

AGENDA
JUNE 13, 2001

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider May 9, 2001 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion Update
 - B. Highway Improvements
 - C. Millennium Port Update (LEERC)
 - D. South Lafourche Airport
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee:
 - 1. Consider approving the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
 - 2. MMS Lease Sale 182
 - 3. Port Attorney Contract
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee:
 - 1. Letters of No Objection
 - i. Earl Griffin
 - 2. Channel to Barataria Waterway
 - C. Construction & Development Committee:
 - 1. Request from Galliano Marine Service
 - 2. Jet Cinema
 - 3. Lights along LA 3090
 - 4. ERA Aviation
 - 5. Leasing Policy
 - D. Finance Committee:
 - 1. Consider payment of Invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Consider May 2001 Financial Statement for approval
 - 3. Audit Report
 - E. Personnel Committee:
 - 1. Hiring of New Harbor Police Officer, Elvin Dufrene
 - 2. Introduction of Summer Employees
 - 3. Port Vehicle Policy
- VII. Any other business
 - *July Commission Meetings Rescheduled**
 - 1st Committee Meeting – July 17th
 - Board Meeting – July 18th
 - 2nd Committee Meeting (in Fourchon) – Cancelled
- VIII. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
June 13, 2001

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, June 13, 2001 at 10:30 AM.

President Melancon called the meeting to order, and Secretary Collins called the roll.

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

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Ervin Bruce, the minutes of the May 9, 2001, regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Project Engineer John Plaisance said construction is progressing well. The steel sheet piles are being coated in Alabama and should be arriving on-site this month. Director Falgout reported that the draft permit for the Maritime Forest Ridge Project, which will mitigate for expanding the slip to 700' wide, has been submitted to the commenting agencies for their review.

Highway Improvements and Millennium Port – Roy Francis, Executive Director of the LA 1 Coalition, reported that the state has prepared its plan for expending its Coastal Impact Assistance funds. Lafourche Parish stands to gain \$3 million from this plan.

South Lafourche Airport - Executive Director Falgout reported that he has had discussions with the Parish Council and the Airport Commission. He has expressed the Port's interest in becoming involved with the Airport. The necessary intergovernmental agreement has been drafted, and the final document should be ready by the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Executive – President Melancon presented for the board's review the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, a requirement of the Legislator Auditor's Office. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the questionnaire.

President Melancon asked Director Falgout to elaborate on the issue of MMS Lease Sale 182. Director Falgout reported that because the energy policy of this nation is presently being sculpted and because this area of the country plays a crucial role in producing this nation's energy, the conditions are favorable to demand mitigation for the impacts incurred by Coastal South Louisiana as a direct result of the tremendous oil and gas activity that occurs here. By objecting to Lease Sale 182, the Port Commission would be taking a bold stance against the Federal Government's refusal to mend the cracks in the infrastructure of South Louisiana that are caused by increased strain from growing oil and gas activity. Director Falgout had prepared a letter on behalf of the Port

Commission, taking a bold stand to demand mitigation for the impacts of sustaining a support system for offshore oil and gas. Board member Beau Martin made a motion, which failed for lack of a second, not to send Director Falgout's letter to MMS because he felt that such a bold stance would be cutting off the hand that feeds this region of the state. Board member Martin said that objecting to the lease sale was not the right way to get financial assistance to build our highways and improve our water system. Board member Donald Vizier said that he thinks it is past time for a bold stance to be taken to get the attention of the federal government. Being nice hasn't been getting the job done. Board member Vizier made a motion, which was seconded by Johnny Melancon, to send the letter as is to MMS. Extensive discussion followed, and eventually, the motion was amended by Board Member Jimmy Lafont so that the letter would not be sent as is but would be altered so that the Port Commission ask, as strongly as possible, that the impacts be mitigated. The letter should go on to say that if the impacts are not mitigated, the board may consider objecting to the next lease sale. The amended motion was seconded by Beau Martin and unanimously adopted.

President Melancon veered from the agenda and allowed Mr. Hugh "Buddy" Larose to introduce himself to the Board and all present at the meeting. He said that he is running for the new judgeship created, Seat E, and would appreciate the people's support.

President Melancon presented for the board's consideration the contract with Deramee & Pitre. Director Falgout reported that there has been some questions about the attorney's contract from members of the board, so the contract was brought up for discussion. Board member Larry Griffin made a motion, which was seconded by Donald Vizier and unanimously approved, to table discussion of the attorney's contract until the Executive Committee can meet with Attorney Loulan Pitre to ask questions and raise their concerns.

Permits & Waterways – Chairman Lafont presented for the board's consideration a request for a letter of no objection from Earl Griffin. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved issuing a letter of no objection to Mr. Griffin.

Chairman Lafont presented an update on the Baratavia Channel Waterway. The Coast Guard is delayed marking the channel about one week because of the bad weather associated with Tropical Storm Allison, but three or four temporary buoys will be installed next week. Public input is needed to let Coast Guard know that the buoys are working and are needed.

Construction & Development – Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration a request from Galliano Marine Service to amend their lease to allow for a ten year renewal period. Director Falgout explained that right now the lease allows for one additional three-year period. GMS would like to bulkhead in front of their property; to justify that cost, a ten year term is preferred. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Larry Griffin, the Board unanimously approved amending GMS' lease to allow for a ten year renewal.

Chairman Bruce presented a letter from Mr. Octave Bruce, which informs the Commission of the asking price of the Jet Cinema and asks if the board is interested in this site. Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Johnny Melancon, the board

unanimously authorized Director Falgout to begin research and negotiations on the Jet Cinema property.

Director Falgout updated the Commission on the status of placing additional lights along LA 3090. Entergy will install eighteen additional lights at a cost of \$286.42 per month.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration ERA's request for a lease of non-waterfront property in the Northern Expansion. Director Falgout explained that in April of 2001, a new leasing policy was adopted by the Commission. Prior to that, in November 2000, ERA was granted the rights to lease a certain parcel of land located along N.J. Theriot Road. The question was whether the property previously committed to ERA must be subject to the new leasing policy. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Harry Cherie, the board unanimously agreed to negotiate a lease with ERA Aviation, as decided in November 2000, for the subject piece of property and authorized President Melancon to execute any and all documents necessary to do so.

Finance – Chairman Larry Griffin presented the invoices for payment and recognized expenditures over \$10,000. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved paying the invoices.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved the May 2001 Financial Statement.

Director Falgout reported that the Annual Audit is complete, and the Commission can expect a full report at its next meeting.

Personnel – Chairman Beau Martin announced that Director Falgout recently hired Mr. Elvin Dufrene to the Harbor Police Force.

Chairman Martin introduced the summer employees: Cody Guidry, Jamie Arceneaux, Shawn Gayton, Jon Shaw, Hunter Guidry, and Dennis Bonvillain.

Chairman Martin presented for the board's discussion the Port Vehicle Policy. Board member Vizier made a motion, which was seconded by Board Member Melancon, to mark all port vehicles except those belonging to Agency and Department heads. After extensive discussion, the motion carried with a 5-4 vote.

Any other business

Commissioner Wilbert Collins expressed his interest in erecting a monument to Senator A.O. Rappelet to acknowledge his contribution as the founder of the Port Commission. Some preliminary information has been gathered on the cost and the options available. Commissioner Collins is now looking to the public for any donations that would support this effort.

Commissioner Chuckie Cherie questioned Director Falgout about the Labor Board investigation. Accountant Administrator Susan Martin informed the board that a former employee filed a complaint with the Labor Board, and an agent of the Board conducted an investigation by speaking to all employees, excluding Managers and Supervisors. The agent of the Labor Board will present a report on the findings when one is prepared.

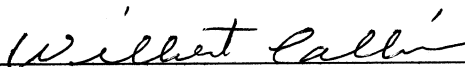
Commissioner Jimmy Lafont brought up the need to name the Sanctuary created by the Port Commission. Commissioner Larry Griffin suggested some names to be

consider and suggested that the Commission address this need at the next committee meeting.

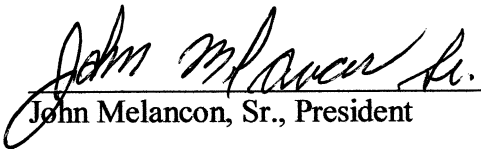
Commissioner Wilbert Collins asked whether the Water District was doing anything to get more water to the Port. Director Falgout reported that the Water District has a fairly aggressive plan for a District its size. They are planning to upgrade the water system from 8 million gallons per day to 12 million gallons per day. They currently are in the planning and funding stages of running new lines to Fourchon.

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

ATTEST:



Wilbert Collins, Secretary



John Melancon, Sr., President