

## AGENDA

OCTOBER 13, 1992

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes of September 8, 1992 Meeting
5. President's Report:
  - a. Introduce New Police Officer, Forest Callais
  - b. Culture, Recreation and Tourism Grant
6. Committee Reports:
  - I. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
    - a. Letter of No Objections
    - b. Meeting with Coast Guard concerning channel to Grand Isle
  - II. Construction & Development:
    - a. M. I. Drilling Co. request to sublease
  - III. Finance:
    - a. September Invoices
    - b. Approval of Plaquemine Contractors invoice for \$13,129.69
    - c. Financial Report
  - IV. Executive:
    - a. Bob's Seafood request to terminate lease
    - b. Engineer selection for upcoming projects
7. Executive Director's Report
  - a. Multi-Use Dock Update
  - b. E-Slip Bulkhead Update
  - c. Hurricane Andrew Recovery
  - d. U. S. Customs Port of Entry
8. Any other business
9. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 13, 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, October 13, 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 Secretary Cheramie call the roll.

PRESENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Rodney Terrebonne, Vinton Crosby, Brent Duet, Robert Champagne, Toney Doucet and Donald Vizier

ABSENT: Dudley Bernard and Eddie Chouest

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

President Doucet requested that Board Member Duet lead in the recitation 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 September 8, 1992 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Doucet called upon Chief Gerald Guidry to introduce the new Harbor Police Officer, Forest A. Callais.

President Doucet then informed the Board that the Commission had received notice of a \$50,000 grant from the Office of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in connection with the boat launch. Director Falgout explained that notice of approval had been received on October 7th. He further explained that application had been made for extension into Phase 2 of the initial grant. There was an overrun because we had to shell the parking area in the boat launch in preparation for the Golden Meadow-Fourchon Tarpon Rodeo, which resulted in approximately \$20,000 in additional expenses. Therefore, he filed an application for the expenses incurred in Phase 2.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

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

Louisiana Delta Farms  
Ragan Exploration Company  
Stone Petroleum Corporation

Board Member Duet requested that Director Falgout explain the four projects mentioned above. Director Falgout stated that the Warehouse Facility was a Transportation Trust Fund project and the estimate cost is \$592,000. The dredging project is a FEMA project. Approximately 350,000 cubic yards will be dredged at an estimated cost of \$550,000. The Rock Jetty Repair is also a FEMA project. There was a subsidence of areas in the jetty caused by stabilization project is also a FEMA project and \$310,000 has been approved by FEMA for repair. He further explained that all FEMA projects are ready to move. Historically, FEMA pays 75% with the state paying 15% to 25%. However, the state has not committed itself to paying 25%, therefore, the Commission will budget the 25% and hopes the state comes in to pay a percentage thereof.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Commencing his report, Director Falgout called upon the engineers for reports on the multi-use dock projects:

PHASE I - John Plaisance reported that the work is progressing satisfactorily and anticipate completion by the end of the year.

PHASE II - John Plaisance reported that the contractor, Wood Resources Corporation, was issued the notice to proceed on September 16th with eighty working days to complete the work. As of this date, Wood has not moved on site to begin the levee work. We do not anticipate dredging operations to start until Phase I is completed.

PHASE III - John Plaisance reported that the plans and specifications have been approved and advertising has commenced to receive bids on November 9, 1992.

PHASE IV - Marco Picciola reported that the contractor has completed driving templet piles on the first leg of the project. He has also received his first shipment of sheeting. The grading of the concrete dead man area has begun. It is expected that the steel sheeting will begin to be installed within two weeks.

In connection with the E-Slip project, Larry Picciola reported that a plan in hand meeting was held on September 22nd with DOTD. The necessary changes and additions required are being made. Plans and specifications will be resubmitted during the week of October 26.

Director Falgout informed the Board that it was time to apply for funding under the Transportation Trust Fund for the years 1993-94. He further advised the Board that a resolution must be adopted to prepare and submit the application. Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Vinton Crosby, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners adopted the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA PORT CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR THE NEED FOR THE PORT IMPROVEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Chairman Champagne further stated that a meeting had been scheduled with the Coast Guard for 1:30 PM today in the Conference Room in connection with the Commission's request to the Coast Guard that they accept maintenance of the buoys from the Southerwestern Louisiana Canal to Grand Isle.

#### CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT:

In the absence of Chairman Bernard, Director Falgout informed the Board that a request had been received from M-I Drilling Fluids to sublease a portion of their site to Sola Communications for the purpose of erecting a tower. Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by M-I Drilling Fluids to sublease a portion of their site at Port Fourchon to Sola Communications, Inc. for the purpose of erecting a tower.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet stated that a request had been received from Mr. Robert Ledet of Bob's Seafood, Inc. to terminate the lease of the property at Port Fourchon. After review, the Executive Committee recommends approving this request. Upon motion by Vinton J. Crosby, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Bob's Seafood, Inc. to cancel its lease immediately.

