

AGENDA

March 13, 1996

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of minutes of February 14, 1996 Board Meeting
5. Approval of minutes of February 28, 1996 Special Meeting
6. Committee Reports:
 - I. Executive:
 - a. Advertise for bids for new tractor
 - b. Capital Outlay for road protection
 - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - a. Letter of No Objections
 - III. Construction & Development:
 - a. Authorize leasing property to Lafarge Corporation
 - b. Authorize leasing property to Danos & Curole Marine Contractors
 - IV. Finance:
 - a. January Invoices
 - b. Financial Report
 - c. Approve Annual Financial Report
 - d. Approval of Team Services, Inc. invoice for \$92,364.93
 - e. Approval of Stranco, Inc. invoice Request #10 for \$50,558.09
 - f. Approval of Stranco, Inc. invoice Request #10a for \$5,907.70
 - g. Approval of Plaisance Dragline invoice for \$9,747.63
7. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Warehouse Facility
 - b. Multi-Use Dock Extension
 - c. E-Slip Bulkhead
 - d. LOOP Appraisal
 - e. Highway Priorities
 - f. Dr. Ryan Study
8. Any other business
9. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

MARCH 15, 1996

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 Wednesday, March 15, 1996, 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 prescribed by law.

President Doucet called the meeting to order and requested that Board Member Terrebonne call the roll in the absence of the Secretary.

PRESENT: Rodney Terrebonne, Vinton Crosby, Johnny Melancon, Tomey Doucet, Robert Champagne, Donald Vizier, Dudley Bernard, Harrison Cheramie, Jr and Larry Griffin

ABSENT: None

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Davie J. Breaux, Asst. Director; John J. Plaisance, Marco J. Picciola and Larry J. Picciola, Port Engineers; Loulan Pitre, Jr., Port Attorney; Gerald A. Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; and Louverda A. Duet, Port Secretary.

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

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Vinton Crosby, and unanimously passed, the minutes of the meeting of February 14, 1996 were approved (as circulated).

Upon motion by Donald J. Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon, and unanimously passed, the minutes of the February 28, 1996 special meeting were approved (as approved).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet informed the Board of the need to purchase a new tractor for use at the Port. A motion was presented by Larry Griffin to authorize Director Falgout to advertise for and accept bids in connection with the purchase of a tractor. Discussion followed in connection with whether bids should specify American made or not and whether this will replace another tractor. The motion was seconded by Vinton Crosby and unanimously passed.

President Doucet stated that Senator Mike Robichaux has informed the Board that a request has been made in the 1996-97 Capital Outlay Budget for emergency stabilization of the embankment South of Golden Meadow for \$1.5 million, then \$500,000 per year over the next four years. The request also included stabilization from Lockport to Golden Meadow for \$1.7 million, then \$2.5 million over the next four years (\$650,000 per year). Director Falgout stated that request also included an additional \$3.5 million to establish a district DOTD office in the four-parish area. the office would be located in Houma since DOTD has already purchased property in that area. President Doucet inquired about repair and maintenance of the Leeville Bridge. Director Falgout stated that the refurbishment of the bridge was in the DOTD budget.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, letters of no objection were authorized to be sent to the following applicants:

Chevron Information Technology Co.
Stone Petroleum Co.
Chevron USA
Chevron USA
Chevron USA
Texaco Pipeline Co.
Chevron USA

Board Member Harrison Cheramie entered the meeting.

Director Falgout stated that he had received a complaint from Mr. Herbert Callais, a local oysterman, in connection with a permit obtained by Texaco. Director Falgout stated that the Coastal Management Division was contacted and an inspection would be forthcoming.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that a request had been received from Lafarge Corporation to lease property along the Flotation Canal. After review the committee recommends same. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize leasing property along the Flotation Canal to Lafarge Corporation, and does further authorize President Doucet to execute a Surface Lease with Lafarge Corporation, on such terms and conditions as contained in said lease.

Chairman Bernard stated that a request had been received from Danos & Curole Marine Contractors, Inc. to lease property and called upon Director Falgout to further explain. Director Falgout stated that Danos & Curole was interested in the warehouse tract, the marshalling yard and bulkhead water frontage. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize leasing property along Bayou Lafourche to Danos & Curole Marine Contractors, Inc., and does further authorize President Doucet to execute a Surface Lease with Danos & Curole Marine Contractors, Inc., on the terms and conditions contained in said lease.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

Upon motion by Donald J. Vizier, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for February, 1996.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the annual financial report for the year ending December 31, 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 Team Services, Inc. in the amount of \$92,364.93.

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 \$50,558.09 (Request #10).

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Stranco, Inc. in the amount of \$5,907.70 (Request #10A).

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Plaisance Dragline & Dredging Co., Inc. in the amount of \$9,747.63.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Director Falgout called upon the project engineers for their reports in connection with the various ongoing projects:

WAREHOUSE - Mr. John Plaisance reported that the project was substantially complete and the 45-day lien period commenced February 28th.

MULTI-USE DOCK EXTENSION - Mr. Marco Picciola reported that the contractor continues to place embankment matter on the site and grade and compact material as needed. They have prepared to keyway along the bulkhead to receive the reef shell. The top section of the bulkhead and bumper system were sandblasted and primed. Work is progressing slowly. The work accomplished thus far is 87% while 110% of time has elapsed. The Board expressed concern about the slow progress and recommended that Mr. Picciola inform the contractor that they are concerned about the time elapsed and the lack of manpower being devoted to completion of the job.

E-SLIP BULKHEAD - Mr. Larry Picciola reported that the contractor had scheduled the last concrete pour on the deadman for March 11th. Sheet piles were scheduled to be shipped to the job site on March 12th.

Director Falgout informed the Board that LOOP's lease is nearing the expiration of the primary term. They have notified the Commission of their intent to exercise the option to renew for an additional ten year period. However, to determine the rental for the option period, an appraisal of the facility is required. Therefore, Director Falgout contacted Martin Glynn of Central Appraisals to do the appraisal.

In connection with the fund budgeted for embankment stabilization in the 1996-97 Capital Outlay Budget, Director Falgout stated that Senator Robichaux and Rep. Theriot were of tremendous assistance.

Director Falgout also informed the board of an economic value of Louisiana's Ports Study being conducted by Dr. Tim Ryan of U. N. O. The draft is complete and indicates that the Port Industry is very significant to this state with an economic impact of twice that of Tourism. One out of 10 jobs in the state is directly or indirectly related to ports.

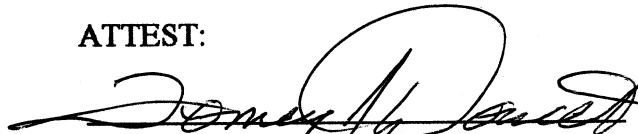
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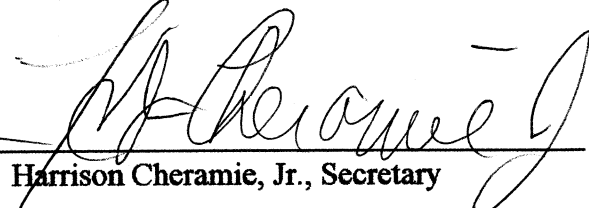
Board Member Vizier inquired in connection with the Patrick Dufrene lawsuit. Director Falgout stated that the Commission was notified that the suit had been settled and the Commission was required to pay the deductible portion of the insurance claim.

Discussion was held in connection with methods the Commission can utilize to protect itself against lawsuits. The Commission recommended that Director Falgout and the port attorney review same.

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

ATTEST:


Tomey J. Doucet, President


Harrison Ceramic, Jr., Secretary