500 vehicles a day.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

Board Member Harrison Cheramie, Jr. informed the Board that the runway at the airport is scheduled to be extended to 5,000', and further developments are expected.

Board Member Brent A. Duet informed the Board that he and Mr. Champagne had represented the Commission at the Louisiana Shrimp Association Convention this past month. He stated that they had the opportunity to speak to Billy Tauzin's aide, Mr. Wright, about the importance of dredging Bayou Lafourche below the Golden Meadow floodgate.

There being no further business, upon motion by Roland J. Guidry, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

Comey J. Doucet. President

H. J. Cheramie, /Jr., Secretary