

AGENDA

March 10, 1999

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of minutes of February 10, 1999 Board Meeting
Approval of minutes of February 26, 1999 Special Meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion Updates
 - 1. 2nd Leg
 - 2. Deep Draft Berthing Facility
 - 3. 3rd Leg
 - B. Operations Center
 - 1. Change Order #1
 - C. Highway Improvements
 - 1. Embankment
 - 2. EIS
 - 3. Port Overlays
 - D. Fourchon Bridge
 - E. Northern Expansion Update
 - F. FEMA Damage Repairs
 - 1. Stone Jettys
 - 2. Offshore Breakwaters
 - 3. Belle Pass Dredging
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - A. Executive:
 - 1. OCS Revenue Sharing
 - B. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - 1. Letter of No Objection
 - a. Chevron Pipeline Company
 - b. Rickey Cheramie
 - c. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co.
 - C. Construction & Development
 - 1. Request by Offshore Supply Services to lease former Walsh Environmental site
 - 2. Request by Newpark
 - D. Finance:
 - 1. Approval of Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:

1. Cajun Trucking, Inc.	\$105,162.25
2. Callais Office Furniture & Supplies, Inc.	\$ 11,951.12
3. Larry J. Picciola, Inc.	\$ 13,177.69
4. Larry J. Picciola, Inc.	\$ 13,654.00
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 - 2. Finance Report
 - E. Personnel:
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
March 10, 1999

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 10, 1999 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 Crosby called the meeting to order and requested that Board Member Terrebonne call the roll.

PRESENT: Dudley Bernard, Rodney Terrebonne, Vinton Crosby, Johnny Melancon, Ervin Bruce, Larry Griffin, Donald Vizier, and Chester Cheramie

ABSENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr.

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

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

Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the minutes of February 10, 1999 Board Meeting were approved.

Upon motion by Chester Cheramie, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the minutes of February 26, 1999 Special Meeting were approved.

President Crosby then called upon Executive Director Ted Falgout for his report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Commencing his report, in connection with the E-Slip Bulkhead Extension, 2nd Leg, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Larry Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported L L & G Construction Co. has completed driving the tie back piles and has begun tying re-bar for the concrete deadman. Steel sheet piles are being painted and are scheduled to begin delivery within the next week or two. Approximately 50% of the time has elapsed with 20% of the construction complete.

In connection with the Deep Draft Berthing Facility, Bulkheading, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Larry Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported that L & A Contracting Company has received substantial completion on Friday, February 5th, 1999. They are asking for approval of Change Order No. 1 and approval of the Certificate of Substantial Completion at this meeting. Mr. Picciola reported he sent a request for an extension of 30 days due to painting problems which would change the contract dates on Change Order No. 1. Mr. Falgout stated the Construction & Development Committee did not receive the request in time for review. He stated they will address

the request and liquidated damages at the next meeting. Mr. Picciola requested the Board approve the Change Order No. 1 with the original contract dates on it. He explained the change order consists of 60 tons more light weight aggregate, 529 tons of additional limestone needed for thickness, and additional steel. The total amount of Change Order No. 1 is \$14,442.02. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$14,442.02. Mr. Falgout stated in reference to the Certificate of Substantial Completion that the Contractor has completed the job and the lessee has been given notice of completion. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion on the Deep Draft Berthing Facility "Bulkhead" Project.

Board Member Terrebonne left the meeting.

In reference to the Deep Draft Berthing Facility, Dredging, Mr. Falgout called upon project engineer Larry Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported that Weeks Marine, Inc. has completed the dredging work. The final quantities have not been settled yet due to other commitments of Weeks Marine. At present, Mr. Picciola estimates they are approximately 12,000 cubic yards of difference. They will ask for substantial completion at the next Board Meeting.

In connection with Leg III, E-Slip Expansion, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Marco Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported that the contractor has completed 14% of the project, based upon dollar amounts earned to date, in which 30% of the time has elapsed. Work accomplished to date consist of driving timber piles for the deadman system. Based upon the revised construction schedule, the contractor is already 30 days behind on the steel sheet driving process. The contractor has approximately 280 linear feet of sheets on the job site and won't start until he has approximately 800 to 1,000 linear feet on the job site so the process of placement won't stop. It might be the end of March before receiving more sheets. Also, they are 1 ½ to 2 weeks behind on the placement of the concrete deadman. Mr. Picciola stated the contractor has more employees and more equipment on the job but he is concerned on the lack of progress on the job. Mr. Falgout asked that Mr. Picciola keep the contractor aware of the liquidated damages part of this contract if they are to go over the contract date and to make them aware that the Commission will loose direct revenues from Newpark and these revenues will also be accessed as part of the liquidated damages. Mr. Picciola stated he will notify the contractor on liquidated damages and monitor the progress. Discussion followed in reference to the testing of paint on sheets.

In connection with Phase II of E-Slip, Expansion, project Engineer Marco Picciola reported that the field collection of data has been completed and are working on the design. He expects the Plans & Specifications to be completed in April with submittal to DOTD for review to follow. Director Falgout stated the Commission has received approval by DOTD to build slips and not a linear bulkhead in which Mr. Picciola is including in the drawings.

In reference to the Breakwater Repairs and Jetty Repairs Project Mr. Picciola reported that he has completed the preliminary review of the project. The field collection process is presently being scheduled. He hopes to have plans and specifications completed by the end of April. His goal is to have this project constructed during the summer months. Director Falgout stated they are looking

at alternative designs for the rocks such as A-Jax Blocks or some other structure similar to that which would cover more surface area for wave dampening and provide greater protection.

In connection with the Operations Center, Director Falgout called upon project engineer, Edmond Cheramie, for his report. Mr. Cheramie reported the project has been completed with Substantial Completion effective February 18, 1999. The original day of substantial completion was for October 2, 1998 making a total of 139 days over contract. He presented the Commission with Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$6,020.27. He discussed the amount of days which the Commission should assess for liquidated damages. He stated he presented to the construction committee yesterday a list of items from the contractor indicating he lost 102 days waiting on metal roofing material. After extensive review, Mr. Cheramie recommended the Board accept Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$6,020.27 and assess 24 days of liquidated damages in the amount of \$150.00 a day for a total of \$3,600.00. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Larry Griffin and passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept Change Order No. 1 for the Port Fourchon Operations Facility in the amount of \$6,020.27 and hereby assesses 24 days of liquidated damages in the amount of \$150.00 a day for a total of \$3,600.00. Board Member Vizier voted nay.

In connection with the highway improvements, Director Falgout reported that the embankment work from Golden Meadow south is complete. EPA and the State are looking at bringing in a dredge to rebuild several hundred acres of marsh in the area south of the Leeville Bridge on the east side where the water comes to the road. This project has been submitted for funding in the Coastal Wetlands Protection Act. There are 60 projects submitted and only 20 will be funded. Mr. Falgout stated the project may not make the cut but it's good that the State is seeing how significant this area is in submitting this project. This project is also highlighted in the Coastal 2050 Plan as being extremely important.

In connection with the highway improvements north, Director Falgout reported that Herb Cheramie, employee of the Port Commission and operator of the excavator, is doing an excellent job on the embankment work. The work he's doing seems to have rejuvenated the interest of the property owners as far as maintaining their bayou side.

In connection with the highway improvements from Larose to Lockport, Director Falgout stated the excavator for the Lafourche Basin Levee District has been working on other jobs but assured him they will be back in the bayou soon.

In connection with the Environmental Impact Statement for the section from Golden Meadow to Port Fourchon, requests for proposals have gone out to DOTD. The deadline for receiving proposals were Monday. There were twelve proposals submitted. DOTD's process is to develop a short list of qualified firms and then determine who the consultant will be. Since then the Millennium Port concept has come up and Port Fourchon is definitely one of the sites which is being considered and evaluated. The Governor's office asked about the EIS and what was the possibility of considering adding rail to it. Director Falgout stated if the Port does become the Millennium Port, it may be a consideration to include rail in the highway structure on this EIS. He ran it by DOTD this morning under the advisement of the construction & development and the executive committee. They assured the firms on the short list would have the expertise to consider the rail into the highway structure so

it won't have to be rebid and it could be an add on if it is determined to be feasible to do so. Funding is required to meet the additional cost which would require a 20% match if in fact DOTD and the Federal Government determine that the T-21 money can be used to require a state match or a local match. This is something the Commission could discuss at a later date if they wish or has to be the agency to provide the 20% match.

In connection with the Port Road Overlay Project, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Larry Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported Barriere Construction Co. has completed the overlay on A. J. Estay Road and the side streets except for the driveways. Limestone began being placed on the shoulders Tuesday. The shoulders should be finished by tomorrow in the area which have been overlaid. Barriere began overlaying the streets on the north side of the E-Slip Monday.

In reference to the Fourchon Bridge Repair, Director Falgout reported the contract has been awarded and all documents have been signed and Fed Ex'd to the contractor. In the construction schedule from the contractor, Director Falgout stated the only thing that causes him concern is that the contractor is requesting total closure of the bridge from August 1 thru September 7th to complete all work on the swing span instead of doing one side at a time. They also request to wave two weeks of the requirement that at least one lane of the bridge remain open thru May 15th thru August 15th. He will enter into negotiations with the contractor and the engineer involved.

In connection with the Northern Expansion, Director Falgout reported that the last meeting the Commission had issued an ultimatum to the Wisner Committee to come to an agreement in 30 days or the Commission would move toward expropriations. He stated that he and Port Attorney Pitre have been meeting with Wisner Committee regularly and are making headway and ask the Commission not to initiate the expropriation proceedings under the good faith movement of the Wisner Committee and if the agreement has not been finalized by the next meeting that the Commission still has that option to move towards expropriation. He stated they should have a document for approval by the next meeting. Attorney Pitre agrees with Director Falgout and stated that they are making dramatic progress and are close to coming to terms on a few issues which are left to discuss. The proposal the Commission made to Wisner Donation was that Wisner would receive 25% of the lease revenues when the revenues are collected by the Commission. Conditionally, their Committee has agreed to that term with two exceptions, one of which is they seek payment of \$35 an acre beginning when the lease starts which would be credited against the amount they would receive once the Commission starts receiving revenues in which the Commission would recoup after the property is developed. Also on a limited amount of acreage on the Rappolet road they are seeking a 50% revenue share on the basis that it would be easier and less expensive to develop. In general, their position now is a whole lot closer to our position, Attorney Pitre stated, and while he does not have an agreement to present at this time, that he ask that the Commission extend the time to keep the negotiations moving at the speed it has been in the last 4 weeks. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Chester Cheramie and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby extend making a decision to entering into expropriation until the next board meeting to allow the City of New Orleans, (Wisner Donation) and Greater Lafourche Port Commission time to come to an agreement.

In connection with the FEMA Damage Repairs, Director Falgout called upon project engineer John Plaisance for his report on the Belle Pass Dredging. Mr. Plaisance reported there are three sections to dredge in this project. The first section is between the Chevron pipeline and the 24' contour; second section is between C-Port and the Flotation Canal; and the third section is in Pass Fourchon between the Caillouet property and the Fourchon Bridge. Cross sections have been taken in the southern Belle Pass area, the Pass Fourchon area, and in the northern regions by the Flotation Canal. He expects to receive bids in early June and to have the dredge on site in late July to early September which hopefully would not affect trawling season.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Vinton Crosby, Chairman
Dudley Bernard, Member
Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Member
Donald Vizier, Member

President Crosby stated that our Congressional Delegation introduced bills, OCS Revenue Sharing, in both the house and the senate to give coastal states a share of federal offshore revenue. This will be a nation wide effort that could mean millions of dollars to the state and to this area. Director Falgout stated that it would be a tremendous opportunity for Louisiana and the coastal parishes of Louisiana, especially Lafourche Parish and Port Fourchon. It's been well defined that Port Fourchon has been the focal point of deep water activity. Senator Mary Landrieu has taken the lead and Senator Breaux is on board supporting efforts and introduced the bill on the Senate side. Congressman Tauzin and Congressman Chris John have led the effort on the house side and both chambers have received tremendous reception. There are large hurdles to clear in the environmental sector, in that this is a national effort. It involves 30 coastal states which has a majority of members in the house and senate which could enable the bill to pass. This could mean up to \$300 to \$350 million dollars a year to Louisiana alone. Half of that would go towards coastal restoration, which involves our area, and the other half to infrastructure improvements in those areas which are impacted, namely LA 1 and the opportunity to build an elevated highway. This effort takes money and the state is trying to raise \$600,000 to promote this effort nationally. The Secretary of DNR is the leader in this effort for this state and he is raising money from every parish and every entity that would benefit from this effort. The State of Louisiana has contributed \$250,000. Director Falgout stated he spoke to the Secretary personally about this effort. He is asking for \$30,000 from this Commission to help in this effort. This money would go toward an effort to educate the country about this port and about this state and how important it is to save coastal Louisiana and how important this would be to the rest of this country. Director Falgout stated this kind of effort is essential if we are to get that kind of funding for Louisiana and recommend highly that the Commission come on board and contribute \$30,000 to this effort. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Chester Cheramie and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize contributing \$30,000 in support of this effort to help the State of Louisiana receive a share of the federal offshore revenue.

LEGAL PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Larry Griffin, Chairman
Chester Cheramie, Member
Ervin Bruce, Member

Chairman Griffin read the request for letters of no objection. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Ervin Bruce, and unanimously passed the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the following letters of no objection:

Chevron Pipeline Company
Rickey Cheramie
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Dudley Bernard, Chairman
Rodney Terrebonne, Member
Larry Griffin, Member

Chairman Bernard stated the Committee received two request. The first from Offshore Support Services, LLC to lease the Walsh Environmental site. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald Vizier and all in favor, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve leasing the Walsh Environmental site to Offshore Support Services, LLC.

Chairman Bernard stated the second request is from Newpark Environmental. Director Falgout stated Newpark is spread out in two or three places at the port and wish to move their operations in one place on the western side of the third leg, once Johnson Brothers finishes their job. One of their leases is up for renewal and they ask to renew their lease for one year instead of the five year option. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Ervin Bruce and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioner does hereby approve Newpark Environmental's request to renew their lease for one year instead of the five year option.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

Chairman Donald Vizier presented the invoices for February, 1999 and the expenditures over \$10,000 for approval. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Dudley Bernard, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the invoices for February, 1999 and recognizes the following expenditures over \$10,000:

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2.	Callais Office Furniture & Supplies, Inc.	\$ 11,951.12
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Chairman Vizier presented the Financial Report for February, 1999. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Ervin Bruce, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Financial Report for February, 1999.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Johnny Melancon, Chairman
Rodney Terrebonne, Member
Ervin Bruce, Member

Chairman Melancon read a memorandum from the maintenance department stating that they are in need to hire another employee to operate heavy equipment at the Port. At this time the Commission does not have a Mobile Equipment Operator 1/Heavy position available. The Port has an opportunity to hire Robbie Smith, who is capable of operating heavy equipment and has also operated the excavator for the Commission when he worked at the S. L. Levee District. The committee has been asked to allow to hire Mr. Smith on a temporary basis pending a position is acquired from Civil Service. The committee has given approval to hire Mr. Smith on a temporary basis pending a position is acquired from Civil Service.

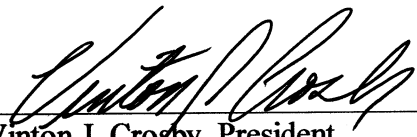
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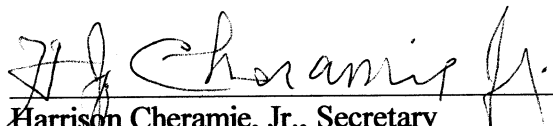
President Crosby recognized Coast Guard Commander Lynn Henderson who addressed the Board on Coast Guards's preparations for the Y2K and about the increased vessel traffic and accidents at the Port and the Harbor Police's help in keeping track of near misses by vessels.

President Crosby recognized two members of the audience, Kenneth "Nico" Doucet and Wilbert Collins, who will be running for the open seat on the Board of Commissioners. They introduced themselves and expressed their interest to sit on the seat of the Board.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Chester Cheramie and unanimously passed, the Board Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



Vinton J. Crosby, President

Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary