

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
JUNE 11, 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 Tuesday, June 11, 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 J. Cheramie, Jr., Rodney Terrebonne, Brent Duet, Tomey Doucet, Robert Champagne, Dudley Bernard and Donald Vizier

ABSENT: Roland Guidry and Vinton Crosby

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

President Doucet then called upon Board Member Duet to lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 1991 were approved.

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the minutes of the special meeting of May 20, 1991 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Doucet called for a motion to amend Ordinance No. 53 adding the prohibiting of off road vehicles on the beach from Bayou Moreau to Belle Pass. The following Amendment to Ordinance No. 53 was presented by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., who moved its adoption, and seconded by Rodney Terrebonne: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ALL MOTORIZED VEHICLES, RIDING ANIMALS AND GLASS CONTAINERS ON THE GULF SIDE OF THE CEMENT REVETMENT, INCLUDING SAID REVETMENT, IN THE ENTIRE 5,000' OF THE SHORELINE STABILIZATION PROJECT AT PORT FOURCHON, LOUISIANA; PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS, AND THE OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES, TRAILBIKES, MINI-BIKES, MOTOR SCOOTERS, DUNE BUGGIES, 3-WHEELERS, 4-WHEELERS OR ANY OTHER OFF ROAD VEHICLE ON THE BEACH FROM BAYOU MOREAU TO BELLE PASS; ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL THEREOF; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF. BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission: SECTION 1. That the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission does hereby prohibit all motorized vehicles, riding animals and glass containers of the Gulf side of the cement revetment, including said revetment, in the entire 5,000' of the shoreline stabilization project at Port Fourchon, Louisiana. SECTION 2. That the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche

Port Commission does hereby prohibit the discharge of firearms, and the operation of motorcycles, trailbikes, mini-bikes, motor scooters, dune buggies, 3-wheelers, 4-wheelers or any other off road vehicles on the beach from Bayou Moreau to Belle Pass. SECTION 3. Any person violating any provision of this amended ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both, in the discretion of the court having jurisdiction. Discussion followed. The ordinance was unanimously adopted.

President Doucet stated that a letter had been received from Janet L. Rouse commending the Commission on banning off-road vehicles on the beach because of the harm being caused. He further stated that a letter had been received from the Levee District thanking the Harbor Police for their assistance during high tides which caused the closure of the flood gates. He then stated that a letter had been received from Mr. Lloyd Guidry, Principal of South Lafourche High School, and Mr. Scott Bouzigard, a teacher, in regard to the Commission's sponsorship of Mr. Bouzigard to the 1991 La. Interglobal Economic Institute. President Doucet then introduced the college students, who gave their names and majors in college.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Brent A. Duet and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize sending letters of no objection to the following applicants:

Louisiana Power & Light Co.  
Greenhill Petroleum Corporation  
Regan Exploration Company

Mr. Champagne informed the Board of a problem which exists in regard to net fishing in Pass Fourchon. he called upon Director Falgout who explained that the channel is not wide enough for vessels to pull nets because industry is located on the north side, shrimp vessels are docked on the south side and the channel is the access to the recreational boat launch. Banning fishing would not create a hardship since the pass is not utilized that much by fishermen. Discussion followed. The following ordinance was presented by Robert M. Champagne, who moved its adoption, and was seconded by Donald J. Vizier: AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO FISH WITH NETS IN PASS FOURCHON; PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE ARE PROVIDED FOR HEREIN. BE IT ORDAINED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission: SECTION 1, it is hereby declared unlawful for any person to fish, shrimp, crab or cause to be taken, any other species of fish or shellfish by use of butterfly nets, trawls, seines, gill nets or any other type of net that may hinder navigation in Pass Fourchon. SECTION 2. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months in jail, or both, in the discretion of the court having jurisdiction. This ordinance, having been submitted in writing, having been read and adopted by sections at a public meeting of said Commission, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole; the vote thereon being as follows: YEAS: Six(6), NAYS: None, ABSENT: Two (2). And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 11th day of June, 1991.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard informed the Board that a request had been received from Bob's Seafood to lease 200' of property on the Flotation Canal. The Committee reviewed same and recommends leasing the property. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission does hereby approve the leasing .767 acres of property on the Flotation Canal at Port Fourchon to Bob's Seafood, Inc. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tomey J. Doucet, President, be and he is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the leasing of said property to Bob's Seafood, Inc., all on such terms and conditions as he in his discretion may deem necessary and advisable.

In connection with encroachments on the AJ Estay right of way, Chairman Bernard stated that Mr. Charlie Hardison had been notified of encroachments by his trailers, and he will move them. He requested that he be allowed until July or August, by which time the rains should have stopped.

FINANCE:

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. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Paul R. Dufrene III Builders in the amount of \$26,029.08 in connection with the pavilion and bathroom facilities.

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 May, 1991.

Chairman Duet stated that the annual audit had been completed, and the report should be issued by the next meeting.

In connection with non-payment of rent of Trip Seafood, Chairman Duet stated that the Committee recommended authorizing Director Falgout to execute a cancellation of their lease providing payment is not received by June 15th. He further stated that Director Falgout had sent the 30-day notified to Trip.

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Dudley Bernard, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to execute a cancellation of the Trip Seafood, Inc. lease for non-payment of rental provided payment is not made by June 15th. Discussion followed. The motion was unanimously passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet stated that six applications had been received in connection with the Assistant Port Director position. The Committee reviewed and interviewed, and recommends hiring Mr. Irvin Melancon. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert M. Champagne, the Board of Commissioners does hereby employ Mr. Irvin Melancon in the position of Assistant Port Director, Planning and Development.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In connection with the 1991-92 Transportation Trust Fund, Director Falgout stated that an application with two projects had been submitted. Priority #1 project is bulkheading and improvements in the E-Slip (\$1,385,000) and Priority #2 project is warehouse facilities at the Port (\$714,000). The Joint Transportation Committee has reviewed the projects. There is available \$5,000,000 for shallow draft ports. Fourteen projects were submitted by shallow draft ports. Our Priority 1 project was placed in the 4th position with DOTD and the Priority 2 project was placed in the 7th position. The Priority 1 project is included in the funds available; however, the Priority 2 project just feel beneath the mark. However, if one of the other ports does not put its package together, the Commission project is next in line. The next step is approval by the entire legislature.

In connection with the multi-use dock project, Director Falgout stated that the final plans had been submitted to DOTD. They should be reviewed and authority granted to advertise for bids. In connection with the EDA portion of the project, Director Falgout stated that the Commission had been granted authority to begin expending funds without guaranty of a grant. He called upon project engineer Marco Picciola who stated that he had spoken with Mr. Jim Edmundson who assured him that the application was going through the normal process with no problems.

In connection with the Port Fourchon Pavilion, Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer John Plaisance who stated that the skeleton of the pavilion is up with the roof to follow as soon as weather permits. The concrete slab for the bathroom has been poured. It is not anticipated that the bathroom will be completed before the Tarpon Rodeo due to the delay in delivery of the plumbing fixtures. He further stated that because of high tides a decision was made to elevate the bathroom building to the same height as the pavilion.

In connection with slip repairs, Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer Larry J. Picciola who reported that the contractor had cut all existing bulkhead to the required elevations and completed all concrete work. The bumper system is in place with only final welding, painting and pouring vertical pipe with concrete to be completed. The mooring dolphins are presently being constructed. All vertical pipe piles of the mooring dolphins are in place. He further stated that the contractor requesting an additional twenty day extension. Because of the rains and high tides, they could not sandblast or paint. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Rodney J. Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby grant a twenty (20) day extension (from June 6, 1991) to Lowland Construction Company in connection with the slip repair project.

Continuing, Director Falgout stated that the Commission is in the process of bidding the construction of a waterline along 17th Street at Port Fourchon. This is a 50-50 cost share bid with the Water District. Discussion followed.

In connection with repairs to the Fourchon bridge, Director Falgout stated that he had received a damage report from Badeaux & Associates. He will contact fabrication companies for estimates to repair. The trucking company's insurance company is aware of the claim and hired Badeaux & Associates to make the report. Discussion followed.

Director Falgout reported that the severe weather conditions which caused Lafourche Parish to be declared a disaster area has caused severe siltation in Belle Pass. Prior thereto, there was in excess of 25' of water in the jetty system, now there is between 18' and 19'. He has contacted the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and has been notified that they will consider our application for assistance in dredging the Pass. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Harrison J. Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to seek assistance from FEMA in connection with the emergency dredging of Belle Pass due to severe siltation caused by the recent weather conditions. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Director Falgout be and he is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with the emergency dredging of Belle Pass.

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director, to sign any and all documents, contracts, agreements, etc. in connection with the Bulkheading and Improvements in E-Slip at Port Fourchon project.

In connection with the emergency repairs to LA 1 due to erosion, Director Falgout stated that DOTD was drafting an agreement whereby they will provide funds to place rip rap along the highway. The Commission will act as co-ordinator to oversee the project. Therefore, he should be authorized to sign documents needed. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to execute any and all documents with the Department of Transportation & Development in connection with the project "Erosion Near Leeville, Route LA 1, Lafourche Parish."

In connection with the legislative update, Director Falgout gave the following report:

In connection with road stabilization, he submitted documentation and a request for assistance to Senator Chabert, who will be providing assistance in applying for funding.

In connection with the Commission's request to WL&F to review applications for oyster bottom leasing in the Port's jurisdiction, our request has gone through the Senate Committee, but has not been addressed by the House yet.

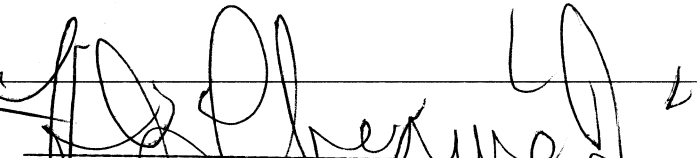
He informed the Board of Senate Bill 935 (Bagert & Nunez) which states that the spoil from dredging projects must be used to the greatest beneficial use possible; however there is no economic scrutiny tied onto the bill, which affects the Commission and also the Corps of Engineers, who does the most dredging. It is felt that the bill does not contain enough language to consider the economic impact on a dredging project. He further explained that a year long study has been requested to evaluate the impact of this bill on ports. The hearing is schedule for June 20th.

In connection with the assumption of maintenance of Belle Pass by the Corps of Engineers. Director Falgout stated that most of the Board Members had attended a Federal Review Conference wherein many comments were made. The Corps has compiled a report on the cost to answer the comments and supply additional information. The New Orleans District proposes an additional cost to our study of \$118,200 (50-50 cost share) to answer these comments. Director Falgout informed the Corps that this is too much money. They have agreed to re-assess each task and resubmit a cost proposal.

There being no further business, upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Toney J. Doucet, President

  
Harrison J. Cheramie, Jr., Secretary