

AGENDA  
OCTOBER 11, 2000

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Consider September 13, 2000 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Consider September 26, 2000 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- VI. Consider October 2, 2000 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- VII. Executive Director's Report
  - A. E-Slip Expansion Updates
    - 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> leg
    - 2. 3<sup>rd</sup> leg
  - B. Northern Expansion Update
  - C. Highway Improvements
  - D. Millennium Port Plan
  - E. Bayou Clean Up
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee:
    - 1. Request from Newpark
    - 2. Request from Cajun Trucking, Inc.
  - B. Legal, Permits & Waterways Committee:
    - 1. Letters of No Objection
      - i. C-Port 2
      - ii. Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Restoration Division
      - iii. Lafourche Parish Council-CZM
      - iv. Castex Laterre
  - C. Construction & Development Committee:
    - 1. Consider adopting a resolution affirming the changes of plans & specs for SPN 578-29-007
  - D. Finance Committee:
    - 1. Consider payment of Invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2. Consider September 2000 Financial Statement for approval
  - E. Personnel Committee:
    - 1. Introduction of new maintenance employee, Roger Dowdy
    - 2. Consider approving Civil Service Policy
      - i. Appointing Authority Policy on Civil Service Chapter 6 Pay Plan Rules
- IX. Any other business
  - A. November Meeting schedule
    - a. November Committee Meeting – Monday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>
    - b. November Board Meeting – Wednesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>
    - c. Office closed – Tuesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> for General Election
- X. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
October 11, 2000

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Administration Building in Galliano Louisiana on Wednesday, October 11, 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.

Vice-President Melancon called the meeting to order and requested that Secretary Terrebonne call the roll.

PRESENT: Johnny Melancon, Rodney Terrebonne, Larry Griffin, Chester Cheramie, Harry Cheramie, Donald Vizier, and Ervin Bruce

ABSENT: Dudley Bernard, Wilbert Collins

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Loulan Pitre, Port Attorney; Larry Picciola, Marco Picciola, Joe Picciola, and John Plaisance, Port Engineers; Davie Breaux, Assistant Director; Susan Martin, Accountant Administrator, and Addie Callais, Administrative Specialist.

Vice-President Melancon led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Rodney Terrebonne, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes from the September 13, 2000 Regular Meeting.

Upon motion by Chester Cheramie and second by Ervin Bruce, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes from the September 26, 2000 Special Meeting.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Harry Cheramie, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes from the October 2, 2000 Special Meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

E-Slip Expansion Updates

2<sup>nd</sup> Leg – Project Engineer Larry Picciola reported that Duphil, Inc. had done the diving and inspected the bulkhead in detail about two weeks ago. They devised a proposal using a mechanical patch, which is a piece put up against the bulkhead with some J-Bolts through it to tie it down and some neoprene sealant on it. The cost would be about \$36,000. If the Port has to stop the work for any reason, an additional cost of \$2000 per day would be incurred. Board Member Vizier questioned whether Mr.

Picciola had seen a demonstration of the repair. Mr. Picciola responded that he had not seen a demonstration but that the proposal had some detailed plans in it. He also reported that the voids behind the bulkhead will have to be addressed by the Commission and is not included in the scope of the repair to be completed by Duphil, Inc. Discussion followed between the Board and the Engineer. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Rodney Terrebonne, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved allowing the repair project to proceed, provided that the Project Engineer and the Executive Director approve the method of repair.

3<sup>rd</sup> Leg – Project Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the bulkhead portion is 90% complete with 77% of the time left. Part A in front of Newpark is done. Part B in the third leg near C-Port 2 is done. They are currently driving steel sheet piles on the extension of Part A. Project Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the dredging was completed weekend before last, and he presented a Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Board's approval. Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Rodney Terrebonne, the Board unanimously accepted the Certificate of Substantial Completion for SPN 578-29-0015.

#### Northern Expansion Update

Director Falgout reported that EDA has approved beginning construction of Phase I, Part B of the Northern Expansion project prior to the award of the grant funds. He also reported that a lawsuit has been filed against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He stated that the impacts of the suit could affect this Port, the landowners in the region, and ultimately everyone in the Corps' New Orleans district. He asked Attorney Pitre to briefly discuss the legal end of the suit. Attorney Pitre stated that the Plaintiffs are the Gulf Coast Mariners' Association, the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, and Timothy Alario. The Defendants are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Col. Julich, who is the District Engineer. Attorney Pitre reported that the lawsuit alleges the Corps should have required more studies before granting permits to the Greater Lafourche Port Commission for the Northern Expansion, to the Corps for deepening the Channel, to the Caillouet Land Corporation for expanding its land north of C-Port, and to C-Port 2 to dredge slips in its facility. Board Member Melancon asked how long Attorney Pitre thought it would be before a court date would be set, and Attorney Pitre answered that it depends upon how aggressively the Plaintiffs pursue the issue. Discussion followed.

#### Highway Improvements

Director Falgout reported that there is a meeting on October 19, 2000 at 6:00PM at the Larose Civic Center on the Feasibility study on the road from Larose to US 90. In addition, the EIS from Fourchon to Golden Meadow is progressing. He also reported that CARA has fallen on bad times. The only glimpse of funding is approximately \$180 million that would be divided between the 6 OCS-impacted states.