In connection with the various upcoming projects, President Doucet informed the Board that engineers will have to be selected. The Executive Committee recommends the following:

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| 1. Warehouse Facility          | J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc.    |
| 2. Dredging of Belle Pass      | Larry J. Picciola, Inc.     |
| 3. Rock Jetty Repair           | Picciola & Associates, Inc. |
| 4. Beach Stabilization Project | Picciola & Associates, Inc. |

Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby employ the following engineering firms for the following projects:

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Board Member Cheramie inquired as to how much longer the beach will remain closed to the public. Director Falgout explained that now that an engineer has been hired, the process will commence to estimate the cost of repairing the beach stabilization project. However, he does not recommend opening the beach until the condition is correct. There is a tremendous amount of erosion and the beach stabilization project has been breached and strewn about all over the area. The conditions are very unsafe. If construction can commence this winter, perhaps in the spring or summer of next year the beach can be opened. He further informed the Board that FEMA estimated the damage and will only pay to replace the project, not to improve it. He hopes to tie in the dredging project with this project in order to utilize the materials from dredging on the beach.

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has a need for port improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission desires to apply for state matching funds pursuant to Chapter 47 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, to implement a project to improve its port operation and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is fully aware of its obligations under said statute; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is a political body duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under said statute:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission as follows:

Section 1. That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission acknowledges that a formal application will be prepared and submitted to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program.

Section 2. That at the appropriate time and upon approval of funding assistance and prior to commencement of work on the project, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission agrees to execute a Project Agreement and a Statement of sponsorship pursuant to the statute.

Section 3. That Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director, is hereby designated Authorized Representative for the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to effect the preparation of an application to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for funding assistance of a port improvement project.

Section 4. That said Authorized Representative's responsibilities shall pertain to technical matters only and shall not include any official act on behalf of said Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

In connection with Hurricane Andrew damages, Director Falgout reported that FEMA requires that an agent be appointed to execute and file an application for public assistance. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Vinton Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director, to execute and file an application for Public Assistance on behalf of said Commission for the purpose of obtaining certain state and federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 93-288 as amended) or otherwise available. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director, is further authorized to represent and act for said Commission in all dealings with the Office of Emergency Preparedness, State of Louisiana, for all matters pertaining to such disaster assistance required by agreements and assurances of said office.

In connection with the removal of debris from the road sides, Director Falgout reported that debris on LA 1 North of BBY's Marina had been removed under contract by the Parish Council. However, since they could not obtain the 25% match from the state for the section on LA 1 south of BBY's to LA 3090, they have not cleared that section. Director Falgout reported that he wrote to General Patin with DOTD in connection therewith and requested that the state take action.

He was notified yesterday that DOTD is removing some debris, pushing most of it off the highway embankment into the marsh. In the areas where there is no embankment, the debris will be trucked off to a burn site on the Flotation Canal at the port. Because of the cleanup required, it was necessary that the Commission employ temporary workers to assist Commission personnel. FEMA will reimburse for the employment of these people.

In connection with the overlay of LA 1, Director Falgout reported that he was informed that Barrier had the contract to place materials on the roadside. Discussion followed.

Director Falgout reported that the Commission had been working with US Customs to have Port Fourchon-Lafourche Parish area included in the Morgan City district as a port of entry. Through the efforts of Congressman Tauzin the Commission has been notified that the US Customs district will be expanded from Iberia Parish to Lafourche Parish, including Port Fourchon. The whole district will provide free customs service. It should be official in a few months.

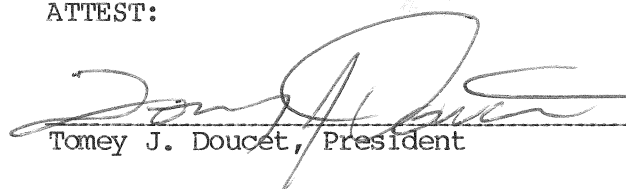
Director Falgout reported that a top priority project is the four lane highway which will continue to Larose and then to Hwy. 90. He was informed that embankment work originally scheduled for October has been delayed until April. He spoke to Rep. Mitch Theriot who is working with DOTD to have this project proceed. Rep. Theriot informed Director Falgout that DOTD will let bids out to overlay the section that is shelled in February, 1993; however, Director Falgout informed Rep. Theriot stated he will follow up on these projects on a monthly basis. Director Falgout informed Rep. Theriot that embankment clearance and construction of the highway to Larose is an integral part of the Bayou Freshwater District's plan to bring more water to the Port. Therefore, because construction is delayed, progress at the Port is being delayed. Discussion followed.

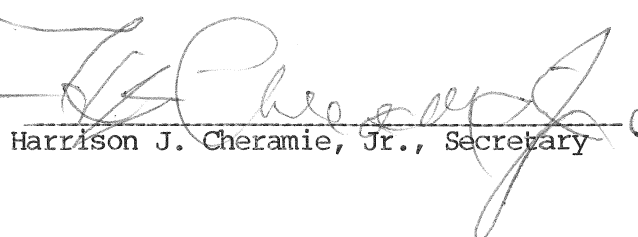
#### OTHER BUSINESS:

In connection with opening the Fourchon beach to the public, President Doucet stated that perhaps as soon as the parish road is opened, the beach could be opened on the west side for fishing. Discussion followed. Board Member Duet suggested that perhaps Commission personnel could do a survey and report at the next meeting.

There being no further business, upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Brent Duet and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Toney J. Doucet, President

  
Harrison J. Cheramie, Jr., Secretary