

Agenda

January 15, 1997

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of minutes of December 11, 1996 Board Meeting
5. Committee Reports:
6.
 - I. Executive:
 - A. Introduce Roy Francis, Executive Director, LA 1 Emergency Coalition
 - B. Authorize Ted Falgout to sign auto and building insurance resolution dated 12-18-96.
 - C. Advertise for bids for reef shells, sand and other suitable materials to be supplied on annual basis.
 - D. Authorize to bid out surplus equipment
 - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - A. Letter of No Objection
 - B. Navigation Study Findings
 - III. Construction & Development:
 - A. Consider lease for Orgeron Properties, L.L.C.
 - B. Consider lease for additional property for ERA Helicopters, Inc.
 - C. Request for First Right Refusal by C-Port
 - IV. Finance:
 - A. December Invoices
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Adopt Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance for 1997
7. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion
 - B. Multi Use Dock Extension
 - C. E-Slip Bulkhead
 - D. Highway Improvements
 - E. West Belle Pass
 - F. Deep Draft Berthing Facility
 - G. Pass Fourchon Dredging
 - H. Flotation Canal Levee Repairs
8. Any other business
 - A. Micki Savoie - Ambulance District
8. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

JANUARY 15, 1997

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, January 15, 1997 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.

PRESENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Rodney Terrebonne, Vinton Crosby, Johnny Melancon, Tomey Doucet, Robert Champagne, Donald Vizier, Dudley Bernard 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 Picciola, Port Engineers; Gerald J. Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; Louverda A. Duet, Port Secretary; and Susan Martin, Port Accountant.

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

Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of December 11, 1996.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Doucet introduced Mr. Roy Francis who was employed as Administrator for the newly formed La 1 Emergency Coalition. Mr. Francis addressed the Board and briefly stated the purpose of the Coalition.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to execute any documents with Leonard Miller Insurance Agency in connection with the Commission's building and automobile insurance policies.

President Doucet announced it was time to advertise for annual bids for reefshells, etc. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to advertise for and receive bids for supplying reefshells, limestone, sand and/or other suitable approved material for a period of one year to be tailgate spread in the port area as directed by the Commission.

President Doucet stated that the Commission had surplus equipment and should be advertised for bids. Upon motion by Vinton J. Crosby, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to advertise for and receive bids for the sale of the following surplus equipment:

1. 1985 OLDSMOBILE 4DR SEDAN
2. 1986 FORD PICKUP
3. 1992 DODGE RAMCHARGER
4. 140 HP EVINRUDE ENGINE
5. 100 HP MARINER ENGINE
6. XEROX 1025 COPIER WITH STAND
7. 286 ACER 900 COMPUTER, MONITOR AND KEYBOARD
8. DFI COMPUTER, MONITOR, KEYBOARD AND SOFTWARE

LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

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

CHEVRON USA
MR. CLAUDE A. PITRE
CHEVRON USA
C-PORT, LLC
FOREMAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION

In connection with the navigation study finding, Chairman Champagne requested that Director Falgout explain the results of the questionnaire, Director Falgout stated that questionnaires had been circulated to users of Belle Pass and seventy-two responses were received. Although there was no overwhelming problems, one of the main areas of concern was within the Belle Pass jetty system during peak fishing times. Director Falgout stated that the extra siltation caused by Tropical Storm Josephine has restricted the usable channel and the Commission needs to address this situation. The Navigation Committee has reviewed the questionnaires and recommends that the Commission increase the presence of Harbor Police in the channel during peak fishing times, and contact the Coast Guard to install one or two hazard buoys by rock obstructions located outside the channel. Discussion followed.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Chairman Bernard stated that requests had been received from Orgeron Properties and Era Aviation to lease property and requested that Director Falgout explain. Director Falgout stated that Orgeron Properties is asking for 300' on the Flotation Canal to construct a cement plant. The property will be leased at thirteen cents (.13) per square foot. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to negotiate with Orgeron Properties, LLC in connection with leasing property along the Flotation Canal; said property to be used to establish a cement plant operation. IT IS

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize President Doucet to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said lease of property to Orgeron Properties, LLC.

In connection with the request by Era Aviation, Director Falgout stated that they want 300' of property to be used or extra parking. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to negotiate with Era Aviation, Inc. in connection with leasing additional property adjacent to their present lease site. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize President Doucet to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said lease of property to Era Aviation, Inc.

Director Falgout stated that C-Port is requesting a right of first refusal in connection with property on NJ Theriot. The consideration will be \$10,000 for one year or until waterfront property is established. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to negotiate and execute a Right of First Refusal with C-Port, LLC in connection with property on NJ Theriot Road at Port Fourchon, Louisiana; said right being for a consideration of \$10,000 for one year or until waterfront property is established.

Board Member Harrison Cheramie, Jr. entered the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for December, 1996.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissions does hereby adopt the ad valorem tax ordinance for 1997, which said ordinance reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 60

An ordinance levying and imposing taxes on all property subject to taxation in the port area of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission of the State of Louisiana for the year 1997.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the invoice from J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. in the amount of \$26,332.86.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissions does hereby approve payment of the invoice from Cajun Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$31,745.40.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

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

E-SLIP EXPANSION - Mr. John Plaisance reported that the notice to proceed was issued on November 28, 1996; however the bad weather around the holidays has delayed the painting of the steel sheet piles. The contractor is expected to be working on site in late January.

MULTI-USE DOCK EXTENSION - Mr. Marco Picciola reported that he's still waiting on DOTD for final processing. There was some delay with a form but that problem has been resolved.

E-SLIP BULKHEAD EXTENSION - Mr. Larry Picciola reported that the change order and the certificate of substantial completion have been executed. The certificate was filed with the Clerk of Court on December 19, 1996. He also reported that he had received written permission from the bond company to apply the outstanding invoices with joint checks. He noted that the payment to Wasser High-Tech Coatings is \$583.80 rather than \$1,874.95. He further stated that Sigma has requested that the bond company pay their claim before the end of the lien period. The bond company has agreed to this provided the Commission pay the retainage of \$64,531.43 to the bond company rather than the contractor. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of the retainage in the amount of \$64,531.43 to the bond company in order that the bond company may pay Sigma Coating's claim before the end of the lien period in connection with the E-SLIP BULKHEAD EXTENSION project.

DEEP DRAFT BERTHING FACILITY - Director Falgout stated that the preliminary plans prepared by Larry J. Picciola had been submitted to DOTD. DOTD wanted proof of the WRDA and a dredging schedule, which was submitted. We are now waiting for a response.

In connection with the highway improvements, Director Falgout reported that they are still working on widening the embankments from Fourchon to Leeville. DOTD is doing cross sections to establish the quantity and quality of material needed. We are also working on the co-operative agreement.

In connection with Pass Fourchon dredging, Director Falgout reported that there is siltation, the critical area being at the Nerby Collins Marina; however, the project is being delayed because Shell will participate (which will drastically reduce our cost). Shell is waiting on DNR for approval of the project (2-3 weeks). Director Falgout reported that there could be a problem at low tide, but we will try to accommodate the lessees as best as possible. Discussion followed.

In connection with the West Belle Pass project, Director Falgout stated that meetings have been held with a target construction date in late fall of 1997.

Director Falgout reported that there has been a breach on the northern bank of the Flotation Canal. We tried to repair it with out machine; however, it did not hold. There is now a hole at least 18' deep. We have a dragline working on it now.

Director Falgout also reported that the handicap fishing wharf is almost completed. He commended Asst. Director Breaux on a job well done. The project was funded by a 50/50 grant from DNR through Coastal Zone Management. The wharf will be dedicated in the near future.

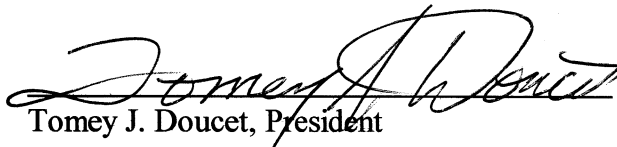
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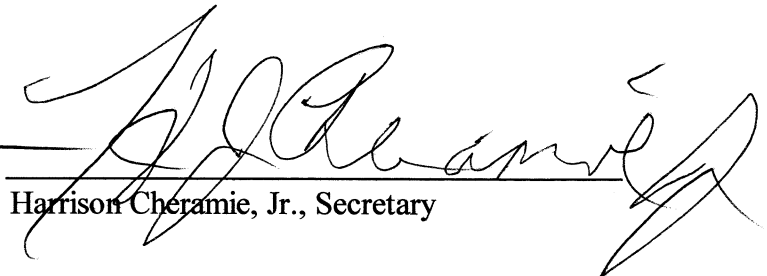
President Doucet recognized Micki Savoie with the Lafourche Ambulance District who brought the Board up to date on the progress being made by the district.

President Doucet also recognized Mr. Larry Raymond with the Fire District who addressed the Board in connection with the new fireman hired to work at Port Fourchon.

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

ATTEST:


Tomey J. Doucet, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary