

AGENDA
FEBRUARY 14, 2001

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Election of officers
 - A. President
 - B. Vice-President
 - C. Secretary
 - D. Treasurer
- IV. Consider January 10, 2001 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Consider January 23, 2001 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- VI. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion Updates
 - 1. 2nd leg
 - B. Northern Expansion Update
 - C. Highway Improvements
 - D. Millennium Port Update (LEERC)
 - E. Bayou Clean Up
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee:
 - 1. Consider accepting low quote for Nerby Collins' Electrical work
 - 2. Consider accepting low quote for cleaning services
 - 3. Consider accepting low quote for garbage services
 - 4. Consider accepting low bid for fuel
 - 5. Consider accepting low bid for construction materials
 - 6. Consider accepting low bid from Continental Construction Company
 - 7. EDA Grant Award
 - B. Construction & Development Committee:
 - 1. Consider adopting a resolution accepting the work as performed by Lowland Construction Co., Inc. in conjunction with SPN 578-29-0011
 - C. Finance Committee:
 - 1. Consider payment of Invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Consider January 2001 Financial Statement for approval
 - D. Personnel Committee:
 - 1. Retirement of Harbor Police Chief Gerald Guidry
 - E. Legal, Permits & Waterways Committee:
 - 1. Letters of No Objection
 - i. Foreman Petroleum Corporation, Inc.
 - ii. Chevron USA, Inc.
 - iii. Joseph Billiot
 - iv. Chevron USA, Inc.
- VIII. Any other business
 - A. February 27, 2001 Committee meeting cancelled for Mardi Gras
- IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
February 14, 2001

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, February 14, 2001 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 Acting Secretary Donald Vizier call the roll.

PRESENT: Johnny Melancon, Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, Ervin Bruce, Harry Cheramie, Beau Martin, Chuckie Cheramie, and Jimmy Lafont

ABSENT: None

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

Harry Cheramie led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board proceeded to elect officers for the 2001-2004 term. Jimmy Lafont made a motion which was seconded by Chuckie Cheramie and defeated by a 5-4 vote to veer from the agenda and elect officers in the order of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President, and President.

For the office of President, Johnny Melancon was nominated by Larry Griffin and seconded by Donald Vizier; Chuckie Cheramie was nominated by Beau Martin and seconded by Harry Cheramie. Nominations were closed, and Johnny Melancon was elected President by a 5-4 vote.

For the office of Vice-President, Donald Vizier was nominated by Johnny Melancon and seconded by Wilbert Collins; Jimmy Lafont was nominated by Harry Cheramie and seconded by Chuckie Cheramie. Nominations were closed, and Donald Vizier was elected Vice-President by a 5-4 vote.

For the office of Secretary, Wilbert Collins was nominated by Donald Vizier and seconded by Johnny Melancon; Harry Cheramie was nominated by Jimmy Lafont and seconded by Chuckie Cheramie. Nominations were closed, and Wilbert Collins was elected Secretary by a 6-3 vote.

For the office of Treasurer, Larry Griffin was nominated by Johnny Melancon and seconded by Ervin Bruce; Beau Martin was nominated by Chuckie Cheramie and seconded by Jimmy Lafont. Nominations were closed, and Larry Griffin was elected Treasurer by a 5-4 vote.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the January 10, 2001, regular meeting minutes were approved.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Ervin Bruce, the January 23, 2001, special meeting minutes were approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

E-Slip Expansion Update

2nd leg – Project Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the repairs to the bulkhead being performed by Duphil, Inc. are proceeding. The contractor had run into some problems, as the holes were not sealing as anticipated. The contractor returned to Texas to regroup and will return on site to complete the job.

Northern Expansion

Director Falgout reported that EDA has formally notified the Port Commission that it is the recipient of one of twelve grants awarded throughout the US, and it is the only recipient in Louisiana. The total award is \$1.5 million, and it will help to fund the Northern Expansion project.

Highway Improvements

Director Falgout reported that the EIS on the area from Fourchon to Golden Meadow is nearing completion. The draft document should be ready in the next month and a half. The final document is anticipated to be available in May. Representative Loulan Pitre reported that he is working on several pieces of legislation that will further the Port Commission's efforts to get the Leeville Bridge built.

Millennium Port Update

Director Falgout reported that the LEERC concept has been widely presented and has been well accepted. Just last week, he met with the Port of New Orleans, the Secretary of DNR, the Governor's office, the heads of DOTD and the Office of Economic Development, the Governor's LA 1 Task Force, and the Senate Committee on Environmental Affairs. He also reported that the Secretary of DNR has authorized the Corps of Engineers to do a Reconnaissance study on the Conveyance Channel. The Millennium Port Authority instructed its Executive Director, General Sands, to arrange a meeting between the Authority, the Army Corps of Engineers, and Director Falgout to discuss the feasibility of a Reconnaissance study of a 50-foot channel at Port Fourchon.

Bayou Clean Up

Director Falgout reported that there are about five more days in the contract. Asst. Director Davie Breaux reported that the Contractor will be back in the bayou today

or tomorrow to touch up some areas. Later in the year, Americorps will begin planting to protect the newly built embankment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon and second by Jimmy Lafont, the Board unanimously accepted the low quote from David's A/C & Electrical, Inc. to perform the work to construct electrical power hook-ups at the Nerby Collins Fisherman's Marina.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Harry Cheramie, the Board unanimously accepted the low quote from HomeMaid Services to clean the office in Galliano twice per week.

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon and second by Larry Griffin, the Board unanimously accepted the low bid from SWDI for performance of its garbage services.

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon and second by Jimmy Lafont, the Board unanimously accepted the low bid from Retif Oil & Fuel for providing fuel to the Port Commission.

Upon motion by Johnny Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the Board unanimously accepted the low quotes from Cajun Trucking, Inc. and Harris Dufrene Enterprises, Inc. for supplying construction materials.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the Board unanimously accepted the low bid from Continental Construction Company to build the Northern Expansion project in the amount of \$5,537,328.00 and agreed to award the contract to Continental.

Construction & Development Committee

Committee Chairman Ervin Bruce presented for the board's consideration a motion accepting the work as performed by Lowland Construction Co, Inc. in conjunction with SPN 578-29-0011. Mr. Jimmy Lafont seconded the motion, and the board passed it unanimously.

Finance Committee

Committee Chairman Donald Vizier recognized Expenditures over \$10,000 and presented for payment invoices for the month. Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved payment of all invoices.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Harry Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the January 2001 Financial Statement.

Mr. Vizier then announced that on February 16, 2001, the Cut Off Senior Citizens would be attending a tour of the Port.

Personnel Committee

Committee Chairman Johnny Melancon handed the floor to Director Falgout to address the retirement of Harbor Police Chief Gerald Guidry. Director Falgout reported that Chief Guidry has served the Port for 14 years and has seen the department grow from four police officers to twelve. He has weathered many hurricanes and even survived the shrimpers' blockade of Belle Pass. Board member Donald Vizier commended Chief Guidry for his years of service and thanked him for being an asset to the Port.

Legal, Permits, & Waterways

Committee Chairman Larry Griffin presented for the board's consideration letters of no objection from Foreman Petroleum Corporation, Inc., Chevron USA, Inc., and Joseph Billiot. Board Member Lafont pointed out that the request for a letter of no objection from Joseph Billiot is addressed to Jefferson parish. Chairman Griffin thought that DNR had made a mistake on the request submitted to the Port Commission. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved tabling the request from Joseph Billiot until the matter could be made clear. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Harry Cheramie, the board unanimously approved issuing letters of no objection to Foreman Petroleum Corporation, Inc., and Chevron USA, Inc.

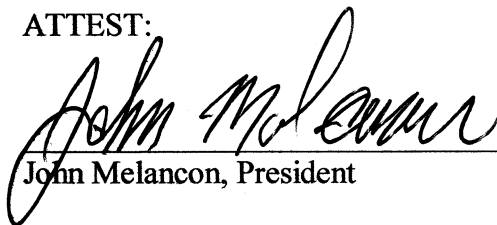
Director Falgout reported that there was a meeting between the Coast Guard and other interested parties, facilitated by the Port Commission, regarding the channel between Bayou Lafourche and Grand Isle, the East Canal. There were some concerns from the users to make it more navigable. Board member Lafont reported that by the end of May, he believes that the channel will be marked. They will put buoys instead of beacons to mark it. It is imperative that the users be vocal about the need to mark this channel. Strong community support is necessary. Letters of support should be sent to USCG Station, 241 Coast Guard Road, Dulac, LA 70353. They should be addressed to the attention of Chief Randy Ryan.


Any other business

President Melancon announced that the February 27, 2001 committee meeting will be cancelled because it is on Mardi Gras day.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:


John Melancon, President


Wilbert Collins, Secretary