Agenda

October 9, 1996

Call t	Call to Order	
Roll	Roll Call	
Pledg	Pledge of Allegiance	
Appr	Approval of minutes of September 11, 1996 Board Meeting	
Com	Committee Reports:	
I.	Executive:	
	A. B. C. D.	Anchor Drilling Request to Assign Lease LA 1 Task Force WRDA 96 Randolph Publishing
II.	Legal, Permits, Waterways:	
	A.	Letter of No Objection
III.	Construction & Development:	
	Α.	Bulkhead Extension
IV.	Finance:	
	A. B.	September Invoices Financial Report
Exec	Executive Director's Report	
	A. B. C. D. E.	E-Slip Expansion Multi Use Dock Extension E-Slip Bulkhead Questionnaire Port Priority Program West Belle Pass
	Roll (Pledge Approximately Comments) II. III. IV.	Roll Call Pledge of Alle Approval of m Committee Re I. Execut A. B. C. D. II. Legal, A. IV. Finance A. B. Executive Dir A. B. C. D.

Any other business

8. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION OCTOBER 9, 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, October 9, 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 Secretary Cheramie call the roll.

PRESENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Rodney J. Terrebonne, Vinton J. Crosby, Johnny Melancon,

Robert M. Champagne, Donald J. Vizier, Dudley A. Bernard, and Larry Griffin

ABSENT: None

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

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

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Donald J. Vizier, and unanimously passed, the minutes of the September 11, 1996 regular meeting were approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet stated that a request had been received from Anchor Drilling Fluids to assign their lease to Jordan Drilling Fluids. After review, the Committee recommends approving same. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Larry J. Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request by Anchor Drilling Fluids to assign their lease to Jordan Drilling Fluids and does hereby authorize President Doucet to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate said assignment.

President Doucet reported that he and Director Falgout attended a meeting of the LA 1 Task Force last evening. The main objective will be to preserve LA 1 and protect the embankments and widen the highway. It is also their objective to have the Leeville bridge repaired and maintained. The second objective of the Task Force will be to have a four-lane highway constructed from Fourchon to Highway 90. In order to accomplish these objectives, the Task Force will hire a person whose only job will be to oversee these objectives. Therefore, the Executive Committee recommends that the Commission assist as being the main contributor by matching private donations (from companies, etc.) up to a cumulative of \$100,000.00 for the first year. Discussion followed. Upon motion by

Robert Champagne, seconded by Larry J. Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Commission assisting the LA 1 Task Force by being the main contributor by authorizing the Executive Director to match private donations up to a cumulative of \$100,000.00 for the first year.

President Doucet stated that Congress has passed the Water Resources Development Act, with the Commission's project being one of only six projects approved under the Act. This means that the Corps of Engineers is now authorized by Congress to deepen Bayou Lafourche at Port Fourchon. The Corps will begin the design phase and should commence dredging by winter of 1997 or spring of 1998 to a depth of 26' MLL. This new depth will allow the Port to handle a new class of vessel (deeper draft). The Corps will maintain the channel on an annual basis and will also do emergency dredging as needed. Discussion followed.

President Doucet reported that the Committee has reviewed a proposal for public relations by Randolph Publishing and recommends hiring this company. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Robert champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Executive Director to employ Randolph Publishing for public relation services.

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

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

Southern Natural Gas Company Mr. Terry Ougel

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard requested that Director Falgout explain to the Board the need to extend the bulkhead in the E-Slip. Director Falgout explained that the bid by River/Road Construction was a good bid for this type of bulkhead and the Commission had discussed the possibility of extending the bulkhead. The Port Attorney and Project Engineer investigated the laws addressing modifying contracts of this type and they are comfortable that a 25% increase is allowable. This amount is in line with the Commission budget. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve modifying the contract with River/Road Construction to include a 25% increase in the construction of the E-Slip bulkhead.

FINANCE:

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

Upon motion by Donald J. Vizier, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for September, 1996.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Commencing his report, Director Falgout called upon the project engineers for reports on the various ongoing projects:

E-SLIP EXPANSION - Mr. John Plaisance reported that the paperwork has been processed. The Partial Notice to Proceed will be issued this week and the contractor will have 45 days to gather his materials.

MULTI-USE DOCK EXTENSION - Mr. Marco Picciola reported that Phases I and II were complete and he is waiting on DOTD to complete the paperwork to release the retainage on Phase I. Director Falgout stated that we are preparing to submit the final invoices and as-built drawing to EDA for the final reimbursement.

E-SLIP BULKHEAD - Mr. Larry Picciola stated that the contractor has completed the touch up painting. The Certificate of Substantial Completion has been authorized; however, because of the financial problems encountered with sub-contractors, he recommends withholding the payment of any funds until the problems are solved. He further stated that a change order in connection with the sales tax had been forwarded to Team Services; however, they are not accepting it since they feel the sales tax should be left in the figure. Mr. Picciola stated that the bond company is investigating the matter. Therefore, he recommends that the Board rescind the authorization to pay previously submitted invoices and observe the bond company's investigation. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby rescind the authorization to pay previously submitted invoices to Team Services and observe the bond company's investigation.

In connection with the request by Mr. Jimmy Martin pertaining to navigational problems with fishing vessels, Director Falgout reported that Commission personnel are circulating a questionnaire to port users to solicit opinions about these problems.

Director Falgout stated that in 1994 the Commission applied for deep draft berthing facility adjacent to the Multi-Use Dock under the Port Priority Program. In 1994, funding was approved contingent upon passage of the Water Resources Development Act . Now that the Water Resources Development Act has passed, Director Falgout met with DOTD with an alternate site in the E-Slip since C-Port is now on the original site. If the Commission can provide deep draft in the E-Slip, the alternate site can be approved and be eligible for \$2,000,000 in state funds. He will submit modifications and drawing of the alternate site to DOTD and we will not have to compete again since the funds have already been approved. Discussion followed in connection with spoil areas.

Director Falgout informed the Board that the West Belle Pass Project has been submitted through the Coastal Restoration & Protection Act which has federal monies available for enhancement of coastal areas. The proposal submitted includes dredging material out of Bayou Lafourche (which has silted up) and fill approximately 185 acres of wetland to create marsh, connect through the western jetties of Belle Pass and continue on 1700' with rip rap and protect the entire west bank of the pass, building a cut to allow small boat traffic to Evans Canal. This \$4.5-\$5 million approved project has been unable to move forward because of oyster lease issues in the area which the state and federal governments cannot come to agreement how to resolve. Dr. Ronald Kilgen did an assessment study of all oyster leases which will be impacted by this project. The conclusion of the study was that the oysters are not conducive to commercial production. Director Falgout stated that he has offered to DNR and COE that the Commission will take responsibility of the leases. We have the capability to resolve this matter with very limited exposure. He stated that he and port attorney, Loulan Pitre, will meet with the Corps and DNR to discuss the issue. Upon motion by Larry J. Griffin, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Executive Director to take any necessary action in order to expedite the project which includes the responsibility for resolving issues and/or acquiring oyster leases in the West Belle Pass Project area.

OTHER BUSINESS:

President Doucet called upon Mr. Larry Raymond, Administrator of the Fire District, who introduced Mr. Allen Billiot who was hired so that the Port would have a full time Fire Department person to address the special firefighting needs of Port Fourchon. Director Falgout welcomed him on behalf of the Board.

Board Member Melancon asked Chief Guidry to report on the activities of the weekend. Chief Guidry stated that there was high water because of Thunder Storm Josephine. He estimated that there were approximately 33,000 people and 250 oil-related vessels in the Port. With the help of State Police and the National Guard, they were able to escort people out of the area. Director Falgout stated that the Harbor Police did an exceptional job accommodating everyone. He further stated that there was some confusion in connection with closure of the highway; however, he spoke to Windell Curole who informed him that a meeting will be held to better coordinate efforts for the next emergency.

Director Falgout further stated that although there was no damage to the land based facilities at the Port, there was considerable damage to the breakwaters, the beach stabilization project and siltation int he channel. He has contacted FEMA to send a team to assess the damage.

Upon motion by Larry J. Griffin, seconded by Robert M. Champagne and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Tomey J. Doucet, President

Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary