

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

AUGUST 9, 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, August 9, 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, Johnny Melancon, Tomey Doucet, Robert Champagne, Donald Vizier, Dudley Bernard, Larry Griffin

ABSENT: Vinton Crosby

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

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

Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of July 12, 1995.

EXECUTIVE:

President Doucet reported that Chief Guidry had received a report from John Watkins with USCG that all documents in connection with the bridge curfews had been accepted and were now in Washington for final approval. Hopefully, by next week the curfews can commence.

Upon motion Larry Griffin, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Ted M. Falgout as delegate, and Tomey Doucet and Dudley Bernard as alternate delegates for the upcoming AAPA convention.

President Doucet stated that the Executive Committee discussed ways to get the Port greater exposure to gubernatorial candidates, the legislature and other agencies. He suggested that the Executive Director offer to all gubernatorial candidates a tour of the Port and an opportunity to have a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the Commission's needs and priorities.

President Doucet also reported that the Commission will be hosting the Ports Association of Louisiana workshop at Port Fourchon on September 5th and 6th.

President Doucet stated that the Commission is supporting the upcoming Legislative Fishing Rodeo, which will give the Commissioners an opportunity to speak with the legislators from all over the state about issues affecting the South Lafourche area.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the following applicants for letters of no objection were approved:

BP Pipeline Company
Shell Pipe Line Corporation

Director Falgout informed the Board that the Commission had obtained a permit to install and maintain mooring piles on the north and south sides of the Golden Meadow floodgates; however there were no used piles available to the Commission at this time. Because of the active hurricane season, he recommends that some type of mooring facility be erected. We do have 30" steel casing, measuring 33' in length, which could be jettied to an elevation of 6' - 7' above waterline with a cathead welded on top to tie off. There are fifteen casings available. Board Member Vizier inquired as to the use of buoys rather than casings. Discussion followed. The recommendation was made to erect the casings at this time and should the need arise, perhaps look into placing buoys. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to alter the existing permit to install steel casing moorings instead of pile moorings.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that several requests had been received to lease property at Port and called upon Director Falgout to further explain.

Director Falgout stated that R & C Supply has requested to lease 204' on LA 3090. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by R & C Supply to lease 204' on La 3090 at Port Fourchon, and does hereby authorize President Doucet to execute a Surface Lease with R & C Supply upon the terms and conditions contained in said lease.

Director Falgout stated that Buckner Rental Service is interested in leasing the site adjacent to R & C Supply containing 1.6 acres for the purpose of renting heavy equipment. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Buckner Rental Service to lease property on Hhy. 3090 at Port Fourchon, and does hereby authorize President Doucet to execute a Surface Lease with Buckner Rental Service upon the terms and conditions contained therein.

Director Falgout reported that Cameron Rental and Tank Service is interested in the Chevron Co. site for the purpose of storing, maintaining and repairing tanks. Chevron has requested to terminate its lease on the site. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Cameron Rental and Tank Service to lease the Chevron site at a rental of \$1,073 per month, and does hereby authorize President Doucet to execute a lease with Cameron Rental and Tank Service upon the terms and conditions contained in said lease.

FINANCE:

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

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for July, 1995.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Stranco, Inc. in the amount of \$47,882.70.

Upon motion by Donald J. Vizier, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Barriere Construction Company in the amount of \$202.37.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Bertucci Contracting Corporation in the amount of \$48,879.00.

Chairman Vizier explained to the Board that because of the increases in revenue and expenses greater than five percent (5%), it is necessary to amend the General Fund Budget. He then presented a proposed amended budget. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the amended 1995 General Fund Budget, as the operating budget for the Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

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

BEACH STABILIZATION PROJECT - Mr. Marco Picciola stated that the last barge had been placed under the Segmented Breakwaters project by Bertucci Contracting. After checking the legalities, Mr. Picciola was advised that this should be an extension of the previous contract and should be handled as follows: The contractor filed a new performance bond to be recorded in the Clerk's office, the new barge would be included under a change order and a new certificate of substantial completion was to be obtained. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve Plan Change No. 3 (to include placement of the remaining barge) under the "Segmented Detached Breakwaters project. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve as substantially complete the project entitled "Segmented Detached Breakwaters." Director Falgout reminded the Board that Chevron Pipe Line will be participating in the cost of this barge.

In connection with the beach stabilization project, Director Falgout informed the Board that FEMA representatives had visited the port and were impressed with the project. They have now audited and closed out the project.

WAREHOUSE FACILITY - Mr. John Plaisance stated that the contractor had filled in most of the site and has driven all pilings. He is now preparing the base, forms and rebar to pour the concrete slab foundation.

MULTI USE DOCK EXTENSION:

PHASE I - Mr. Marco Picciola reported that the contractor had moved material on site last week and work was started this week on the excavation for the concrete tie back system.

PHASE II - The contracts have been submitted to Cajun Trucking for execution and bond requirements. They should be received next week. Mr. Picciola reminded the Board that a certain amount of work has to be done under Phase I before Phase II can commence.

E SLIP BULKHEAD EXTENSION - Mr. Larry Picciola stated that bids will be received and opened at 10:00 AM on September 8th. Director Falgout stated that Commission personnel will use the excavator to do some work.

In connection with the Water Resources Development Act, Director Falgout reported that the Senate committee has approved the bill, but there is no set date for the House and sub-committees to move on it. There are five projects listed under this bill. The Commission project is one of them. He stated that there was considerable pressure from legislators with pending projects to have the Senate move on a WRDA for 1995. In connection with the Harbor Maintenance Tax portion, he stated that an amendment maybe included to exempt domestic oil and gas related cargo.


In connection with the Houma Navigation to Haviland Canal channel, Director Falgout stated that the bottom survey had been reviewed; however, the COE used different calibrations than the USCG. The COE will adjust; however, there may be a few areas that are still deficient. If there are limited areas that are identified as deficient, he stated that he would proceed to have them corrected.

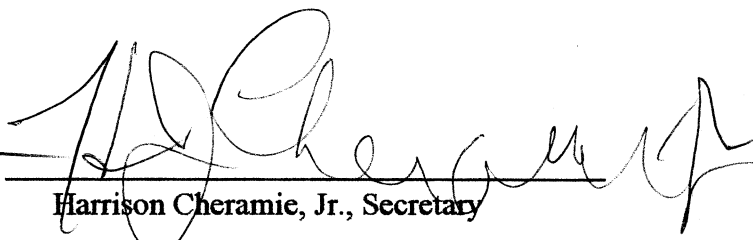
OTHER BUSINESS:

President Doucet introduced Mr. Gerald Daigle, a candidate for Sheriff and Mr. Richard Buquet, a candidate for the Senate, who briefly addressed the Board.

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

ATTEST:


Tomey Doucet, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary