

AGENDA

FEBRUARY 11, 1992

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes of January 14, 1992 Meeting
5. President's Report:
 - a. Belle Pass Dredging Update
6. Committee Reports:
 - I. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - a. Letter of No Objections
 - b. Buoy on South East Canal
 - II. Construction & Development:
 - a. Request to lease from Anthony Toups
 - b. Request to lease from Bollinger's
 - c. Request to ammend lease, Stone Oil
 - d. Construct fence around Commission office
 - III. Finance:
 - a. January Invoices
 - b. Financial Report
 - c. Sponsorship of teacher to attend Louisiana in the Global Economy Institute
 - IV. Executive:
7. Executive Director's Report
 - a. DCTD Hearing
 - b. Multi Use Dock Update
 - c. E-Slip bulkheading update
8. Any other business
 - a. USCG Officials
9. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 11, 1992

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, February 11, 1992, 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 Crosby, Brent Duet, Tomey Doucet, Robert Champagne, Dudley Bernard and Donald Vizier

ABSENT: Roland Guidry

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Irvin P. Melancon, Asst. Director; George Ledet, Jr., Port Attorney; John Plaisance, Marco J. 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 January 14, 1992 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Doucet reported that the Commission was still working on the Corps' assumption of maintenance of Belle Pass. He stated that next week he and Director Falgout are going to meet with Rep. Tauzin and the Corps in Washington. Rep. Tauzin plans to convince the Corps to continue with the original study to maintain the channel at 22'. Then make a study for maintenance dredging to 30' at a later date.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Upon motion by Vinton Crosby, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners approved sending a letter of no objection to Geophysical Services, Inc.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that a request had been received from Anthony Toups to lease a site at LA 3090 and NJ Theriot Road to build a convenience store. He called upon Director Falgout who explained that Mr. Toups requested that the Commission bring the site to road elevation (+5). The cost of these improvements to be incorporated into the lease as improvement rental. Mr. Toups will make all other improvements. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing property at Port Fourchon to Anthony Toups for the purpose of constructing a convenience store facility.

Chairman Bernard further informed the Board that Bollinger Shipyard requested to lease property. He called upon Director Falgout who stated that Bollinger was interested in a short term lease (30 months) of the property between Dowell and John W. Stone Oil (future administration building site) which contains approximately 210' of unbulkheaded waterfront property. Bollinger will use this site for sea trials of the new class of Navy vessels they are building. The Commission will stabilize the shoreline, shell a parking area and construct a small wharf to access a houseboat and barge to be used in the trials. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Brent A. Duet and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing approximately 210' of waterfront property between Dowell and John W. Stone Oil Dist. to Bollinger Shipyard for the purpose of testing Navy vessels.

Chairman Bernard stated that a request had been received from John W. Stone Oil Distributor to amend its lease. Director Falgout explained that Stone Oil had installed tanks too close to its property line, and they are in need of an additional 20' of property in order not to violate federal regulations. The property is presently leased by M-I Drilling Fluids. Stone and M-I have agreed to amend their leases accordingly. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by John W. Stone Oil Dist. to amend its lease to include an additional 20' of property.

Chairman Bernard stated that a problem had developed with the public excessively using the parking lot during weekdays and weekends, therefore the Committee recommends building a fence. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to investigate the cost of and construct a fence around the Commission property.

FINANCE:

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the payment of all invoices received 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 January, 1992.

Chairman Duet stated that last year the Commission had sponsored a teacher to attend the Louisiana in the Global Economy Institute seminar and the request had been made again this year. Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby sponsor a teacher to attend the Louisiana in the Global Economy Institute seminar.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Falgout stated that DOTD held a meeting on February 5th and a presentation was made on behalf of the Commission and the Lafourche Parish Infrastructure Committee. The presentation contained several projects of which the top ones are the emergency stabilization of the highway from Golden Meadow to Port Fourchon and the stabilization along LA 308 and LA 1 to Lockport. He then explained the federal funding system to the Board, and stated that he will be meeting with the federal representative for the state at a later date. They will be touring the area.

In connection with the multi-use dock, Phase I, he called upon project engineer John Plaisance who stated that the notice to proceed was issued on January 27th to Plaquemine Contracting Co., who is gathering his materials. He intends to move on the site this week and begin work next week.

In connection with the multi-use dock, Phase IV, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Marco Picciola who stated that advertising had begun and he received five requests for plans and specifications. Bids will be opened March 6th. A bid showing for contractors will be held on March 2nd. Director Falgout stated that he and Marco will be meeting with Mr. Dave Culbertson, EDA engineer, on Thursday to go over the plans.

In connection with the E-Slip bulkhead project, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Larry Picciola who stated that he is preparing and will soon submit his schedule.

Board Member Duet requested that Director Falgout further explain the project to the audience. Director Falgout complied.

Director Falgout stated that in connection with installing buoys in the channel from Leeville to Grand Isle, Chief Guidry had investigated the legality of same. Chief Guidry stated that he checked the rules and regulations outlined by the Coast Guard for private aids to navigation. The buoys the Commission intended to use do not meet the criteria and standards outlined. However, the Coast Guard informed Chief Guidry of the types that could be used. The Commission discussed this information at length. Director Falgout stated that the Navigation Committee recommended, and Commission personnel will install, a few more of the Coast Guard approved buoys to mark the curve well. If that does not work, the Committee will investigate other alternatives.

OTHER BUSINESS:

President Doucet informed the Board that Chief Guidry's department was still studying and marking surveys in connection with the opening and closing of the bridges during peak traffic hours. Discussion followed.

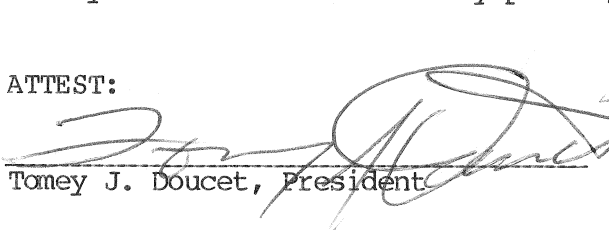
Board Member Duet introduced Capt. Chris Desmond and Lt. Commander Steve Kantz, both with the U. S. Coast Guard, who addressed the Board. They generally explained the workings of their respective offices.

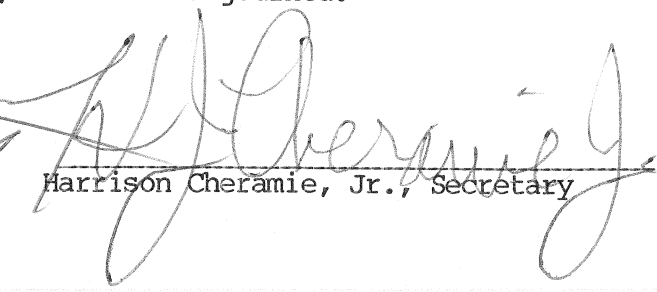
President Doucet then introduced Mr. Eddie Chouest of Edison Chouest Boat Rentals who informed the Board that the icebreaker was built at their local family-owned shipyard.

President Doucet introduced Johnny Melancon who gave an update on the upcoming Golden Meadow International Tarpon Rodeo.

There being no further business, upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board adjourned.

ATTEST:


Toney J. Doucet, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary