AGENDA

NOVEMBER 2, 1999

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Executive:
 - A. Appointment of Board Member to Seat C, replacing Vinton Crosby
 - B. Adopt a resolution recognizing the appointment to Seat C and calling for a special election to fill said Seat
 - C. Election of President of Board of Commissioners
 - D. Adopt a resolution for Capital Outlay Application for Construction of Leeville Bridge
 - E. Adopt a resolution authorizing Commission President to execute document designating Lowland Construction Co., Inc. as agent for the purposes of securing a temporary permit for the installation of on-site wastewater disposal system.
- 5. Any other business.
- 6. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION November 2, 1999

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in special session in the Conference Room of the Commission Administration Building in Galliano, Louisiana on Tuesday, November 2, 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.

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, Wilbert Collins, Sr. and Dudley Bernard

ABSENT:

None

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Susan C. Martin, Accountant Administrator, Loulan Pitre, Port Attorney; Gerald Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; and Cindy F. Dufrene, Port Secretary.

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

Vice President Bernard stated the first item on the Agenda is to appoint an interim Board Member to sit on the Board of Commissioners, Seat C, replacing Vinton Crosby due to his resignation on October 22, 1999. Director Falgout read from a list of people who expressed interest in sitting on the Board of Commissioners. They are as follows: Harold Compeaux, Chester Cheramie, Albert Guidry, Jimmy Lafont, Rick Piatkowski, Nico Doucet, Jerry Serigny, Corey Kief, Rod Toups and Roy Gisclair. Vice President Bernard opened the floor for nominations. Board Member Collins asked if the interim Board Member will be allowed to run for the seat he has been appointed to in next years election. Director Falgout stated their is no law prohibiting this. Historically it has been the Commission's position to ask the candidate who was appointed not to run for the seat, which of course had been changed last year. In talking to the Commissioners individually it seems to be a consensus to restore that the candidate not run for the appointed seat. Of course it would be a gentlemen's agreement. This gentlemen's agreement would only pertain to the appointed seat and the appointed individual could run for another seat without violating the agreement. Board Member Melancon made a motion to appoint Chester Cheramie to replace Mr. Crosby which was seconded by Rodney Terrebonne. Board Member Wilbert Collins, Sr. made a motion to appoint Albert Guidry which was seconded by Donald Vizier. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the floor was closed to further nominations. Vice President Bernard called for a roll call vote to nominate Chester Cheramie or Albert Guidry to the Board of Commissioners. The vote was as follows:

> Rodney Terrebonne Wilbert Collins, Sr. Johnny Melancon

Chester Cheramie Albert Guidry Chester Cheramie Dudley Bernard Chester Cheramie
Ervin Bruce Chester Cheramie
Donald Vizier Chester Cheramie
Larry Griffin Chester Cheramie
Harrison Cheramie, Jr. Chester Cheramie

Vice President Bernard stated that Chester Cheramie won by a majority vote. He called for a motion to adopt a resolution appointing Mr. Cheramie to the Board and calling for a special election. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED, by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, pursuant to La. R.S. 18:602(A), that Chester J. Cheramie, is hereby appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Seat C, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Vinton J. Crosby on October 22, 1999, said appointee possessing all legal qualifications for said office. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED, pursuant to La. R.S. 18:602(E) (2), that a special election will be held for Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Seat C, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Vinton J. Crosby on October 22, 1999, according to the following dates: Qualifying period for candidates: August 16-18, 2000; Primary election: October 7, 2000; General election, if necessary: November 7, 2000.

Attorney Loulan Pitre swore in Chester Cheramie as the newly appointed Board Member of the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Seat C. Mr. Cheramie thanked the Board for the appointment and stated it would be a pleasure to serve them.

Vice President Bernard opened the floor for nominations to elect a President to the Board of Commissioners to replace Vinton Crosby. Board Member Melancon made a motion to nominate Vice President Dudley Bernard as President of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Larry Griffin. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously passed, the floor was closed to further nominations. The motion was unanimously passed and Vice President Bernard was elected President. Newly elected President Bernard stated he will do his best and expressed his appreciation to the Board.

Board Member Melancon stated the Board should elect a Vice President at this time to replace the position left vacant by Mr. Bernard. President Bernard opened the floor to nominations. Harrison Cheramie nominated Johnny Melancon which was seconded by Ervin Bruce. There being no further nominations, the motion was unanimously passed and Johnny Melancon was elected as Vice President.

President Bernard offered a resolution to be adopted allowing Director Falgout to submit a Capital Outlay Application for Construction of the Leeville Bridge. Director Falgout reported that this application will be submitted to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration for construction of a new Leeville Bridge. It would be broken down into a five year Capital Outlay process. The estimated total is \$48,100,000. This would place the Commission in a position, if other sources of

revenue would come into play, to have a mechanism in place in which the state would be contributing a portion of constructing the bridge. The bridge would be a four lane overpass and not a mechanical bridge. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Wilbert Collins, Sr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing Director Falgout to submit a Capital Outlay Application for Construction of the Leeville Bridge.

President Bernard offered a resolution for adoption allowing the Commission President to execute a document which would designate Lowland Construction Co., Inc. as agent for the purposes of securing a temporary permit for the installation of on-site wastewater disposal system. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Wilbert Collins, Sr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing President Bernard to execute a document which would designate Lowland Construction Co., Inc. as agent for the purposes of securing a temporary permit for the installation of on-site wastewater disposal system.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Director Falgout reported that a letter will be received from Governor Foster to the nominating groups for the Millennium Port asking the groups to submit their nominee for consideration to said Port. He asked the Commission to review the applications received and hopefully by next meeting they may choose their nominee.

Vice President Melancon wanted to remind the Commission that the budget for next year will be submitted at the December meeting and if they wish to add anything to notify Susan Martin, Accountant Administrator.

There being no further business, upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Special Board Meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Dudley Bernard, President

Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary