

AGENDA

MARCH 10, 1992

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes of February 11, 1992 Meeting
5. President's Report:
 - a. Meeting with Congressman Tauzin
 - b. State Pilotage
 - c. Sale of 1987 Plymouth
6. Committee Reports:
 - I. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - a. Letter of No Objections
 - II. Construction & Development:
 - a. Review bids on Phase IV & Award Contract
 - b. Offer of Mobil Gas Plant Quarters
 - c. Request by Walter Lucas to Salvage Platforms
 - III. Finance:
 - a. February Invoices
 - b. Financial Report
 - c. Annual Financial Report
 - d. Systems Survey & Compliance Questionnaire
 - e. Sale of Tabby III
 - IV. Executive:
7. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Multi Use Dock Update
 - b. E-Slip Bulkheading Update
 - c. Federal Highway Meeting
 - d. Corps of Engineers Meeting
 - e. LIDEA
8. Any other business
9. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

MARCH 10, 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, March 10, 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, Brent Duet, Tomey Doucet, Robert Champagne, Dudley Bernard and Donald Vizier

ABSENT: Roland Guidry

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; George J. 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 Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Vinton Crosby, and unanimously passed, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 1992 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Doucet reported that he, Director Falgout, Rep. Tauzin and his staff in Washington met with the Corps in connection with the assumption of maintenance of Belle Pass. They were advised by the Corps that it will be another three years before the Corps assumes maintenance. Our congressional delegation in Washington are all working on accomplishing this project as soon as possible.

President Doucet then announced it was time to open bids in connection with the sale of a 1987 Plymouth. He then called for any other bids. There being none, he proceeded to open the bids and read as follows:

Kory C. Pelt	\$475.00
Brewer Wholesale	\$497.00

Upon motion by Brent Duet, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the sale of the 1987 Plymouth to Brewer Wholesale for \$497.00.

President Doucet reported that the Navigation Committee met in connection with pilotage at Port Fourchon and recommended that the Board adopt a resolution objecting to any action that would foster implementation of state pilotage at the Port. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Vinton Crosby and unanimously adopted, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS The Greater Lafourche Port Commission was established by the Louisiana Legislature by Act 222 1960, and

WHEREAS Said Commission is empowered to regulate commerce and traffic within its jurisdiction in such a manner as may, in its judgement, be for the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS Pass Fourchon, Belle Pass and Bayou Lafourche are within the jurisdiction of the Commission; and

WHEREAS The Commission takes extreme pride in having transformed an inactive tidal pass into Port Fourchon, one of this states most active and significant shallow draft ports; and

WHEREAS The Commission has carried the financial burden and responsibility of developing the necessary infrastructure including the maintenance of Pass Fourchon, Belle Pass, and Bayou Lafourche in the Port area; and

WHEREAS Port Fourchon is only two miles from the Gulf of Mexico with no significant channel bends and obstructions, and

WHEREAS Belle Pass and Bayou Lafourche are no longer connected to the Mississippi River protecting in from the currents, bars and fog associated with active rivers; and

WHEREAS The Commission and the waterway have an impeccable safety record; and

WHEREAS The Commission has under its employment an extremely competent Harbor Police force that assists traffic in the port area; and

WHEREAS Pilotage is available for vessels requesting such a service

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is gravely concerned about an effort to establish state mandatory pilotage at Port Fourchon and vehemently objects to any actions that would foster its implementation; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Commission strongly feels that at the present time, and for the foreseeable future the establishment of mandatory pilotage at Port Fourchon is without need, counterproductive to the development of the Port, and not in the best interest of the people of Louisiana.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Vinton Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize sending letters of no objection to the following:

South Lafourche Levee District

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that the Committee and Project Engineer Marco Picciola reviewed the bids in connection with Phase IV of the multi-use dock project and recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder, Plaisance Dragline. Mr. Picciola explained that the bids were very competitive as nineteen companies requested specifications and ten submitted bids. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Brent Duet and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the low bid in the amount of \$1,397,330.49 from Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Company in connection with the "Relocation of Public Boat Dock - Port Fourchon" project.

In connection with the above project, Chairman Bernard stated that the Committee recommended that an additional 100' of bulkhead be added. Director Falgout explained that this additional bulkheading was needed to protect from erosion. Since the bid was in line with the estimate, he recommended extending the contract to include the additional 100' of bulkhead at a cost of \$140,000. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the recommendation by the Construction & Development Committee to extend the contract awarded to Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Company to include an additional 100' of bulkhead at a cost of \$140,000.

Chairman Bernard informed the Board that the Committee had discussed the offer of the Mobil Gas plant quarters. Estimates of \$57,000 to relocate and \$50,000 for the foundation were too high. Therefore the Committee recommends not accepting the offer. Discussion followed.

Chairman Bernard stated that a request had been received from Walter Lucas for a site at Port Fourchon for the purpose of salvaging platforms. Director Falgout explained that they will bring in five small jack up platforms to dismantle same. They need a site for approximately six weeks. They will be responsible for building a road if there is a problem with access to the site. He further spoke to Mr. Lucas about the possibility of the Commission purchasing some of the pipe they will recover. The Committee recommends allowing the use of the site.

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 past month.

Upon motion by Brent A. Duet, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the financial report for February, 1992.

Chairman Duet presented the 1991 Annual Financial Report for the Commission and stated that the Committee has reviewed same and recommends adoption thereof. Upon motion by Brent Duet, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the 1991 Annual Financial Report.

Upon motion by Brent Duet, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. 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, 1991, in compliance with the request of the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

Chairman Duet informed the Board that the M/V Tabby III has been abandoned by the owner and is docked in the front marina. The Committee has investigated the legalities of same through Port Attorney George Ledet, Jr. and they recommended advertising the vessel for sale. Upon motion by Brent Duet, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to advertise for and accept bids in connection with the sale of the M/V Tabby III.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet stated that most of the board members will be attending the Ports Association Convention in New Orleans in April.

He then called upon Chief Guidry who informed the Board that Officer Clark Cheramie had received information that the suspect in a westbank slaying manhunt may be at Port Fourchon. Upon investigating, Officer Cheramie located the man and arrested him with the assistance of two Grand Isle police officers.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

In connection with the multi-use dock, Director Falgout called upon John Plaisance who reported that the notice to proceed was issued on January 27, 1992, to Plaquemine Contracting Co. The contractor is gathering his materials and should begin work this month. This is Phase I of the project. Mr. Plaisance reported that Phase II (dredging) and Phase III (road work) should be advertised at the end of next month. Director Falgout stated that in order to get reimbursement from EDA all phases of the project must be awarded. He then called upon Marco Picciola (engineer for Phase IV) who stated that he spoke to the sheet material supplier; however, no specific time frame has been set since the contract has not yet been signed.

In connection with E-Slip bulkheading, Director Falgout called upon Project Engineer Larry Picciola who stated that he had submitted the plans to the state and was waiting on them.

Director Falgout stated that federal highway representatives administering federal highway system in Louisiana visited the Port. He showed them the importance of the Port and the highway system. He was informed that all projects under the new Transportation Infrastructure Bill are eligible for federal assistance. He was also informed that LA 3090 and LA 1 to Leeville bridge are scheduled to be overlaid this fall; however, under the standard overlay system, no embankment stabilization is done. However, they will do some stabilization in this project. Director Falgout informed the Board that the Commission had also applied through Capital Outlay for embankment stabilization funds.

Director Falgout reported that as a result of the Washington meeting, Corps representatives toured the Port. They now have an increased awareness of our projects. He was informed that a new division in the New Orleans district was

created and they will be responsible for program review and implementation to insure that delays experienced in the past do not occur. Director Falgout stated that we have a good rapport with these people and they are interested in getting the study completed. He discussed with them the possibility of the Commission doing in kind work in lieu of paying \$60,000 for our portion of the study. He is working out an agreement as to the Commission's part in the study. He will be sending out questionnaires to rig and shipping companies in connection with the type of equipment they bring in and water depths required.

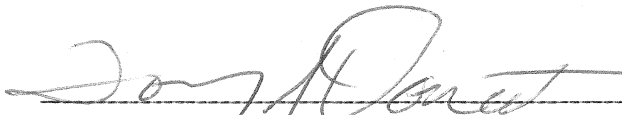
Completing his report, Director Falgout stated that the Commission was a sponsor at the LIDEA annual meeting in Thibodaux this week. He, Brent Duet and Irvin Melancon will also be assisting.

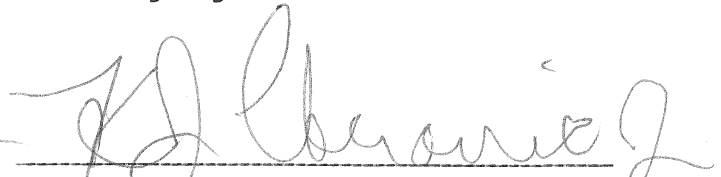
OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Duet stated that Commander Desmond with the USCG reminded him that the Coast Guard is always available to the public.

There being no further business, upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


Tomey J. Doucet, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary