## **AGENDA**

## OCTOBER 13, 1999

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of minutes of September 8, 1999
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. E-Slip Expansion Updates
    - 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg
    - 2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Leg
  - B. Fourchon Bridge
  - C. Northern Expansion Update
  - D. FEMA Damage Repairs
    - 1. Stone Jetties
    - 2. Offshore Breakwaters
    - 3. Belle Pass Dredging
  - E. Highway Improvements
  - F. OCS Revenue Sharing Update
  - G. Golden Meadow Seawall
- VI. Committee Reports:
  - A. Executive:
    - 1. Award bid for Highway Embankment Stabilization from Lockport to Golden Meadow, Phase VI (LA 1 Asphaultic Concrete Shoulders in Golden Meadow) to Huey Stockstill, Inc. in the amount of \$410,291.95 and authorize President to execute contracts.
    - 2. C-Port Tract G
  - B. Legal, Permits, & Waterways:
    - 1. Letter of No Objection
      - a. Chevron Pipeline Company.
      - b. Chevron USA, Inc.
      - c. Chevron USA, Inc.
    - 2. Havoline Canal Channel
  - C. Construction & Development
    - 1. Martin Terminal Request to install buoys
    - 2. Port Priority Project
  - D. Finance:
    - 1. Approval of Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:
      - a. Cajun Trucking, Inc.

\$ 13,228.20

- b. Barriere Construction Co.
- \$ 76,914.43
- c. Picciola & Associates, Inc.

\$ 39,477.33

- d. Johnny F. Smith Truckinge. LL & G Construction
- \$166,250.00 \$140,904.50

- Finance Report
- Finance Rep
- E. Personnel:
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Adjournment

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION October 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, October 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.

In the absence of President Crosby, Vice President Bernard called the meeting to order and requested that Board Member Harrison Cheramie call the roll.

PRESENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Larry Griffin, Rodney Terrebonne, Johnny Melancon, Ervin

Bruce, Donald Vizier, and Dudley Bernard

ABSENT: Vinton Crosby, Wilbert Collins

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Davie J. Breaux, Assistant Director; Loulan Pitre, Port Attorney; Joe Picciola, and Larry Picciola, Port Engineers; Gerald Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; and April Danos, Port Secretary.

Vice President Bernard led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the minutes of the September 8, 1999 Board Meeting was approved.

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

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

Director Falgout called upon project engineer Larry Picciola for his report on the E-Slip Bulkhead Extension 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg, Bulkhead Repair. Mr. Picciola reported he is presently waiting for Weeks Marine to provide him with a method of repair and a time schedule. He's phoned Weeks Marine and contacted them by letters, which have been reviewed by Port Attorney Pitre, trying to get some kind of time table of repair. Weeks Marine said their insurance broker has all the information provided them and are sending it to their underwriter. Mr. Falgout stressed the urgency of moving this repair along. Attorney Pitre stated he commends Mr. Picciola in trying to resolve this matter in a business like fashion but is concerned about the speed of response from Weeks Marine. He stated the Commission may have to look towards litigation if Mr. Picciola has not received some meaningful response by the next board meeting.

Board Member Wilbert Collins, Sr. entered the meeting.

In connection with Leg III, E-Slip Expansion, Phase I, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Joe Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported that we are presently in the lien period which expires October 30, 1999. The contractor has moved out and the site looks great. DOTD inspected

the site and they seem to be satisfied. Board Member Vizier commented that he was very impressed with the work done by Johnson Brothers.

In reference to the Leg III - E-Slip Expansion, Phase II, Mr. Picciola reported that contracts have been completed and the Notice to Proceed was issued for October 18, 1999. He's planning on having a pre-construction meeting this coming Monday. The contractor, Lowland Construction, is anxious to get started on this project.

In reference to Leg III - E-Slip Expansion, Phase III - Mr. Picciola reported the contracts have been completed and the Notice to Proceed was issued for October 18, 1999. Mike Hooks has indicated they will have their dredge at the port within the next two weeks.

In reference to the Fourchon Bridge Repair, Director Falgout called upon Assistant Director Davie Breaux for an update on the bridge. Mr. Breaux reported that project engineer Mike Badeaux was at the bridge this morning doing an inspection. The contractor will begin pouring the final concrete ramps today and should finish by Friday. The bridge will be open to single lane traffic on Monday.

Board Member Melancon asked Mr. Breaux for an update on the Nerby Collins Marina Repair Project. Mr. Breaux reported that the bid portion of the project is complete. There is a problem with washout on the eastern side of the marina which needs to be addressed. Vessels have been using the marina.

In reference to the Northern Expansion, Director Falgout called upon Attorney Loulan Pitre for an update. Attorney Pitre reported the final lease documents with Wisner have been signed by the Port Commission and are awaiting the signatures of Mayor Marc Morial and other Wisner parties. We are very close to reaching an agreement with LL&E on the purchase of their property. Director Falgout reported that the Commission is very close to having its permit for the Northern Expansion. The Commission is asking to break the permit mitigation requirements into three (3) parts. He has a meeting with DNR this afternoon to try to work out the details and hopefully they will agree with the Commission's proposal. If they do agree with the proposal, the Commission can very well have the permit in hand in the next week or so which would coincide with Joe Picciola's report on when Mike Hooks would move their dredge to the Port. This permit is the key to our whole development plan of getting the spoil from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Leg E-Slip Development into the Northern Expansion area.

In connection with the Breakwater Repairs & Jetty Repairs, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Joe Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported that the Jetty Repair work is complete. Mid South Erosion is presently fabricating the A Jacks at the staging area. They seem to have resolved the cracking problems of the A Jacks at this time and are planning to put them together next week. He stated he will be watching this process very closely for cracking problems. The contractor, J. F. Smith Trucking & Dragline, will be ready to continue working on this project within the next two weeks. Discussion followed.

Port Engineer Larry Picciola reported in reference to the E-Slip Bulkhead Extension, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg, LL&G has provided the Clear Lien Certificate for this project and retainage in the amount of \$140,904.50 is due. In addition, he is also asking for approval of Change Order No. 1, an adjustment of quantities

at the end of the job, which results in a deduction of \$7,455.00. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Change Order No. 1 for the E-Slip Bulkhead Extension, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg which results in a deduction of \$7,455.00.

In reference to the FEMA Project, Belle Pass Dredging, Director Falgout stated that the pipeline is still holding back the dredging. He has been in touch with Chevron and DNR expressing the urgency to expedite the permit. Chevron is now considering an alternative to boring to 75'. They are considering jetting the line instead of boring the line to 35'. Now they have to re-evaluate the impact of jetting the line versus boring the line. This process will take some time and they are working as fast as they can.

In reference to Highway improvements, Director Falgout called upon Roy Francis, Executive Director of the LA 1 Coalition, for an update. Mr. Francis reported that he had a copy of a report which was produced and given to the Governor by the Governor's LA 1 Task Force with their findings and recommendations and potential planning strategy. The Coalition is working on another study being conducted which answers some of the questions asked by our Washington delegation which relate to the OCS Bill. Our delegation is hoping the OCS Bill will be brought to Committee in the House on the Senate side by November 12. They are trying to get this through before it gets caught up in Presidential politics.

In reference to the Golden Meadow seawall, Director Falgout reported the Commission is waiting until December or early January for a really low tide to access the areas identified by the town engineer. A representative from the Town of Golden Meadow and DOTD will also be present.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

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

In the absence of President Crosby, Executive Director Falgout proceeded with the Executive Committee's report.

Director Falgout reported that bids were accepted in reference to the Highway Embankment Stabilization from Lockport to Golden Meadow, Phase VI (LA 1 Asphaultic Concrete Shoulders in Golden Meadow). This project would build an 8 foot asphault shoulder along LA 1 from Golden Meadow to the old Andrew Martin Seafood site. The low bidder was Huey Stockstill, Inc. in the amount of \$410,291.95. If it is the Commission's will, he recommends they award the bid to the low bidder and authorize President Crosby to execute any and all contracts with DOTD. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby award contract for the Highway Embankment Stabilization from Lockport to Golden Meadow, Phase VI (Asphaultic Concrete Shoulders in Golden Meadow) to the lowest bidder, Huey Stockstill, Inc., in the amount of \$410,291.95 on behalf of the Commission and

does hereby authorize President Vinton Crosby to execute any and all contracts of whatever kind on behalf of the Commission with DOTD and to do all things necessary in the premises.

Director Falgout reported the Executive Committee discussed C-Port 2, Inc. and the development of Tract G in relations to our Port Priority Program and bulkhead. It was pointed out that the bulkhead the Commission is going to build in Phase II of the Leg III E-Slip Development is not immediately needed by C-Port. C-Port requested that the Commission give them a year from the date of completion of the project to utilize the bulkhead. If they utilize the bulkhead within the year of completion then they will begin to pay the improvement rental from that first day of use. The Executive Committee expressed the Commission has the funding from DOTD to build the bulkhead now and feels they should not wait to construct it. They also expressed a willingness to grant C-Port the same advance rental payment condition contained in leases on Tracts H, I and J. Director Falgout stated that he agreed with the Executive Committee's recommendation and would proceed to inform C-Port of this decision.

## **LEGAL PERMITS & WATERWAYS:**

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

Chairman Griffin presented the following letter of no objections:

Chevron Pipeline Company Chevron USA, Inc. Chevron USA, Inc.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Wilbert Collins and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the above letters of no objection.

In reference to the Havoline Canal Channel, Chairman Griffin called upon Director Falgout for an update. Director Falgout reported that Friday is the deadline for submitting proposals for the Hazard Survey of the Havoline Canal. Hopefully the Commission will soon begin negotiating with the contracting company to do this survey. Will also have to receive approval from the Coast Guard to mark the channel, assuming we can afford the cost which will be split 50/50 with the Terrebonne Port Commission. This means when this study is done we can have the channel marked and start the next step towards getting a feasibility study to deepen this channel. Hopefully the pipelines are buried at least to a -10 MSL so that a minimum of a -6 MSL channel could be established. Discussion followed.

## **CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:**

Dudley Bernard, Chairman Rodney Terrebonne, Member Larry Griffin, Member Board Member Terrebonne stated the Committee received a request from Martin Terminal, Inc. to place mooring buoys on a temporary basis along his property until additional bulkhead is installed. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the request from Martin Terminal, Inc. to place mooring buoys on a temporary basis along his property until additional bulkhead is installed.

Board Member Terrebonne called upon Director Falgout for an update on the Port Priority Project. Director Falgout reported that November 1 is the deadline for submitting the Port Priority Program Application to the State. The Commission's plan is to submit Part B of the Northern Expansion project which includes dredging of the Flotation Canal and Slip #1, and bulkheading. The total cost of construction of this project would be close to fourteen (14) million dollars. The Port would be eligible to receive twenty (20%) percent each year from the Port Priority Program for two years. The Commission could probably receive around 4.5 million each year. The Commission would have to put up the remainder or find other sources of funding. Will know at the end of the next legislative session if the Commission will receive this funding. Director Falgout presented a resolution to the Board authorizing the Commission to prepare and submit the application. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the following resolution:

A Resolution authorizing the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to prepare and submit an application to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for assistance in the implementation of a port improvement project; providing for the necessary documentation of the need for the port improvement; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission has a need for port improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission desires to apply for State matching funds pursuant to Chapter 47 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, to implement a project to improve its port operation and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is fully aware of its obligations under said Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is a political body duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under said Statute,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Greater Lafourche Port Commission acknowledges that a formal application will be prepared and submitted to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program.

SECTION 2. That at the appropriate time and upon approval of funding assistance and prior to commencement of work on the project the Greater Lafourche Port Commission agrees to execute a Project Agreement and a Statement of Sponsorship pursuant to the Statute.

SECTION 3. That Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director, is hereby designated Authorized Representative for the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to effect the preparation of an application to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for funding assistance of a port improvement project.

SECTION 4. That said Authorized Representative's responsibilities shall pertain to technical matters only and shall not include any official act on behalf of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

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

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

1.	Cajun Trucking, Inc.	\$ 13,228.20
2.	Barriere Construction Co.	\$ 76,914.43
3.	Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$ 39,477.33
4.	Johnny F. Smith Trucking	\$166,250.00
5.	LL & G Construction	\$140,904.50

Chairman Vizier presented the Financial Report for September, 1999. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Wilbert Collins, Sr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Financial Report for September, 1999.

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

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

Chairman Melancon reported that Attorney Pitre received a favorable opinion from the Attorney General's Office in reference to providing health insurance for the Board of Commissioners. The committee will discuss the opinion and present a recommendation at a later date. He also stated that the employees are doing a great job and are asked to keep up the good work.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mike Badeaux, engineer for the Fourchon Bridge Repair entered the meeting. Director Falgout asked him if he had anything to report. Mr Badeaux reported that the concrete truck is at the site pouring the approach ramps of one lane to the bridge today and will pour the other lane tomorrow. Once the

concrete cures the lanes will be opened.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Wilbert Collins, Sr. and unanimously passed, the Board Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Dudley Bernard, Vice President

Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary