#### May 13, 1998

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Approval of minutes of April 15, 1998 Board Meeting
- 5. Executive Director's Report
  - A. E-Slip Expansion
  - B. Highway Improvements
  - C. West Belle Pass
  - D. Deep Draft Berthing Facility
  - E. Warehouse & Operation Center
- 6. Committee Reports:
  - I. Executive:
    - A. Pick Names for Summer Employment.
    - B. Adopt resolution authorizing Ted M. Falgout (Executive Director) to transmit investments/wire funds into a Paine Webber investment account.
    - C. Adopt resolution authorizing Ted M. Falgout (Executive Director) to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with DOTD.
  - II. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
    - A. Letter of No Objection
    - B. Net fishing in Channel
  - III. Construction & Development:
    - 1) Request by Martin Terminal to sublease to Baker Hughes
    - 2) Request by C-Port, LLC to sublease to M-I, LLC; OSCA, Inc.; and Halliburton Entergy Services, Inc.
  - IV. Finance:
    - A. Approval of Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:

1)	Lafourche Parish Fire District No. 1	\$12,000.00
2)	Mike Hooks, Inc.	\$104,299.00
3)	L & A Contracting Co.	\$88,224.19
4)	Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$24,030.00
5)	Bonneval Construction Co., Inc.	\$39,425.00
6)	LA 1 Coalition	\$50,000.00
7)	South Lafourche Levee District	\$10.395.87

- B. Financial Report
- 7. Any other business
- 8. Adjournment

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION MAY 13, 1998

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 May 13, 1998 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 "PT" 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 Breaux, Asst. Director; Loulan Pitre, Port Attorney, Andre Uzee for J. Wayne Plaisance, Marco Picciola and Larry Picciola, Port Engineers; Larry Terry, Harbor Police Lieutenant., Susan C. Martin, Finance & Policy Officer; and Cindy F. Dufrene, 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 minutes of April 15, 1998 meeting were approved.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

In connection with Phase II- E-Slip Expansion, Director Falgout stated the project was complete and the retainage was due to Mike Hooks in the amount of \$104,299. Director Falgout called upon Andre Uzee with J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. Andre Uzee stated he had no additional comments.

Director Falgout called upon project Engineer Marco Picciola for his report on Phase III of the E-Slip Expansion. Mr. Picciola stated that he and Mr. Falgout met with federal agencies last Friday in Baton Rouge in reference to the permit for Phase III. All federal agencies except one were represented. It was agreed that the permit would be forthcoming within the next 10 days.

Mr. Picciola further stated he is expecting soil boring reports early next week on Phase III. Mr. Picciola stated that the project would be broken down into 3 components based on funding. The first phase will be on the western side of the E-Slip continuing to the bottom of the slip for a total of 2,600 to 2,700 linear feet of bulkhead. Part B would be the remaining bulkhead and part C would be the dredging phase. Mr. Picciola expects to have a plan to submit to DOTD by sometime in June in order to fast track this project for it to be eligible for state funding come July 1<sup>st</sup>. Director Falgout stated that the legislature is in session right now and the capital outlay bill is being reviewed. Mr. Falgout stated as he mentioned last month that there are some questions if \$24.5 million or \$15 million will be in the Port Priority Program this year. DOTD is still saying they will consider the

program a \$24.5 million dollar program and that now with the Legislation that was approved during the special legislative session DOTD can bring down the roughly \$63 million dollars sitting in that fund and allow the ports to draw out that fund without putting additional monies into the program. Mr. Falgout stated that hopefully the legislature this session would put an additional \$10 - \$15 million new dollars into the program. Director Falgout feels very secure that the funding will be available since the port project is ranked second, the first project is just a minimal project. Mr. Falgout stated we ought to get funding for this program as soon as the Governor signs the capital outlay bill.

Board Member Terrebonne questioned if dredging had begun in third leg of slip. Mr. Falgout addressed that question under highway improvements.

In connection with the Highway improvements, Mr. Falgout stated that Ronald Adams is finishing up the area from Port Fourchon up to Leeville. He will come back and address a few areas that are narrower than the Commission would like, especially right where he started on the west side of road next to the port. He will haul material there which is coming out of the third leg. Mr. Falgout further stated that Chevron is starting to haul about an additional 60,000 cubic yards of material out of the third leg that would be used for their pit remediation job on the Fourchon island and Timbalier Bay. They have approval from the Wisners to use this material. Mr. Falgout stated that the weather is right for hauling and that would be an additional 60,000 cubic yards removed that we won't have to pay for in dredging. Mr. Falgout further stated that we may be able to execute a change order with Ronald Adams Construction to do an additional 20- 25,000 cubic yards.

In reference to the Highway Embankment Stabilization Project the Port excavator is out of the bayou and is now working with the South Lafourche Levee District. The Lafourche Basin Levee District excavator, which is working from the Intracoastal northward, is doing an excellent job and is well received by the public.

Mr. Falgout then introduced Roy Francis to address the board about LA 1 Coalition activities. Board Member Melancon asked a question in reference to the Leeville Bridge. Mr. Francis said work has started on Leeville Bridge and DOTD estimates the work will be completed in 6-9 months.

In addition, Mr. Falgout spoke to the contractors working on the bridge north of Larose on Highway 308. Mr. Falgout stated the culverts are in place and the asphalt and guard railings should be in place in two weeks.

In connection with the West Belle Pass Project, Mr. Falgout stated the T. L. James dredge is in the Pass. Mr. Falgout stated concerns about the amount of material the spoil area can hold. The Corps of Engineers originally estimated the spoil area to hold 2 million cu. yds. of material. An amendment was executed authorizing the Corps to go up to 2.5 million cu. yds. If the impoundment could hold it. T. L. James estimates it can hold 1.5 million cu. yds. of material. Mr. Falgout stated with using our Washington contacts, our congressional delegation has been able to convince the Corps to put 500,000 cubic yards of sand in the area within the jetty system on the beach. Mr. Falgout stated that would result in 500,000 more cubic yards that won't go into the impoundment. The net result may possibly be to get between 2 million cu. yds. and 2.5 million cu. yds. depending on the amount the

impoundment can hold. That would give an additional 500,000 plus cubic yards the Port and the Corps would not be responsible for removing at a later date.

Mr. Falgout called upon project engineer Larry Picciola in reference to the Deep Draft Berthing Facility. Mr. Picciola stated that L & A Contracting Company has started construction on 16<sup>th</sup> St. and completed driving the first deadman piles. The sheet piles are expected to arrive around the middle of June. They hope to be complete with deadmen by then. The contractors are working on the road and found bad spots and are bringing in some other materials and stabilizing it. Mr. Picciola stated they're doing fine and are not having any problems on the job. Mr. Falgout stated that concerns over Chevron hauling dredged material over 16<sup>th</sup> street have been remedied by a plan to unload material at the end of the second leg of the slip.

Director Falgout called upon Daniel Bruce, Jr. with Cheramie & Whitney Architect for an update on the Warehouse and Operations Center. Mr. Bruce stated the operations center contractors began working on Monday. They are a week into their staging and are forming for the flat slab. He stated they are hoping to pour concrete for the flat slab in about 3 weeks. The project is on schedule and may be completed early.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Tomey Doucet, Chairman Dudley Bernard, Member Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Member Donald Vizier, Member

Chairman Doucet stated it was time to pick names for summer employment. Mr. Falgout stated we have 9 applicants. Three summer employees who worked for the port before will be rehired. They are as follows:

Beau, Bouvier Brandon Simoneaux Kyl Cheramie

Mr. Falgout also stated that 4 out of the remaining 6 names will be pulled. They are as follows:

Jonathan Aucoin
Jamie Arceneaux
Hugh Cheramie
Derek Lafont
Desmond Crosby 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate
Mitchel Rousse 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

Chairman Doucet stated that the executive committee request that the board adopt a resolution to authorize Ted Falgout to transmit investments/wire funds into a PaineWebber investment account on behalf of the Port Commission. Mr. Falgout explained that Susan Martin, Port Accountant, analyzed several investment firms and recommends PainWebber. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by

Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board Of Commissioners does hereby authorize Ted Falgout to sign, transfer and enter into investment securities transactions as well as request transfer of funds/securities with PaineWebber on behalf of the Port Commission.

Board Member Doucet stated that the executive committee request that the board adopt a resolution to authorize Ted Falgout to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with DOTD. Ted Falgout explained this supplemental agreement is an amendment as a result of last year's regular legislative session. He further explained that the Capital Outlay Bill appropriated an additional amount of money for the Highway Embankment Stabilization Project which is separated into two projects. DOTD appropriated \$395,000 on the Lockport to Golden Meadow Project and \$400,000 on the Golden Meadow down to Fourchon Project. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Ted Falgout to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation & Development and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission in connection with State Project No.'s 737-20-0100 & 737-29-0101.

## **LEGAL, PERMITS & WATERWAYS:**

Robert Champagne, Chairman Vinton Crosby, Member Larry Griffin, Member

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

Stone Energy Corp. Mark A. Williams

In connection with net fishing in the channel, Director Falgout stated that the dredge is in the Belle Pass jetty system. At the last meeting the Commission allowed commercial fishing and other users into the channel until the dredge arrived, at which time they would evaluate further and look again at concerns of navigation and safety in the channel. Problems arose on Monday night in the pass and the harbor police determined that fishing be discontinued for that night. Everyone complied with their orders. The following morning, Mr. Falgout met with Coast Guard to discuss the problem with navigation. The Coast Guard established a safety zone from Beacon Marker 10 to the south end of the jetties in Belle Pass beginning 1300 hrs., May 12, 1998 until 0700 hrs., May 27, 1998.

In addition, Mr. Falgout stated that the navigation committee expressed a concern that area of Bayou Lafourche from the junction of Pass Fourchon and Belle Pass towards the northern extremity of the C-Port area is a major congested area. He stated that with all the coming out from vessels from the E-Slip, all the docks being busy, and the fact that some larger vessels operate with bow thrusters, it will be an extremely dangerous situation for trawling and net fishing to be going on in that reach when the inshore season opens. He further stated it is the committee's recommendation to prohibit net

fishing in Bayou Lafourche from the junction of Pass Fourchon and Belle Pass, northward to the northern extremity of the C-Port facility at Pass Fourchon. The committee also recommends monitoring the entire Port from the Flotation Canal all the way down to the Gulf to see if any other area should be recommended for closure to net fishing Mr. Doucet opened the floor to any comments. Tim Alario addressed the board with his concerns about net fishing in Belle Pass. He expressed his opinion on the incident that occurred on Monday night. He feels that the net fishermen should be allowed to continue fishing in the Pass even though the dredge is there and that they should be allowed to follow the dredges radio commands. He also stated that fishermen not abiding by the rules should be removed from the Pass, not all fishermen. He expressed his concerns that the board is not concerned about the fishermen's welfare. Upon motion by Robert Champagne, seconded by Donald Vizier, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby prohibit net fishing in Bayou Lafourche from the junction of Pass Fourchon and Belle Pass, northward to the northern extremity of the C-Port facility in Bayou Lafourche.

## **CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE:**

Dudley Bernard, Chairman Rodney Terrebonne, Member

Chairman Bernard stated that Martin Terminal was requesting to sublease to Baker Hughes. Mr. Falgout explained that Baker Hughes wishes to expand their facility sublease from Martin Terminal the former Brown & Root facility, which is adjacent to their facility. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Robert Champagne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve Martin Terminal to sublease to Baker Hughes.

Chairman Bernard stated that C-Port was requesting to sublease to M-I LLC, OSCA, Inc. and Halliburton Entergy Services, Inc. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve C-Port, LLC to sublease to M-I, LLC, OSCA, Inc. and Halliburton Entergy Services, Inc.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Donald Vizier, Chairman Tomey Doucet, Member Harrison Cheramie, Jr. Member Johnny Melancon, Member

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve payment of all invoices received the previous month and in particular the following invoices over \$10,000:

1)	Lafourche Parish Fire Dist., No. 1	\$12,000.00
2)	Mike Hooks, Inc.	\$104,299.00
3)	L & A Contracting Co.	\$88,224.19
4)	Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$22,828.50

5)	Bonneval Construction Co., Inc.	\$39,425.00
6)	LA 1 Coalition	\$50,000.00
7)	South Lafourche Levee Dist.	\$11,613.24

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the financial report for April, 1998.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Board Member Terrebonne asked Director Falgout to clarify the safety zone set by the Coast Guard and the resolution set by the Commission for the members of the audience. Mr. Falgout clarified the closures set by the Commission and the Coast Guard and expressed the Commissions support for the Coast Guard's decision. Tim Alario again addressed the Board with a recommendation to trawl within the safety area and asked the Coast Guard to work along with the trawlers. Mr. Falgout expressed that the Coast Guard is looking into the situation. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Tomey J. Doucet, President

Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary