

AGENDA
May 12, 1999

- I. Call to Order
- II. Swearing in of new Board Member
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Approval of minutes of April 13, 1999
- VI. 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
- VII. Committee Reports:
 - A. Executive:
 - 1. Pick names for summer employment
 - 2. Authorization to advertise for bids on sunken vessel located north of Hubert Lafont's Seafood
 - 3. Advertise for bids - LA Highway 1 Shoulder work
 - B. Legal, Permits, Waterways:
 - 1. Letter of No Objection
 - a. Bois D'Arc Offshore, Ltd.
 - b. Foreman Petroleum Corporation
 - C. Construction & Development
 - 1. Request from Newpark Environmental Management Co.
 - 2. Request from Offshore Support Services to lease Deep Draft Berthing Facility
 - 3. Request from Nextel to lease property
 - 4. Request by Harris Cheramie to lease wharf
 - D. Finance:
 - 1. Approval of Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:

1. Barriere Construction Co.	\$ 179,897.12
2. L L & G	\$ 467,366.40
3. Johnson Brothers Corp.	\$1,007,735.24
4. LA 1 Coalition	\$ 25,000.00
 - 2. Finance Report
 - 3. Adopt LA Compliance Questionnaire in connection with annual audit
 - E. Personnel:
- VIII. Any other business
 - a. Windell Curole, Hurricane Protection
- IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
MAY 12, 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, May 12, 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: Rodney Terrebonne, Vinton Crosby, Johnny Melancon, Ervin Bruce, Dudley Bernard, Larry Griffin, Donald Vizier, Chester Cheramie and Wilbert Collins, Sr.

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 announced it was time for the swearing in of newly elected Board Member, Wilbert Collins, Sr., to the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. Port Attorney Loulan Pitre then swore in Wilbert Collins, Sr. as the newly elected Board Member to the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Board of Commissioners, Seat E. President Crosby acknowledged Chester Cheramie and thanked him for his time on the Board.

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

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the minutes of the April 14, 1999 Board Meeting was 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., has completed driving sheet piles, have welding crews in place, and should start driving for the crane pads. The contractor presented a new work construction schedule with a completion date of July 9, 1999. The contract end date is July 19th, 1999.

In reference to the Deep Draft Berthing Facility, Dredging, Ted M. Falgout called upon project engineer Larry J. Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola stated the project is in the lien period. Everything else has been finalized.

In connection with the Port Road Overlay Project, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Larry Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported the project is complete and ask for approval of Certificate of Substantial Completion and Change Order No. 1 which reflects an increase of \$121,903.34. This change order increase includes the Flotation Canal and the Marina Road overlay which was added to this project. With this addition, the project was \$40,000 under the estimated cost. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept Substantial Completion and Change Order No. 1 on the Port Road Overlay Project.

In reference to the Deep Draft Berthing Facility, Dredging, Mr. Picciola reported that the contractor, Weeks Marine, Inc., will do some cross sections on a couple of high spots in the spoil area. Their goal is to have this project closed out by next months 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, Johnson Brothers, was catching up on its work schedule. However, two weeks ago his crane tracked off of the mats and damaged the boom which caused some delay. He's completed driving all the timber piles and concrete deadman system. He's driven 33% of the steel sheet piles. To date, he has completed 59% of the contract based upon dollar amount earned to date. Some 47% of the time has elapsed. The contractor says he could have the project completed by September. Mr. Picciola stated that he feels the contractor will complete the project by its end date which is October 18th.

In connection with Phase II of E-Slip, Expansion, project Engineer Marco Picciola reported he received approval from DOTD to receive bids in June. Bids will be received and opened on June 7th at 3:00 PM and results will be presented to the Board at their June board meeting.

In connection with the Breakwater Repairs & Jetty Repairs, project Engineer Marco Picciola reported that bids will be received and open on June 7th at 2:30 PM and results will be presented to the Board at their June board meeting. Mr. Falgout asked if bids will be taken separately for the ajax block and the rocks. Mr. Picciola stated he will receive bids for the use of each item separately and compare the cost.

In connection with the Operations Center, Director Falgout stated the lien period will be ending and has nothing further to report on the Operations Center.

In connection with the highway improvements, Director Falgout reported that he presented a resolution the Board adopted at their May meeting supporting the eastern alignment of the North/South Corridor at a public hearing a couple of weeks ago and also presented a statement with the views of the Commission that the eastern alignment is superior to the western alignment.

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, Michael Baker, Jr, is putting his plans together and negotiating his fees with DOTD. Should know within the next two weeks if this study can be done within budget.

In connection with the highway improvements north, Director Falgout reported embankment work is progressing. The excavator is scheduled to go back to the Levee District next week. Should have the excavator back in the bayou in 6 months.

Director Falgout stated he testified at the 1st Congressional Hearing on the OCS (Outer Continental Shelf) bill. He stated that Congressman Chris John and Billy Tauzin had introduced the house version of the OCS support bill which is called the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999. He also stated the Commission hosted a meal and a tour of Port Fourchon for this group. Also stated that Senator Landrieu's office called requesting that he come to Washington and meet with 12 to 15 senators who are on the verge of supporting the OCS legislation and explain to them Port Fourchon's need for highway improvements and the impact federal OCS oil and gas activity is having on the parish.

In reference to the Fourchon Bridge Repair, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Al Badeaux for his report. Mr. Badeaux reported the contractor moved on site about a month ago and took the asphalt off of the concrete spans and put down re-bar locks that they designed. They were scheduled to make his first asphalt pour today but were delayed due to the weather. They are conducting compatibility test on the epoxy to see if it is giving a good enough bond on the existing paint. Has no pay request at this time. Discussion followed.

In reference to the Northern Expansion, Director Falgout reported that the permit is still being reviewed. The Commission received a request from DNR for additional information in relationship to the highway and other infrastructures. The Commission has contracted U.R.S. Griner which is a national firm to do a report for DNR that will show the improvements that are planned for the highway and to show the development plans for the Port and the relationship between the two of them. Hopefully the report will be done and sent to DNR within a week. Attorney Pitre stated the property description is being prepared for the lease with the Wisner's and does not anticipate any problems. Director Falgout stated L L & E. is reviewing what the Commission has done with the Wisner's and have not given any indications there will be any major problems. They indicate they wish to enter into a similar agreement that is being negotiated with the Wisner's.

In reference to the FEMA Project, Belle Pass Dredging, Director Falgout called upon project engineer John Plaisance for his report. Mr. Plaisance reported they received much of the necessary cross sections for this project, and have ordered the remaining cross sections which will be required. Anticipates taking bids for this project in June. This would meet the Port Commission's desire to have a dredge on site in late July to early September. Mr. Falgout added that Port Fourchon is one of seven projects in the country in the administration's bill for a new start and if it goes thru for appropriations, then the Commission will have an appropriation in the 2000 fiscal year which starts October 1st of this year and the Corps of Engineers will come in and dredge up to the Flotation Canal in addition to the channel if it needs any further dredging.

In reference to the pipeline relocations, Director Falgout stated the Commission is running into some permitting problems and also a bird rookery is located near one of the pipelines. Hopefully within the next month everything will be cleared and will be able to relocate the pipelines. Discussion followed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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

President Crosby announced it was time to pick names of summer employment. Mr. Falgout stated we have 11 applicants for roustabout positions and 11 applicants for a receptionist position. Two summer employees who worked for the port as roustabouts will be rehired. They are as follows:

Derek Lafont
Jamie Arceneaux

Mr. Falgout also stated the 4 out of the remaining 9 names for roustabout will be hired. The names were picked as follows:

Hugh Cheramie
Brandon Simoneaux
Kirk Hebert
Kyl Cheramie
Ian Duet 1st Alternate
Beau Raymond 2nd Alternate
Desmond Crosby 3rd Alternate
Trey Tauzin 4th Alternate
Beau Bouvier 5th Alternate

Mr. Falgout stated that one position will be filled for the receptionist position with two alternates. The names were picked as follows:

Kesti Cheramie
Nicole Bailleaux 1st Alternate
Courtney Lafont 2nd Alternate

President Crosby requested authorization to advertise for bids on a sunken vessel located north of Hubert Lafont's Seafood. Mr. Falgout stated that the Commission seized this vessel when the owner was unable to be located. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Ervin Bruce and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Executive Director to advertise for bids on the sunken vessel located north of Hubert Lafont's Seafood.

President Crosby requested authorization to advertise for bids on LA Highway 1 Shoulder work. Director Falgout stated this was part of the Capital Outlay funding the Commission was granted a year and a half ago for the improvement of the embankment. This project would consist of building an 8 foot asphalt shoulder on both sides of the highway from Louisiana Shrimp up to the Golden Meadow corporation limit. Engineering is being done by DOTD and the Commission will bid the job.

Estimated cost of this project is just over \$500,000. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize advertising for bids on the LA Highway 1 shoulder work.

LEGAL PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Larry Griffin, Chairman
Wilbert Collins, Sr., Member
Ervin Bruce, Member

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

Bois D'Arc Offshore, Ltd.
Foreman Petroleum Corporation

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

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

Chairman Bernard presented a request from Newpark Environmental Management Co. to disregard the one year renewal which was granted and to allow them the original five year renewal. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby grant Newpark Environmental Management Co. request for the original five year renewal.

Chairman Bernard presented a request from Offshore Support Services, L.L.C. to lease the Deep Draft Berthing Facility. Mr. Falgout stated this is the property which Cal Dive was originally going to lease. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Offshore Support Services, L.L.C. to lease the Deep Draft Berthing Facility.

Chairman Bernard presented a request from Nextel to lease property. Director Falgout stated they wish to lease a small area of property adjacent to where the Callais Cable antenna is located near the Operations Center. Upon motion by Dudley Bernard, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize leasing property to Nextel.

Chairman Bernard presented a request from Port Fourchon Marina to lease a wharf at the Commercial Marina. Director Falgout stated that Harris Cheramie with Port Fourchon Marina was under the impression that he had been leasing Wharf No. 7 in the Commercial Marina ever since C & E Boat Rentals released the wharf two years ago. Mr. Cheramie had been using the wharf the past two years and had not paid any rental to the Commission. The Commission had been negotiating

with Steve Tomeny to re-locate his operations from other wharfs to Wharf No. 7 when Mr. Cheramie stated he thought he was leasing it and expressed his need for this wharf for the expansion of his marina. Mr. Tomeny has agreed to move his operations elsewhere to allow the Commission to lease the wharf to Port Fourchon Marina. Board Member Melancon stated upon granting the lease, Mr. Cheramie should pay rent retroactive to when C & E Boat Rentals dropped the lease on the wharf. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize leasing Wharf No. 7 to Port Fourchon Marina under the stipulation that they pay rent retroactive to when C & E Boat Rentals dropped the lease on the wharf.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

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

1.	Barriere Construction	\$ 179,897.12
2.	L.L.& G.	\$ 467,366.40
3.	Johnson Brothers Corp.	\$1,007,735.24
4.	LA 1 Coalition	\$ 25,000.00

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

Chairman Vizier presented the LA Compliance Questionnaire in connection with the annual audit for adoption. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Ervin Bruce and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the LA Compliance Questionnaire in connection with the annual audit.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

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

Chairman Melancon reported that according to field reports he's read, everything is fine among the employees and he is looking forward to meeting the new summer employees.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

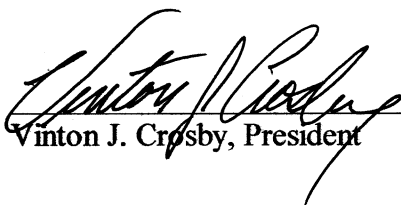
President Crosby recognized interim Mayor Leonard Miller with the Town of Golden Meadow. Mr. Miller spoke to the Board about problems the Town of Golden Meadow is having with water seepage from Bayou Lafourche through the seawall in certain areas along LA 1. He mentioned that Engineer Marco Picciola is working with the Town on this problem. They asked the Board for assistance in cleaning out the obstructions along the west side of the bank in these areas. The Board expressed some concern in creating damage to the highway in these areas. Discussion followed. The Board asked Mr. Picciola to identify the locations and to come up with a presentation of what would be required by the Commission in assisting the town in this matter. Mr. Windell Curole stated what the Levee District is currently doing toward hurricane protection in this area and asked the Commission for any help they can give politically and getting the word out about the need for locks instead of floodgates in the bayou. Town Attorney Ed Diaz offered any assistance he can give to the agencies which will be involved in helping the town on this matter.

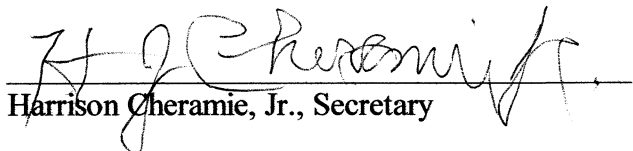
President Crosby recognized Lt. J.G. Tom Olenchok from the Coast Guard Detachment out of Houma. He extended his appreciation to the Commission for the assistance the Harbor Police gave them with the opening of the shrimp season.

President Crosby recognized Cliff Fonseca with the DA's office in the audience. Mr. Fonseca thanked the Board for inviting him to the meeting and stated the Commission is doing a wonderful job.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Dudley Bernard and unanimously passed, the Board Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


Vinton J. Crosby, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary