

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

OCTOBER 11, 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, October 13, 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 and Marco Picciola, Port Engineers; Gerald A. Guidry, Asst. Director of Harbor Services; Loulan Pitre, Port Attorney; Susan Martin, Port Bookkeeper; and Louverda Duet, Port Secretary.

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

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 1995.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet reported that Caillouet Land Corporation had raised issues concerning the streets and servitude located on their property at Port Fourchon. The Committee has reviewed these issues with the Executive Director and port attorney. Since the Commission is interested in acquiring additional property for expansion, the Committee recommends that the director be authorized to exercise any legal means necessary, including litigation, to resolve the land right issues and acquisitions concerning Caillouet property at the port. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Executive Director to exercise any legal means necessary, including litigation, to resolve the land rights issue and acquisitions in connection with the Caillouet property at Port Fourchon.

After the last hurricane scare, the Commission has noticed that clean up operations were not coordinated. Therefore, the Committee recommends that Director Falgout write to DOTD requesting a hurricane clean up contingency plan. The Committee feels that DOTD should coordinate a plan with the parish and Grand Isle. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to write to DOTD requesting that they institute a hurricane clean up contingency plan.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Upon motion by Larry J. Griffin, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the following applications for letters of no objection:

Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co.
Bridgeline Gas Distribution LCC
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Mr. John A. Gravois, Jr.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that a request had been received from Buckner Rental Service to subordinate their lease. The Committee recommends granting the request upon review and approval by the port attorney. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Buckner Rental Service to subordinate their current lease, upon review and approval by the port attorney.

FINANCE:

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

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Stranco, Inc. in the amount of \$98,284.53.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Bertucci Contracting Co. in the amount of \$5,431.00.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the revised invoice from Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co. in the amount of \$233,985.20.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co. in the amount of \$272,481.75.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Director Falgout reported that during the last storm, the segmented breakwaters have received damage; however, they did serve the purpose and protected the beach.

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

WAREHOUSE - John Plaisance reported that the contractor has poured the foundation and is scheduled to pour the column bases and entrance ramps next week.

MULTI-USE DOCK EXTENSION - Marco Picciola reported that in connection with Phase I, the contractor has completed driving the timber piles for the concrete tie back system and is presently working on forming up the concrete wall. The work accomplished thus far is 39% with 35% of time elapsed.

In connection with Phase II, Mr. Picciola stated that the notice to proceed will be issued once a certain portion of Phase I is completed.

E-SLIP EXTENSION - In the absence of Larry Picciola, Director Falgout reported that the contracts have been submitted to Team Services for execution. Team Services is presently waiting for its bond. Director Falgout stated that he had been notified that Team Services is presently considering a merger.

Director Falgout stated that in connection with Corps dredging, there are several projects pending which are contingent upon getting the channel dredged. It appears that the Water Resources Development Act will not be passed until 1996. If we choose to have the Corps dredge the channel, this will delay other projects such as, the \$2,000,000 port priority project to build an additional 300' of deep draft bulkhead. Director Falgout stated he met with the Ports & Waterways Institute and DOTD to perhaps move the project along without the Corps doing the dredging. There is an approved Coastal Restoration Wetlands project called West Belle Pass Project (\$5.5 million federal project) that needs 2 1/2 million cubic yards of dredged material, which is the amount proposed to be removed from the channel to achieve the Corps' authorized depth. Getting these two projects coordinated at the same time would achieve the necessary results. DOTD stated that if we get the authorized depth, they would allow us to initiate the deep draft berthing facility project. Director Falgout reported that he is working with Morehiser & Associates to try to speed up the process. Discussion followed in connection with the proposed harbor maintenance tax.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Board Member Melancon inquired of Chief Guidry if there were any problems at the Port during the recent storm. Chief Guidry reported that there were no major problems securing the Port. He also reported that there were over 200 vessels in the Port at the time of the storm.

Board Member Vizier inquired in connection with the mooring pilings at the floodgates. Director Falgout stated that we are looking for a creosote piling source.

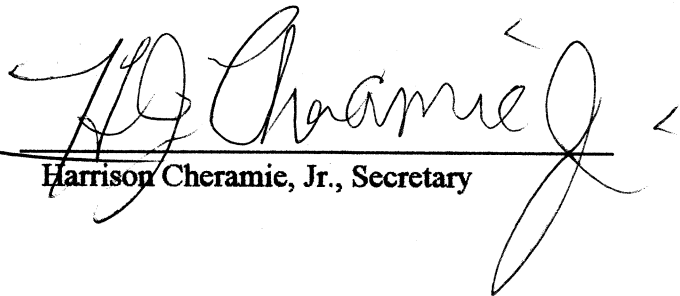
President Doucet then recognized Mr. Buzz Breaux, candidate for parish president, who addressed the Board.

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

ATTEST:



Tomey Doucet, President



Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary