

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
OCTOBER 8, 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, October 8, 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 "PT" Terrebonne, Toney J. Doucet, Robert Champagne, Donald Vizier, Dudley Bernard and Roland Guidry

ABSENT: Vinton Crosby

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Irvin P. Melancon, Assistant Director; George J. Ledet, Jr., Port Attorney; John Plaisance, Marco Picciola and Larry J. Picciola, Port Engineers; Gerald A. Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; and Louverda A. Duet Port Secretary.

President Doucet then led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 1991 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Doucet reported that the South LA 1 Task Force met with Paul Hardy who will arrange a meeting with Neil Waggoner, Secretary of DOTD, to come down the bayou to look at the road and embankment conditions.

President Doucet also reported that he and Director Falgout were invited to join a new committee called Lafourche Parish Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, whose objective will be the highway system in Lafourche Parish, with its top priority being LA 1 between Golden Meadow and the Port. President Doucet also met with Rep. Frank Patti who stated he will give his assistance in this matter.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

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

Badget Oil Corporation
Louisiana Power & Light Company
Mr. David LeBlanc
Phillips Petroleum Company

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Bernard stated that bids had been opened in connection with the multi-use dock facility, and all bids were over budget. He then called upon project engineer John Plaisance, who stated that the bids were approximately \$400,000 over budget and will need to be reviewed. He stated he spoke to Mr. D. J. Webre with DOTD who indicated some changes that could be made. Chairman Bernard stated that the Committee recommends that the bids be taken under advisement pending further review of cost cutting measures. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Committee's recommendation that the bids opened in connection with the Multi-Use Dock Facility be taken under advisement pending further review of cost cutting measures.

FINANCE

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

Chairman Duet stated that it was time to advertise for bids in connection with the purchase of two new vehicles for next year. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Roland J. Guidry and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to advertise for and receive bids in connection with two new vehicles for Commission use.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Doucet stated that a request had been received from Martin Fuel Distributors for approval of their assignment of their leases to ENJ. Upon motion Roland J. Guidry, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the assignment by Martin Fuel Distributors, Inc. to First National Bank of Jefferson in connection with their sub-lease to Newpark.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Falgout reported Chief Guidry was still working on our application to have the Coast Guard assume maintenance of the navigational aids from Grand Isle to Bayou Lafourche and west to the Houma Navigational Channel. Rep. Tauzin's office is also working with us.

In connection with the oyster leases in Bayou Lafourche, Director Falgout stated that a resolution had been sent to the Governor and Wildlife & Fisheries stating that the Commission is concerned about these leases insofar as commerce and traffic is involved. He stated that Asst. Director Melancon met with WL&F personnel and obtained a commitment from them that they will adhere to our request and issue a moratorium on oyster leases in Bayou Lafourche. They also stated that they will not issue any new leases in the upcoming leasing session. They may also consider other channels, which the Commission will identify for them. They also stated that leases in that area will not be renewed.

In connection with the multi-use dock facility, Director Falgout stated that he, Port Engineers John Plaisance and Marco Picciola met with EDA officials. EDA reported that they will be ready to participate in the project, however, they will not participate monetarily until all phases of the project are under bid. At that time, EDA will reimburse 33% on all phases. Engineer Picciola stated that he is proceeding with the design of the public boat dock. He and Mr Plaisance will meet to be certain that this phase of the project will not go over budget when bid.

In connection with the dredging of Belle Pass, Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer Larry Picciola, who stated that he was working to finish the planning of the project, which will be bid out as a Base Bid, Alternate A and Alternate B. By Monday, he should be in a position to go out on bids. However, he stated that Director Falgout indicated that while the dredging was going on, perhaps dredging could be done where the rigs dock. Director Falgout then stated that the area south of the southernmost buoy could be used to accommodate a number of rigs, if the area had a level bottom. Therefore, with a limited amount of dredging an area could be created which would be revenue producing. FEMA feels it is appropriate to advertise under an emergency situation since this will be part of the project. The budget for this dredging project is \$600,000 of which FEMA will reimburse \$200,000. Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. seconded by Rodney Terrebone and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to advertise for emergency dredging of the area south of the southernmost buoy system in Belle Pass.

Director Falgout stated that Bob Ledet of Bob's Seafood had requested permission to sublease a portion of his site on the Flotation Canal to Dominic's Welding. Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Bob's Seafood, Inc. to sublease a portion of its site on the Flotation Canal to Dominic's Welding, on the terms and conditions as stated in their lease.

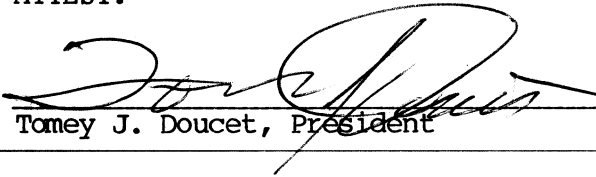
OTHER BUSINESS:

Board Member Cheramie inquired about the buoys donated by the Corps of Engineers. Director Falgout stated that he and Board Member Vizier had looked at them. Mr. Vizier stated that they are first class buoys and we should taken them. Director Falgout stated he looked into the cost of recovering the buoys. However, he stated that when we filed the request, a question surfaced and the whole thing is now tied up in red tape. He will continue working on it.

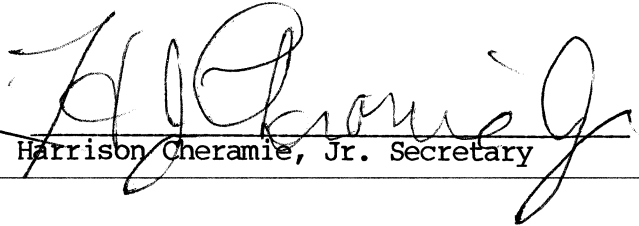
President Doucet recognized the following candidates who addressed the Board:
Rebecca Duet and Henry Lafont (Senator) and Irvin Bouffanie (Parish Council).

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 Cheramie, Jr. Secretary