

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

MARCH 14, 1995

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 14, 1995, 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, Tomey Doucet, Robert Champagne, Donald Vizier, Dudley Bernard, Larry Griffin

ABSENT: Johnny Melancon

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; George Ledet, Jr., Port Attorney; John J. Plaisance, Marco J. Picciola and Larry J. Picciola, Port Engineers; Gerald A. Guidry, Asst. Director of Harbor Services; Louverda Duet, Port Secretary.

President Doucet requested that Board Member Crosby lead in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of February 14, 1995.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet stated that the Executive Committee had met and is looking into the possibility of expansion of the E-Slip and general port area. The Committee recommends authorizing the Director to explore the possibility of expansion and, if necessary, hire appraisers to determine the value of properties in the port area and begin preparation of documents to sell industrial revenue bonds for the expansion. Upon motion by Larry J. Griffin, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to explore the possibility of expansion of the E-Slip and general port area and, if necessary, hire appraisers to determine the value of properties in the port; and to begin preparation of the necessary documents to sell industrial revenue bonds to fund said expansion.

President Doucet stated that the Committee had reviewed a proposed ordinance making it unlawful for commercial users of public port facilities to utilize or otherwise enter upon port facilities without issuing a proper certificate of insurance or waiver contract, and requiring all port users to report any accident occurring at port facilities to the Harbor Police within twenty-four hours of said accident. Director Falgout recommended the Board should table the adoption of the ordinance until the next meeting. He stated that the port attorney has reviewed same; however, he would like our insurance representative to review and make recommendations.

President Doucet then stated that the Commission had received a list of possible applicants from the Levee District in connection with the Equipment Operator position to operate the jointly purchased excavator. The names have been forwarded to Civil Service for processing. When the list is received, the Commission and the Levee District will hire from that list.

President Doucet informed the Board that the April meetings will have to be rescheduled. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Vinton Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve rescheduling the next meetings as follows:

Committee Meetings	April 17, 1995
Regular Meeting	April 18, 1995

In connection with the agreement with DOTD for embankment stabilization along LA 1 and LA 308, President Doucet recommended to the Board that Director Falgout be authorized to execute same. Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Donald J. Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director, to execute an Agreement with DOTD for embankment stabilization along LA 1 and LA 308 in Lafourche Parish.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve sending letters of no objection to the following applicants:

Marco & Larry Picciola
Dickey M. Curole

Board Member Crosby stated that the Committee recommends putting NO TRESPASSING signs on the offshore breakwaters. The Board concurs.

Board member Crosby then introduced Mr. Calvin "FOX" Chermie who asked the Board for assistance in removing abandoned wells and pilings in Bayou Lafourche in Leeville. Director Falgout explained that the Commission had made numerous efforts over the last ten years to have these structures cleaned up and/or removed, to no avail. He further informed Mr. Chermie that the structures are owned by Mr. Gene Hochendale of Leeville who is presently involved in litigation in connection with these structures. Discussion followed.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that a request had been received from Gulf Star Holdings to lease additional property. Director Falgout explained that they were looking into the 1 1/2 acres across from their present lease site. He called upon Mr. Glenn Gisclair with Gulf Star who stated that they needed the property for parking and possible storage. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing to Gulf Star Holdings, Inc. approximately 1 1/2 acres of property located across from their lease site. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize President Doucet to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said lease.

Chairman Bernard stated that Bean Dredging is doing some dredging in the Port. Director Falgout stated that since the Bean dredge was in the port, he inquired about them doing some dredging for the Commission. They agreed to a price of \$200 per hour with a 10-yard bucket dredge. They dredged about 50 hours. The spoil was placed on the remaining unleased property in the E-Slip.

FINANCE:

Upon motion by Robert M. Champagne, seconded by Vinton Crosby and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Folk Construction in the amount of \$46,580.40.

Upon motion by Donald J. Vizier, seconded by Harrison Chermie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of all invoices received the previous month.

Upon motion by Donald J. Vizier, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for February, 1995.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In connection with the various projects, Director Falgout called upon the project engineers for reports:

BEACH STABILIZATION - Mr. Larry Picciola stated that Plaisance Dragline has completed the beach portion of the project for Folk Construction and a final inspection was made on March 7th. President Doucet asked if the dirt was settling on the beach. Mr. Picciola stated that the contractor cannot get on top of the material because it's too soft. He estimates it may take as long as a year to dry and settle. Discussion followed. Director Falgout stated that the Commission will put signs to warn the public about the condition of that portion of the beach. He further explained that the area where the contractor had the discharge pipe, the bags and mats were undermined. It created a cavity where the water is washing sand out from behind the bags. Folk has agreed to place rip rap and matting material in front of the bags to stop the undermining. Further discussion followed.

WAREHOUSE - Mr. Plaisance stated that the contracts had been forwarded to Stranco, Inc.. He should present notice to proceed by the April meeting

MULTI-USE DOCK EXTENSION - Mr. Marco Picciola stated that in connection with Phase I additional information had been provided to DOTD for their review and consideration. since he expects to receive written approval shortly, he has submitted the contracts to Plaisance Dragline for signatures and bond requirements.

In connection with Phase II, Mr. Picciola stated that since EDA funding had been approved, he expects to submit plans and specifications to EDA for review and approval.

Director Falgout reported that since the Corps of Engineer's dredging project is greater than 14', the Commission falls under the Harbor Maintenance Tax. He is investigating the impact of that tax upon the port since it is based on the value of cargo traveling through the port. He hopes to have a complete analysis for review at the next meeting.

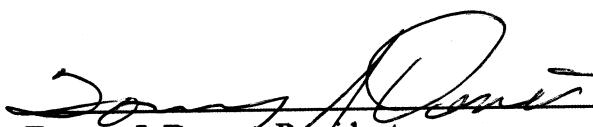
Director Falgout informed the Board that through the efforts of the Commission, the Terrebonne Port Commission and the South Louisiana Economic Council a brochure on the potential impact of the Houma Navigation to Port Fourchon channel. A meeting is scheduled in Washington on April 6th and Congressman Tauzin will lead the push to make this a reality.

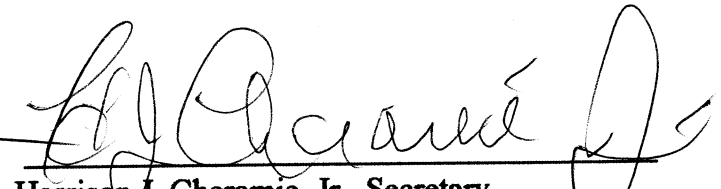
OTHER BUSINESS:

Board Member Cherie asked Chief Guidry about the recent robberies at Port Fourchon. Chief Guidry explained that the subjects were apprehended by Harbor Police and stolen property was being returned to owners.

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

ATTEST:


Tomey J. Doucet, President


Harrison J. Cherie, Jr., Secretary