### Millennium Port Plan

Director Falgout presented Port Fourchon's Millennium Port Plan and reviewed its major concepts. He said that the plan impacts a much larger area of the state than any other plan submitted to date. The state has several major initiatives going on right now – the Millennium Port, major highway infrastructure, hurricane evacuation, a regional airport for commercial needs, flood protection, and a Coast 2050 plan. Port Fourchon's Millennium Port plan seeks to combine all of these initiatives to create a unified, symbiotic effort. One major facet of the proposal would be to build a major conveyance channel to bring fresh water and sediment from the Mississippi River to Southeast Louisiana. In the Coast 2050 plan, there is a proposal to cut into the Mississippi River somewhere downriver of Donaldsonville, come down through the Barataria Basin, and fork off with legs going into the Barataria Basin and the Terrebonne Basin. This would allow an annual rebuilding of the marsh each year. If the conveyance channel could be made navigable, Port Fourchon becomes the ideal location for the Millennium Port. Cargo ships could enter Port Fourchon and distribute the containers into barges. Then the barges would travel up the channel to the Mississippi River, which would be at about Mile 100 instead of at Mile 160, where it is now. Director Falgout added that a major North-South evacuation corridor is being planned between Gramercy-Wallace and the Sunshine Bridge. The Port Fourchon Millennium Port Plan supports a major evacuation route, a conveyance channel to rebuild the estuaries, flood protection through levees built around the channel, and highway infrastructure through the North-South Corridor. In addition, Director Falgout said that the intermodal airport being considered could logically be located in the vicinity of the conveyance channel and the N-S Corridor, somewhere along the River near Donaldsonville. Director Falgout had met yesterday with the Corps of Engineers to show them this plan. He said that they are very interested in doing a reconnaissance plan to study the feasibility of such a massive undertaking. Such a plan would take \$4-5 billion to accomplish. Discussion followed.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Chester Cheramie, the Board of Commissioners unanimously confirmed its support for the conception of the Millennium Port Plan and granted Director Falgout permission to proceed as needed with this plan.

### Bayou Clean Up

Director Falgout reported that this project has been working well. They've been addressing a portion on the East side of the bayou from Golden Meadow in an uninhabited area where the bulkhead was very low. He added that this is not a finished project. The work that is there is not what will remain. He reported that it seems to be cost-effective as what has been done so far was calculated at a cost of just over \$2.00 per Linear Foot. A second pass will be made to determine whether planting will help hold some of the material that has been placed on the embankment. Board Member Melancon recognized and commended Harbor Policeman Jimmy Guidry for his work with the Bayou Clean Up.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Executive Committee

Vice President Melancon reported that the Executive Committee had considered a request for a sublease from Newpark but has decided to table the issue until more information on this request is acquired.

Vice President Melancon presented a request from Cajun Trucking, Inc. for a short-term lease of the property that the Port Commission retains along the Flotation Canal. Upon motion by Rodney Terrebonne and second by Ervin Bruce, and board unanimously approved Cajun Trucking's request for a short term lesae on the property along the Flotation Canal.

### Legal, Permits, & Waterways

Chairman Larry Griffin presented letters of no objection to the Board for their consideration from the Department of Natural Resources, C-Port 2, the Lafourche Parish Council-CZM, and Castex Laterre. Board Member Vizier asked Mr. Terry Serigny to explain DNR's plans for this project because they had contacted him as a landowner in the project region. Mr. Serigny said that DNR wants to dredge the canal behind Big Glenn's and use the spoil to build the shoulders on LA 1; approximately 68,800 cu. yds. of material will be placed along the highway. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Harry Cheramie, the board unanimously approved issuing letters of no objection to all applicants.

### Construction & Development

Chairman Ervin Bruce presented a resolution regarding SPN 578-29-0007 for board approval. Upon request by DOTD, this resolution affirmed that suggested changes to the plans and specs for the Corps dredging project were made. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Rodney Terrebonne, the board unanimously adopted the resolution.

### Finance

Upon motion by Chairman Donald Vizier and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved payment of all invoices. Chairman Vizier recognized all expenditures in excess of \$10,000.

Upon motion by Chairman Vizier and second by Chester Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the financial statement for September. Chairman Vizier asked Director Falgout why the Commission had to pay the Department of the Military in this month's invoices. He was informed that it was a reimbursement for an overpayment of FEMA funds in connection with some dredging done after Hurricane Georges.

### Personnel

Chairman Melancon introduced new Maintenance employee Roger Dowdy. He holds the position of Mobile Equipment Operator 2 and was welcomed by the Commission.

Chairman Melancon presented for board approval a Civil Service Policy entitled Chapter 6 Pay Plan Rules. Director Falgout clarified that these rules are made by Civil Service, and we must document how we will implement these policies. Upon motion by

Chairman Melancon and second by Chester Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the new policy.

Any other business

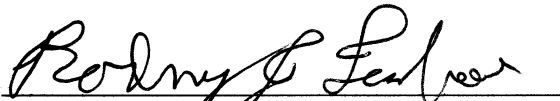
Vice-President Melancon announced the schedule for November meetings. The November committee meeting will be on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, and the Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The office will be closed on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for the general election.

Board Member Vizier reported that yesterday in committee, he had discussed the prospect of having some tours of the port for senior citizens' organizations. While he was campaigning, he realized that many people had not been to the Port in years, if ever. Board Member Vizier also reported that he would like to form a Fishery Advisory Board composed of about four fishermen to serve as advisories to the Commission on the issues affecting the fishermen. Lastly, he would like to look into hooking up electricity at the Nerby Collins Marina. He has spoken to Attorney Pitre regarding liability issues that may arise, and Board Member Terrebonne and Assistant Director Davie Breaux are looking into that issue.

Board Member Griffin recognized Mr. Chuckie Cheramie who was recently successful in securing a position on the Commission in Seat A. Chuckie reported that he is looking forward to working with the board beginning in January. Board Member Griffin also recognized Mr. Terry Serigny and "T-Jim" Lafont who are each in run-offs with Mr. Harry Cheramie and Mr. Chester Cheramie, respectively.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Rodney Terrebonne, the board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting.

ATTEST:

  
Rodney Terrebonne, Secretary

  
Johnny Melancon, Vice-President