

AGENDA

APRIL 13, 1999

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of minutes of March 10, 1999
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion Updates
 - 1. 2nd Leg
 - 2. Deep Draft Berthing Facility
 - 3. 3rd Leg
 - B. Operations Center
 - C. Highway Improvements
 - 1. Embankment
 - 2. EIS
 - 3. Port Overlays
 - D. Fourchon Bridge
 - E. Northern Expansion Update
 - F. FEMA Damage Repairs
 - 1. Stone Jetties
 - 2. Offshore Breakwaters
 - 3. Belle Pass Dredging
 - 4. Flotation Canal Levee
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - A. Executive:
 - 1. Authorize Executive Director to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with DOTD
 - 2. Advertise for summer employment
 - B. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - 1. Letter of No Objection
 - a. Murry J. Gaspard, Sr.
 - C. Construction & Development
 - 1. Request from Newpark Resources, Inc. to assign all of its rights, title and interest under lease to Newpark Environmental Management Company, L.L.C.
 - 2. Request from Newpark Environmental to enter into a sublease with Production Management Corp.
 - 3. Authorize President Crosby to execute Amendment to Sublease by & between Martin Terminal, Inc. & Baker Hughes Inteq.
 - 4. Authorize President Crosby to execute Subordination, Non Disturbance & Adornment Agreement between Baker Hughes Inteq., Hibernia Bank and the Port Commission
 - 5. Authorize President to execute Amendment to Sublease by & between GLPC & Martin Terminal, Inc. (Lot 12)
 - D. Finance:
 - 1. Approval of Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:

a. Larry J. Picciola, Inc.	\$ 14,151.20
b. Larry J. Picciola, Inc.	\$ 11,020.80
c. Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$ 41,627.79
d. Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$ 38,646.00
e. Johnson Brothers	\$ 1,243,554.86
f. LL&G	\$ 161,542.80
g. Barriere Construction	\$ 1,176,307.27
 - 2. Finance Report
 - 3. Approval of 1998 Financial Report
 - E. Personnel:
 - 1. Harbor Police Dispatch
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
APRIL 13, 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, April 13, 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 Cheramie call the roll.

PRESENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Dudley Bernard, Rodney Terrebonne, Vinton Crosby, Johnny Melancon, Larry Griffin, Donald Vizier, and Chester Cheramie

ABSENT: Ervin Bruce

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Davie Breaux, Assistant Director; Loulan Pitre, Port Attorney; Marco Picciola, Larry Picciola and Andre Uzee with J. Wayne Plaisance Engineers., 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 Harrison Cheramie, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the minutes of March 10 1999 Board 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 that the contractor (L. L. & G.) had all the deadmen constructed and poured and the sheet piles should arrive on April 6. The contractors are 3 weeks behind schedule. He has written a letter to the contractor expressing his concern for the delay. He has not heard back from them on this subject.

In reference to the Deep Draft Berthing Facility, Dredging, Ted M. Falgout called upon project engineer Larry J. Picciola for his report and discussion followed in reference to Martin Terminal, Inc. participation in funding this project and the bulkhead extension 2nd Leg project. Mr. Picciola stated for the bulkhead extension 2nd Leg, the Commission is responsible for paying up to one million dollars. If the project was to go over that amount then Martin Terminal, Inc. would be responsible for the balance. As for as the dredging, the depth was agreed upon for the project, however; Martin Terminal wanted the channel deepened more to accommodate his facility so the Commission agreed to dredge to the depth he needed and Martin Terminal would be responsible for paying the extra cost. Board Member Johnny Melancon asked if there was a written agreement between the

Commission and Martin Terminal, Inc. on what they would be responsible for paying on these project. Mr. Falgout stated there is no written agreement but one will be forthcoming.

In connection with the Deep Draft Berthing Facility, Bulkheading, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Larry Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported that substantial completion had been received February 5, 1999 and the contract ending date was to be January 30, 1999. This makes 6 days of liquidated damages at \$500 per day which could be assessed on the contractor, L & A Contracting Co. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby assess 6 days of liquidated damages at \$500 per day from L & A Contracting Co., Inc.

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 (Johnson Brothers) has completed 37% of the contract based upon dollar amount earned to date. Some 39% of the time has elapsed. They began driving the steel sheet piles last week and the concrete and steel work on the deadman has progressed extremely well. They are indicating they will be finished by contract time.

In connection with Phase II of E-Slip, Expansion, project Engineer Marco Picciola reported they expect to complete the plans & specifications this week. He plans to meet with management next week and after approval by management, he will submit the project to DOTD for approval. He recommended that the Board adopt a resolution authorizing him to advertise for bids on this project. He stated giving authorization now would allow a bid opening to be around June 7, 1999. Mr. Falgout stated it would be best to authorize advertisement early because the Port Priority Program funding is on a first come first serve basis so the Commission would need to move quickly to get the funding for this project. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Dudley Bernard, and unanimously passed, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has submitted an application for funding of the LEG III E-SLIP DEVELOPMENT port improvement project under the Port Construction and Development Priority Program; and

WHEREAS, the State's share of the project funds has been made available and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has available its local matching share of the project funds in an amount of not less than ten 10% percent; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Picciola & Associates has prepared plans and specifications for said project, which plans and specifications are designated by State Project No. 578-29-0011.

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has reviewed the finals plans, specifications and cost estimate and accepts them as submitted and certified to by the Port's Consulting Engineer and the Department of Transportation & Development has reviewed the final plans, specifications, and cost estimate and had determined that they comply with the scope of the project and the requirements of the Port Construction and Development Priority Program; and

WHEREAS, all necessary servitudes, rights of way, spoil disposal areas, rights of ingress and egress and the means thereof have been acquired by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission and the titles thereto are valid and indefeasible; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has obtained all necessary permits required for the construction of this project; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has agreed to accomplish all necessary utilities, fence and other facilities relocations and alterations made necessary by this project; and

WHEREAS, the Official Journal for the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is The Daily Comet whose mailing address is P.O. Box 5238, Thibodaux, LA 70302 and whose telephone number is 1-800-256-1305; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission desires to advertise for competitive bids, in accordance with LRS 38:2212, et. seq., for the award of a contract in the name of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission and furnish engineering services during the progress of the work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, in regular session, assembled on this 13th day of April, 1999, that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is requested to authorize the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to advertise for competitive bids in accordance with LRS 38:2212, et. seq, for the award of a contract in the name of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, covering the aforesaid improvements, and furnish engineering services during the progress of the work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation & Development be and hereby is assured that all necessary servitudes, rights of way, rights of ingress and egress and the means thereof have been obtained by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, and the titles thereto are valid and indefeasible and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission expressly agrees to defend any action for the failure of any servitude, right of way, right of ingress or egress, and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission does hereby assume complete responsibility for providing engineering services during construction and for the maintenance and upkeep of the project after construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is assured that all required permits have been obtained by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is assured that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has available its local matching funds in an amount not less than ten (10%) percent of the construction cost to insure construction of this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission will and hereby does assume complete responsibility for all utilities, fence, and other facilities relocations and alterations made necessary by this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission does hereby save and hold harmless the Department of Transportation and Development against any loss or damage of any kind incident to or occasioned by activities undertaken in pursuance of this agreement and expressly agrees to defend any suit brought against the Department of Transportation and Development, and pay any judgement which may result from said suit as it relates to this project.

In connection with the Operations Center, Director Falgout called upon project architect, Edmond Cheramie, for his report. Mr. Cheramie reported he went to the Operations Center this morning and placed a call to the contractor concerning a problem with the elevator. The cabinet doors are in place and the contractor is scheduled to work on the gutter and downspots at the front entrance of the building. The contractor has filed his certificate of substantial completion and is negotiating with the metal roof supplier on the damages that were assessed. Mr. Falgout stated in addition to this project, the Commission is placing cement under the building and is making arrangements for landscaping to be done.

In connection with the highway improvements, Director Falgout reported that the embankment work from Golden Meadow south is complete as far as funding goes.

In connection with the highway improvements north, Director Falgout reported embankment work is progressing. The excavator is scheduled to leave the Commission next month to work with the South Lafourche Levee District.

In connection with the highway improvements from Larose to Lockport, Director Falgout stated the Lafourche Basin Levee District's excavator will be back in the bayou within the next week and will work in the area from the Valentine Bridge to Lockport. Once this area is done the project will be complete.

Mr. Falgout stated if there is enough funding left over from the Embankment Stabilization Project that asphalt shoulders would be constructed on LA 1 south of the Golden Meadow Corporation limits to the Louisiana Shrimp Company building. Depending on the cost, a 6 or 8 foot shoulder would be placed in this area. This project would use up all the money which would be left in the Capital Outlay Fund. Director Falgout stated the Commission has requested more funding from the Capital Outlay this year but the Commission's projects were not submitted with the Administrative Budget. Mr. Falgout spoke to Representative Mitch Theriot who stated he would try to get some funding for the projects from the Capital Outlay, however; there is only \$40 million dollars appropriated for Capital Projects this year when there is usually several hundred million.

In connection with the Environmental Impact Statement for the section from Golden Meadow to Port Fourchon, Mr. Falgout reported the engineering firm selected for this study is Michael Baker, Jr.. They are a national organization and are well respected in this country.

In connection with the Port Road Overlay Project, Director Falgout stated the job is complete. The roads really look good and he feels they are a great improvement to the port.

Director Falgout called upon Roy Francis, Executive Director of the LA 1 Coalition for an update on the Coalition and the La 1 Task Force. Mr. Francis reported the LA 1 Task Force's efforts on improving the highway system and showed a map illustrating the concept the LA 1 Task Force has identified. He discussed the two alternatives to U.S. 90, which are the LA 24 to LA 316 route and the route along the Bayou Lafourche ridge. He also discussed the three alternatives to LA 3127 which has been included in the North-South Corridor Study that had just been completed. The study was funded by DOTD and was done purely for hurricane evacuation purposes, not economics. One of the alternative routes is the LA 316 alignment which aligns better with southern Lafourche Parish for better evacuation purposes. Mr. Francis reported that the Board of Directors of the La 1 Coalition passed a resolution in support of the LA 316 alignment and asked the Board of Commissioners to pass a similar resolution giving their support for this route. He also stated there will be a Public Hearing on April 29th in Powell Hall at Nicholl's State University in Thibodaux on the North-South Corridor Study. Mr. Falgout stated a route will either pass east of Thibodaux and Houma or west of Thibodaux and Houma and it seems that a route east of Thibodaux would make more sense than having to go west and ending up in more traffic. He expressed the eastern route would also lend itself to greater connectivity to the port. The feasibility study which is ongoing now is considering tying up LA 1 and LA 308 with a route or taking the Bourg- Larose Highway, LA 24, which would tie in directly to the LA 316 route which would create a continuous route all the way up to the Mississippi River. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Chester Cheramie, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission does hereby adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN EASTERN ALIGNMENT
(Hwy. 316) NORTH/SOUTH CORRIDOR PROJECT.

- WHEREAS, the purpose of the North/South Corridor Study is to evaluate routes for evacuation from south to north;
- WHEREAS, roughly seventy-five percent (75%) of the region's population is located east of Thibodaux, in southeastern Terrebonne, South Lafourche, Grand Isle, and offshore platforms serviced through Port Fourchon, and these vulnerable and low coastal areas have the most extreme evacuation needs;
- WHEREAS, the alignment of the proposed North/South Corridor should be designed to accommodate traffic from proposed improvements in the highway system from Grand Isle and Port Fourchon to U.S. Hwy. 90;
- WHEREAS, evacuees, as well as everyday traffic to Port Fourchon, would be better served by a Hwy. 316 alignment for the proposed North/South Corridor;
- WHEREAS, a Hwy. 311 route for the proposed North/South Corridor requires that evacuees, as well as everyday heavy truck traffic, travel through the densely populated area of Houma, resulting in congestion and delay;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, acting through its Board of Commissioners, does support an eastern alignment along the Hwy. 316 Corridor for the proposed North/South Corridor, examples of which are identified as 7 and 7a in the study prepared by URS Grenier Woodward Cycle with respect to the proposed North/South Corridor.

In reference to the Fourchon Bridge Repair, Director Falgout called upon Alvin Badeaux for his report. Mr. Badeaux reported that the contractor was given notice to proceed and they should start immobilizing this week. A pre-construction meeting was held a week ago and they discussed some of the erection sequences and details and the logistics of the opening and closures of the bridge. The contract requires leaving one lane open between May 15 and August 15th. He stated the contractor needs to coordinate and cooperate with the Port with any other opening and closures. He requested a detailed schedule of when they would like to shut the bridge down for their construction sequences for the Port's review.

In connection with the Northern Expansion, Director Falgout reported that technical adjustments need to be made on this lease. Attorney Pitre stated that its just a matter of language issues, legal technical issues and completing the survey work for the property description. The major deal points have all been negotiated. There will be a lease agreement with Wisner on the impoundment and mitigation area. Mr. Falgout stated he is in discussion now with Louisiana Land & Exploration, the other landowner of the impoundment and mitigation area, on working out a lease agreement or other alternatives to acquiring this property.

In connection with the FEMA Damage Repairs, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Marco Picciola for his report on the Breakwater and Stone Jetty Repairs. Mr. Picciola reported some field work has been done. Expect to be complete with design and meet with management by the end of the month. He requested authorization by the Board to advertise for bids which would allow the bids to be open on June 7, 1999 and allow the project to be constructed during the summer months. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Picciola & Associates to advertise for bid on the Breakwater and Stone Jetty Repairs Project.

In connection with the FEMA Damage Repairs, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Andre Uzee for his report on the Belle Pass Dredging. Mr. Uzee reported they are waiting for information from Morris Hebert Surveyors and should have more to report at the next board meeting. The project is still on schedule to be bid out in June.

In reference to the FEMA Damage Repairs, Director Falgout reported that emergency work had be done on the Flotation Canal Levee after the hurricane. Due to the recent high tides, there are some areas which have been cut on the levee and need to be re-capped. Equipment should be arriving there today to address these areas.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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

President Crosby presented a Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with DOTD for execution by Executive Director Falgout. Mr. Falgout stated this agreement is for the Capital Outlay monies used south of Golden Meadow. The state didn't sell the bonds when the agreement said they would. They adjusted the time in the agreement and assures everything else in the agreement is correct. Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Executive Director Falgout to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with DOTD.

President Crosby stated it was time to advertise for summer employment. Mr. Falgout stated the Commission is looking to hire 6 college students to work this summer. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Executive Director Falgout to advertise for bids for summer employment.

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 Johnny Melancon, and unanimously passed the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the following letters of no objection:

Murry J. Gaspard, Sr.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

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

Chairman Bernard presented the following requests from Newpark Resources, Inc. for approval by the Board of Commissioners. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Johnny Melancon, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the following request upon Port Attorney Pitre's review:

Request from Newpark Resources, Inc. to assign all of its rights, title and interest under lease to Newpark Environmental Management Company, L.L.C.;

and request from Newpark Environmental to enter into a sublease with Production Management Corporation.

Chairman Bernard presented the following request from Martin Terminal, Inc. for approval by the Board of Commissioners. Director Falgout stated the request for Amendment on Lot 12 is just adjusting the property line outside of the ditch to the edge of the ditch. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Chester Cheramie and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the following request by Martin Terminal, Inc. upon Port Attorney Pitre's review:

Request to authorize President Crosby to execute an Amendment to Sublease by and between Martin Terminal, Inc. and Baker Hughes Inteq;

Request to authorize President Crosby to execute Subordination, Non Disturbance & Attornment Agreement between Baker Hughes Inteq., Hibernia Bank and the Port Commission;

and request to authorize President Crosby to execute Amendment to Sublease by and between Greater Lafourche Port Commission and Martin Terminal, Inc. (Lot 12).

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

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

1.	Larry J. Picciola, Inc.	\$ 14,151.20
2.	Larry J. Picciola, Inc.	\$ 11,020.80
3.	Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$ 41,627.79
4.	Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$ 38,646.00
5.	Johnson Brothers	\$1,243,554.86
6.	LL&G	\$ 161,542.80
7.	Barriere Construction	\$1,176,307.27

Chairman Vizier presented the Financial Report for March, 1999. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Dudley Bernard, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Financial Report for March, 1999.

Chairman Vizier presented the Financial Report for the year 1998. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Financial Report for the year 1998.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

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

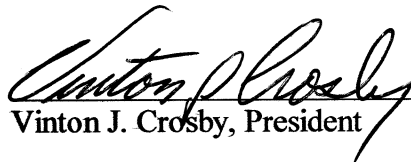
Chairman Melancon reported the Commission has been under a yearly contract with Fire Central for dispatchers for the Harbor Police for the past three years. The new Operations Center in Fourchon is now equipped and manned by the Harbor Police to handle dispatching. The Personnel Committee request the Commission to authorize Director Falgout to cancel the contract with Fire Central for dispatchers. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Larry Griffin, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to cancel contract with Fire Central.

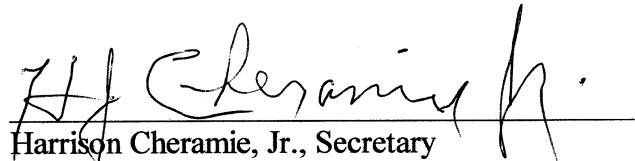
ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

President Crosby recognized and congratulated two members of the audience, Corey Kiffe and Wilbert Collins, who are in the runoff 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 Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


Vinton J. Crosby, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary