

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 15, 1991

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Commission Administration Building in Galliano, Louisiana, on Friday, February 15, 1991, 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 Board Member Cheramie call the roll.

PRESENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Rodney Terrebonne, Vinton J. Crosby, Brent a. Duet, Toney J. Doucet, Robert M. Champagne, Dudley Bernard and Roland J. Guidry

ABSENT: Donald J. Vizier

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; John J. Plaisance, Marco J. Picciola, II and Larry J. Picciola, Port Engineers; Gerald A. Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; and Louverda A. Duet, Port Secretary.

President Doucet then called upon Board Member Duet to lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of our troops in the middle east.

On motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 1991 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Commencing his report, President Doucet stated that the Commission had been attempting to get the state to make repairs on the bad areas of LA 1 south of Golden Meadow. He stated that they had met with state officials; however, they have not heard from Dept. of Transportation & Development. President Doucet recommends that the Board approve a resolution, to be sent to DOTD and other public officials, requesting that immediate measures be taken to protect LA 1 south of Golden Meadow from erosion. Upon motion by Roland J. Guidry, seconded by Robert M. Champagne, the Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway #1 south of Golden Meadow, Louisiana is the only road to:

Fifty-eight percent (58%) of this state's offshore oil service business;

LOOP, which provides twenty percent (20%) of this nation's oil;

Twenty percent (20%) of this state's seafood production;

Two of this state's only three Gulf of Mexico beaches that have road access; and

A developing Caribbean trade business with tremendous potential;

WHEREAS, Port Fourchon is this state's most strategic land base for servicing offshore oil and gas, the same industry that generates much of this state's revenues; and

WHEREAS, Minerals Management Service predicts that fifty-eight percent (58%) of all offshore development in the central Gulf will be in the Port Fourchon service area for the next thirty (30) years; and

WHEREAS, Port Fourchon is rapidly developing into a Caribbean Basin Trading Partner which has greatly increased truck traffic (over 100 18-wheelers per week increase since November, 1990). These trucks are generating Transportation Trust Fund taxes for Louisiana instead of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway #1 below Golden Meadow is the only highway to the Port and Grand Isle. It is the only hurricane evacuation route and the only route to hundreds of millions of dollars of investment; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway #1 is experiencing erosion from Bayou Lafourche that threatens the roadway and all of the aforementioned road dependent users; and

WHEREAS, any further delays in protecting this most important road system will greatly increase repair costs to this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners requests that immediate emergency measures be taken to protect Louisiana Highway #1 south of Golden Meadow from the erosive forces of Bayou Lafourche.

President Doucet then informed the Board that Captain Richard S. Piatkowski and Officer Jimmy J. Guidry are to receive awards for bravery. He called upon Chief Guidry who explained that these officers had saved the lives of three people involved in an accident in a canal in Leeville. The Police Hall of Fame was notified of these actions. After investigating, they furnished silver stars and certificates to be presented to these officers. President Doucet made the awards presentation.

President Doucet then announced it was time to open bids in connection with the sale of a road grader and front end loader. He then called for other bids; there being none he proceeded to open the bids and read as follows:

George Loup, Sr.	Grader	\$560.00
G & A Auger Co.	Grader	\$777.77
James Duet	Loader & Grader	\$977.77
Alan W. Foret, Sr.	Grader	\$1,050.00
Alan W. Foret, Sr.	Loader	\$450.00
Brewer Wholesale	Grader	\$1,100.00
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President Doucet recommended that the high bids be accepted. Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Rodney J. Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the low bids as follows:

Road Grader	Brewer Wholesale	\$1,100.00
Front End Loader	Alan W. Foret, Sr.	\$450.00

Mr. Foret, recognized by President Doucet, inquired whether the Board was accepting bids as a package or as separate bids. Director Falgout indicated that these were separate individual bids. Mr. Foret said he understood he was bidding as a package. Discussion followed. Director Falgout then read the notice from both ways. He recommended that the Board get a decision from the attorney. Mr. Cheramie then amended his motion to the effect that the Board consult George Ledet, Jr., port attorney, and award or reject the bids on his approval. It was seconded by Brent Duet and unanimously approved.

President Doucet then announced it was time to open bids in connection with the purchase of a new harbor police unit. He then called for any other bids; there being none, he proceeded to open the bids and read as follows:

Cliff's Motor Co.	1991 Ramcharger	\$15,900.00
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Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Brent A. Duet and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the bid by Cliff's Motor Co. in the amount of \$15,900 in connection with the purchase of a 1991 Dodge Ramcharger, providing all specifications are met.

LEGAL PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

On motion by Roland J. Guidry, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize sending letters of no objection to the following applicants:

Tex-Con Oil & Gas Co.  
South Lafourche Levee District  
United Gas Pipeline Co.  
Lafourche Telephone Company

Chairman Guidry stated that the Committee recommended establishing a temporary idle zone in certain areas in Bayou Lafourche to prevent further erosion of LA 1. Upon motion by Roland J. Guidry, seconded by Brent A. Duet and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the establishment of an idle zone of certain areas in Bayou Lafourche to prevent further erosion of LA 1 into said bayou. Discussion followed in connection with installing signs to that effect in the bayou.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Committee Chairman Dudley Bernard stated that bids had been opened on Monday in connection with the refurbishing of Slip #1. He further stated that the low bid was by Lowland Construction with a base bid of \$135,573.80; however, he recommended not accepting any alternate bid. He then called upon Port Engineer Larry Picciola who stated that the base bid included 10 3-pile steel dolphins, cutting the back section of the slip and installing a concrete ramp. The alternate bid included placing a bumper system on the back side of the slip. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Roland J. Guidry and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the low bid by Lowland Construction Co. in the amount of \$135,573.80 in connection with the "Refurbishing of Slip #1".

Chairman Bernard then stated that M-I Drilling Fluids was requesting additional property at the Port. Director Falgout explained that since the Campbell Wells lease expires in January, 1992, the Commission could possibly relocate Campbell Wells and lease this site to M.I. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to proceed with the relocation of Campbell Wells and sublease or lease their existing site to M.I. Drilling Fluids, Inc.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of all invoices received the previous month.

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for January, 1991.

Chairman Duet stated it was time to advertise for bids to purchase a new front end loader. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to advertise for and accept bids in connection with the purchase of a front end loader-tractor-backhoe.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet reported that in connection with the Trip Seafood, Inc. arrears in rental, the Committee decided that if the arrears were not brought up to date, they would recommend that the lease be cancelled. However, in view of the fact that Mr. David Krebs, Jr. called and informed him that he would be wiring the funds needed to bring the arrears up to date, the Committee would recommend to the Board that if the funds are not in our bank by noon Monday, the lease would be cancelled. Director Falgout stated that the amount owed is \$6,503.24 including February rental. Board Member Harrison Cheramie, Jr. moved that the funds be accepted; however if said funds are not in our bank by noon Monday, February 18, 1991, that the lease with Trip Seafood, Inc. be cancelled. It was seconded by Dudley Bernard. Discussion followed. Board Member Brent A. Duet stated that at the last meeting, when this matter was brought up, that the Board made it clear to Mr. Krebs that they would accept the funds for the arrears and that he was to keep current on the rental. However, he feels that since Mr. Krebs called, the Board should accept the \$6,503.24 rental due. Mr. Duet then offered a substitution motion that the Board should accept the \$6,503.24 past due rental; that the funds be in the Commissions bank by noon Monday, February 18th; that Mr. Krebs be informed again that the rental must be paid promptly; and that if the deadline of February 18th is not met, Director Falgout is hereby authorized to cancel the lease with Trip Seafood, Inc. It was seconded by Robert M. Champagne, and President Doucet brought the substitute motion up for discussion. Director Falgout then informed that Board that in connection with the necessity to keep up with future payments, it would be important to specify the deadline for payments. If they become current in rental payment, then again become delinquent, then we have to go through the 30-day notification period (which has previously been done), unless it is specifically stated otherwise in Mr. Duet's motion. Mr. Duet stated that it was his intention, at the last meeting, that the rental for that month be paid by the 1st of the month, such as March rental be paid by March 1st, and not accepted after that date. Discussion then followed. Mr. Duet then amended his motion to state that the Board set a deadline for Monday, February 18th at noon to accept the \$6,503.24 past due rental; that if rental is not received by the 1st of each month, that Director Falgout be authorized to cancel the lease. It was seconded by Vinton J. Crosby. Board Member Roland J. Guidry called for a hand vote. President Doucet called for all in favor: Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Rodney J. Terrebonne, Vinton J. Crosby, Brent A. Duet and Dudley Bernard. He then called for all opposed: Roland J. Guidry. Mr. Champagne did not vote. The motion was approved. Mr. Cheramie then withdrew his motion.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Commencing his report, Director Falgout stated that he was informed by South Central Planning & Development Commission that the Commission had been approved by EDA to submit a formal application in the amount of \$1,155,240 of Federal Funds. This normally means that EDA agrees to fund the project provided all requirements of the grant are met. Combined with \$1,785,375 in State Transportation Trust Fund monies and \$595,125 in port funds, the total Multi-use Dock Project will be \$3,535,740. Director Falgout stated that he had received a request from John W. Stone Oil Distributor to lease approximately 600' of property on the E-Slip. He is negotiating with them. Board Member Harrison Cheramie, Jr. inquired whether or not we will still have to install pumps at the end of the E-slip leg to circulate water. Director Falgout informed him that pumps will still have to be installed. Discussion followed. Director Falgout stated he is still waiting for a response from the Corps of Engineers.


Continuing, Director Falgout stated that bids in connection with the recreational boat launch improvements will be opened on March 11th, at which time we will be ready to proceed with the project.

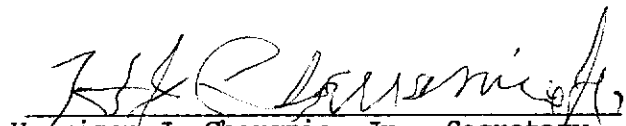
In connection with port development update, Director Falgout informed the Board that Collins Marina had been dredged by Plaisance Dragline at a cost of approximately \$20,000.

Director Falgout also stated at this time that there were three rigs in the Port.

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

ATTEST:

  
Toney J. Doucet, President

  
Harrison J. Cheramie, Jr., Secretary