

AGENDA
January 12, 2000

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of minutes of Meeting on December 8, 1999
Approval of minutes of Special Meeting on December 30, 1999
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion Updates
 - 1. 2nd Leg
 - 2. 3rd Leg
 - B. Northern Expansion Update
 - C. FEMA Damage Repairs
 - 1. Offshore Breakwaters
 - 2. Belle Pass Dredging
 - D. Highway Improvements
 - E. Golden Meadow Seawall
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - A. Executive:
 - 1. Change meeting date for month of March, 2000
 - 2. Authorize Executive Director to advertise for bid on sunken vessel
 - 3. Authorize lease extension with Nabor's Offshore Corp. (Pool Company)
 - 4. Approve Huey Stockstill, Inc. revised Change Order No. 1 for State Project No. 737-29-0100
 - B. Legal, Permits, & Waterways:
 - 1. Letter of No Objection
 - a. Chevron USA, Inc.
 - 2. Havoline Canal Channel
 - C. Construction & Development:
 - 1. Award bid for Dredging of Belle Pass FEMA DSR#589069 pending FEMA's approval
 - D. Finance:
 - 1. Approval of Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:

1.	Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$ 43,696.20
2.	Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$ 59,518.42
3.	Huey Stockstill, Inc.	\$174,725.54
4.	Lowland Construction Company	\$295,952.85
5.	Johnny F. Smith	\$128,874.37
6.	Mike Hooks, Inc.	\$743,174.55
 - E. Personnel:
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

January 12, 2000

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, January 12, 2000 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 Bernard called the meeting to order and requested that Board Member Harrison Cheramie call the roll.

PRESENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Rodney Terrebonne, Johnny Melancon, Ervin Bruce, Chester Cheramie, Wilbert Collins, Sr. Donald Vizier and Dudley Bernard

ABSENT: Larry Griffin

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Davie J. Breaux, Assistant Director; Marco Picciola and John Plaisance, Port Engineers; Gerald Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; and Cindy F. Dufrene, Port Secretary.

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

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously passed, the minutes of the December 8, 1999 Meeting was approved.

Upon motion by Chester Cheramie, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the minutes of the December 30, 1999 Special Meeting was approved.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In reference to the E-Slip Bulkhead Extension 2nd Leg, Bulkhead Repair, Director Falgout reported he met with Larry Picciola yesterday and he is in the process of gathering information needed to receive quotes on the repairs of this project. He has met with the surveyors representing Weeks, and has spoken to Weeks directly along with their insurance company about the job. Things are moving quicker now. The lawsuit has been filed against Weeks for damages and if things don't work out, the lawsuit can be implemented. He requested the Commission authorize bidding on this project both on an emergency basis and regular bids. Board Member Melancon made a motion to authorize Director Falgout to accept bids on either an emergency or regular basis, whichever is determined to be best for the E-Slip Bulkhead Extension 2nd Leg, Bulkhead Repair. The motion was seconded by Chester Cheramie and unanimously passed.

Director Falgout called upon project engineer Marco Picciola for an update on Leg III projects. Mr. Picciola reported Lowland Construction has driven all the pilings and finished the concrete work at the area of Newpark and are waiting on steel sheets. The sheets should be on site by the end of this week. Lowland is now at the corner of the 2nd Leg, where Johnson Brothers left off, going north to C-Port, II ready to drive timber piles. They are not quite halfway finished with pouring of the concrete deadman. They have completed 13% of the work with 25% of the time elapsed. The project should be completed on time.

In reference to the Leg III E-Slip Expansion Phase III, Dredging, project engineer Marco Picciola reported that the contractor has completed dredging the areas of Pass Fourchon and Bayou Lafourche, North of C-Port. They are currently in the area of the 3rd Leg of the E-Slip and expect to complete that portion of the project by the end of next week. They will be able to de-mob and mob to the Flotation Canal within two to three days after completion should the Commission choose to award Alternates B or C. Bids were obtained for dredging of the Flotation Canal as alternates to the E-Slip, Pass Fourchon and Bayou Lafourche Dredging. The alternates were not awarded as part of the original contract because the permit for doing the alternates had not been issued and final plans could not be drawn and agreed to by the contractor. After talking with management, he requested the Commission authorize Plan Change No. 2 which would incorporate dredging of the area included in Alternate C, the Flotation Canal, between the Port property and the Caillouet property line. This material will be used to fill the mitigation area north of the Flotation Canal. The contractor said he would honor the unit price of \$1.20 per cubic yard for the materials plus mob cost even though preliminary plans indicated a different dredge and disposal area. The estimated increase is about 1.4 million dollars based on his bids. The final plans and specs should be completed by the end of the week. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Wilbert Collins and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept Change Order No. 2, awarding bid on Alternate C for Leg III E-Slip Development, Phase III - Dredging project.

In reference to the Northern Expansion, Director Falgout reported that Wisners lease was signed by all individuals and the required lease payments have been made. At a special meeting, the Commission purchased approximately 4,000 acres of property from Burlington. This property is now owned by the Commission. The Commission is planning development and a strategy for management of this property. Hopefully, by the end of this legislative session, the legislators will appropriate enough money in the Port Priority Program and select our project for funding. Our Port Priority Project is the development of 165 acres of the Northern Expansion area. If selected, this project could actually start as early as October of this year.

In connection with the Breakwater Repairs, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Marco Picciola for his report. Mr. Picciola reported the contractor is 90% complete. Bertucci has only completed five breakwaters with A-Jacks. The weather has been a factor and they are hoping to be finished with the last two breakwaters within a week or so. Mr. Picciola has been talking with the contractor and Director Falgout on utilizing the A-Jacks which were not used on the breakwater project. They've decided to place the A-Jacks in an area on the eastern jetties where the Port notoriously has had problems with wave action coming over the jetties and therefore silting in the Pass. They propose to place approximately 50 A-Jacks in that area to disburse the wave energy. The contractor would not charge the Commission for placement of the A-Jacks in this area. They

would only charge their cost for the A-Jacks. He recommends the Commission absorb an additional \$30,000 on this job for placement of the A-Jacks in this area. Discussion followed. Director Falgout stated the A-Jacks will be placed in this area by land and not by barge. Motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Wilbert Collins Sr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve of Plan Change No. 1 of the FEMA Breakwater Repairs project paying \$30,000 to purchase approximately 50 A-Jacks from the contractor to be placed in an area on the eastern jetties. Board Member Melancon asked if the contractor was finished retrieving rocks from the Pass. Assistant Director Breaux stated they had one section left. They have been delayed by the weather conditions. They've also removed the sunken derelict barge that was in the Flotation Canal.

In reference to the FEMA Project, Belle Pass Dredging, Director Falgout called upon project engineer John Plaisance for his report. Mr. Plaisance reported bids were received last Friday and the low bid was from Weeks Marine, Inc. in the amount of \$1,640,000. The bids were a little higher than expected. Discussion followed. Director Falgout has been in touch with FEMA about the cost overrun of the project. Yesterday he submitted a request for a large overrun, which is approximately \$475,000 over the estimate. He asked FEMA to give the request their immediate attention. It's his understanding that the request is already in Washington for review this morning. This project is 100% funded by FEMA and if FEMA approves the request, then the Commission will proceed with the project. If they do not approve the request, then the Commission will reduce the scope of the project to meet the FEMA dollars which are available. Discussion followed.

In reference to the Fourchon Bridge Repair, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Mike Badeaux for his report. Mr. Badeaux reported that the bridge has been open for some time now. The new weight limit sign is in place. He will issue the request for substantial completion at next month's meeting. Discussion followed.

In reference to Highway improvements, Director Falgout reported the contractor working on the EIS from Fourchon to Golden Meadow is scheduling a public meeting, at the end of this month for all the elected officials in the parish. He will present an update on the EIS at that meeting.

Director Falgout called upon Roy Francis with the LA 1 Coalition for an update on other highway projects. Mr. Francis reported he and Director Falgout attended a scoping meeting with other agencies in mid December on the EIS and plan to have another meeting within the next 6 weeks. The EIS should be completed by October. The Feasibility Study from Larose to U.S. 90 is still under way. Should be holding public hearings within the next two months. The LA 1 Coalition is one of the agencies working on a Hurricane Evacuation Study for Southeast Louisiana along with FEMA. It should cost around \$500,000 for FEMA and Emergency Preparedness to do this study. The let date for the connector road from the four lane in Larose to Highway 1 would have been delayed till December, 2000 to do an environmental clearance on the bridge to be built crossing Bayou Lafourche. He was able to move the project up to June, 2000. Discussion followed.

Director Falgout stated that historically a member of the Board of Commissioners has sat on the Board of Directors of the LA 1 Coalition. Since Mr Crosby has resigned from the Board of Commissioners, he suggested that President Bernard select another member. President Bernard recommended Board Member Johnny Melancon.

In reference to the Golden Meadow seawall, Director Falgout reported that Asst. Director Breaux and Golden Meadow Mayor Joey Bouziga have inspected the areas identified by the Town engineer during a low tide. Mr. Breaux feels the repairs necessary to meet the Commission's requirements for shoreline and embankment stabilization are not quite as extensive as anticipated. Those areas identified are repairable and can be done within the budget. Asst. Director Breaux added that he is meeting with DOTD and contractors and is looking at the town using their own equipment to place small stone over the seawall. Discussion followed. Director Falgout stated they will correlate with the town engineer, Marco Picciola, in submitting a recommended method of repair. More discussion followed. Board Member Melancon stated he feels its the Commission's wishes to have the waterway in Golden Meadow cleared of old pilings and obstructions. Although it may take several years but would like to see money appropriated each year in the budget for a Bayou Clean Up until they get the waterway in Golden Meadow cleaned. Asst. Director Breaux stated some money is in this years budget for removing some old buildings and pilings from the bayou. Board Member Chester Cheramie asked who has the authority over wharves along the bayou side in the Golden Meadow corporation limit. Director Falgout stated that the Commission's authority stops at the waters edge. The Port can, however, enforce our ordinance if there are structures and issues which are a threat to navigation. The town can address issues within the corporation limit up to the water's edge according to their ordinances.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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

President Bernard stated the March Committee Meeting in Galliano falls on Tuesday, March 7th, Mardi Gras Day which is a state holiday. He moved the Committee Meeting to March 14th and the Board Meeting to March 15th.

President Bernard requested authorization for Director Falgout to advertise for bids on the sunken vessel located on the south side of Griffin's Seafood Company in Leeville which has been seized by the Commission. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Wilbert Collins, Sr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to advertise for bids on the sunken vessel.

President Bernard presented for authorization a lease extension with Nabors Offshore Corp, formerly Pool Company. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize a lease extension with Nabors Offshore Corp.

President Bernard presented for authorization a revised Change Order No. 1 from Huey Stockstill, Inc. for State Project No. 737-29-0100. Director Falgout stated the contractor is having problems getting an 8 foot wide shoulder in the area which was added in Change Order No. 1. Once they get to beyond four or five feet on the shoulder they hit soft mud, which can't support the machinery used

to lay the asphalt. This change order would add limestone material to that area to re-enforce the shoulder. They estimate about 2,700 cubic yards of stone will be used. They will honor their unit price in place which is \$29.51. This is an estimated quantity which will be adjusted upon job completion. The increase in cost would be \$79,947. This would be added and incorporated into the original Change Order No. 1. DOTD is handling the engineering and funding of this project. They have approved for this Change Order. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Huey Stockstill, Inc.'s revised Change Order No. 1 for State Project No. 737-29-0100.

LEGAL PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

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

In Chairman Griffin's absence, Board Member Chester Cheramie presented the following letters of no objections:

Chevron USA, Inc.

Upon motion by Chester Cheramie, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the above letters of no objection.

In reference to the Havoline Canal, Director Falgout reported that he spoke with T. Baker Smith and they have completed their magnetometer study. They have identified about 15 anomalies which they think are pipelines. They have the information on a number of these pipelines and are working to gathering information on the others. They should be in a position to present their report to the Commission and the Port of Terrebonne by the end of next week. If these pipelines are below ten feet, the Coast Guard should have no problem establishing a channel by March.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Rodney Terrebonne, Chairman
Larry Griffin, Member
Chester Cheramie, Member

Chairman Terrebonne presented awarding of the bid for Dredging of Belle Pass, FEMA DSR#589069. Director Falgout requested, if it's the Commission's will, authorization to award the bid pending FEMA's approval of the cost overrun. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne, seconded by Ervin Bruce and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby award the bid for Dredging of Belle Pass, FEMA DSR#589069 to Weeks Marine, Inc. in the amount of \$1,640,000.00, pending FEMA's approval.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

Chairman Vizier presented the invoices for December, 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 December, 1999 and recognizes the following expenditures over \$10,000:

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| 2. | Picciola & Associates, Inc. | \$ 59,518.42 |
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| 4. | Lowland Construction Company | \$295,952.85 |
| 5. | Johnny F. Smith | \$128,874.37 |
| 6. | Mike Hooks, Inc. | \$743,174.55 |

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

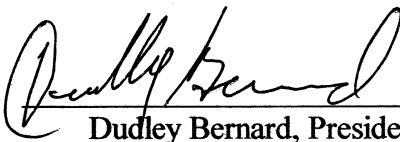
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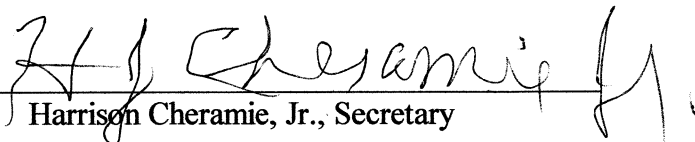
Chairman Melancon stated he had nothing to present today.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board Meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Dudley Bernard, President


Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Secretary