

AGENDA
OCTOBER 10, 2001

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider September 12, 2001 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion Update
 - a. Construction status – Project Engineer John Plaisance
 - b. Permit
 - B. Highway Improvements
 - C. Millennium Port Update (LEERC)
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - a. Authorize Executive Director to execute Purchase Agreement, not to exceed \$2.3 million, and all related documents necessary to effectuate the purpose of this transaction between the Greater Lafourche Port Commission and Louisiana Land and Exploration Company (for purchase of East Golden Meadow Project and associated properties)
 - b. Act of Assignment by South Lafourche Airport District to Greater Lafourche Port Commission (in accordance with Paragraph 2 of Intergovernmental Agreement)
 - c. Transfer of Assignment of Obligations by United States of America (acting through Manager, Airports Division, Southwest Region, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)) and Greater Lafourche Port Commission
 - d. Juvenile Justice Facility tax renewal
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - a. Letters of No Objection
 - i. Lafourche Parish
 - ii. Texaco Exploration & Production
 - iii. Jason Adams
 - iv. Chevron U.S.A. Production Co.
 - b. Consider extending no wake zone in Bayou Lafourche from the Intracoastal Canal to the southern most point of the jetty system in Belle Pass, which includes the area previously omitted south of Leeville and north of the Flotation Canal
 - C. Construction and Development Committee
 - a. BYU's request to sublease to Hydro Carbon
 - b. Fourchon Seafood's request to assign its lease to Fourchon Shrimp Co., LLC
 - c. Martin Holdings' request to renew its Master Lease at 2% annual escalations
 - d. Consider approving low bid for Embankment Protection project
 - D. Finance Committee
 - a. Consider payment of invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
 - b. Consider September 2001 Financial Statement for approval
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Any other business
- IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
October 10, 2001

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, October 10, 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, Ervin Bruce, Harry Cheramie, Chuckie Cheramie, and Jimmy Lafont

ABSENT: Larry Griffin and Beau Martin

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the minutes of the September 12, 2001, regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Project Engineer John Plaisance reported that the contractor has built the entire deadman and is driving sheets down the slip. He also reported that the plans and specs for the dredging project have been prepared and should be submitted to DOTD within the next week or two. The plans and specs for the next phase of the Northern Expansion are prepared and should be brought to DOTD this week. Director Falgout reported that the permit for the slip expansion and creation of the Maritime Forest Ridge Project is moving along. NMFS has until October 22nd to respond to Director Falgout's response to their initial comments. After that response is received, the Corps will render a decision on the permit amendment. Director Falgout proceeded to elaborate upon the Maritime Ridge project, at the request of President Melancon.

Highway Improvements – Director Falgout reported that the draft EIS is published and has been submitted to various agencies for review and comment. The final EIS is expected in May or June of 2002. Director Falgout said that having a completed EIS this soon would be a tremendous achievement since no other project for the Millennium Port or any other project of that nature is that far advanced. He also reported that tomorrow he is traveling to the NOIA conference to meet with oil and gas company CEOs and other stakeholders in hopes of convincing those key industry personnel the need to incorporate in our nation's energy policy recognition of strategic landside infrastructure support that is necessary to continue sustaining the growth of domestic oil and gas. Incorporating this need for improved infrastructure in the nation's energy policy would enable the funds to be obtained for building an elevated four-lane highway to service the Port and southern Lafourche parish.

President Melancon asked Assistant Director Davie Breaux for an update on the Highway Embankment Stabilization project going on in Bayou Lafourche. Asst. Director Breaux reported that the contractor currently is working from the Galliano bridge to the South Lafourche bridge along LA 308 and LA 1. He soon will move on to the Cut Off and Larose area.

Millennium Port – Director Falgout reported that Mr. Ron Brinson presented the Millennium Port Authority's workplan, which identifies three main projects. The goal is

to have a container facility operating within five years. The report also says that the Authority supports the effort to build an elevated four-lane highway to Port Fourchon by the year 2010.

Director Falgout reported that the Port Commission has approved and executed a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Corps to conduct a study of the feasibility of a 50-foot channel at the mouth of Belle Pass. Within four months, this study should supply the answers needed to determine whether Port Fourchon realistically could be a Millennium Port site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on September 26, 2001, at the Operations Center in Port Fourchon. Present at this meeting were John Melancon, Sr., Larry Griffin, Donald Vizier, and Wilbert Collins, Sr, and none were absent. The committee also met on October 8, 2001. Present at this meeting were John Melancon, Sr., Donald Vizier, and Larry Griffin, and Wilbert Collins, Sr. was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

President Melancon presented for the board's consideration a Purchase Agreement, not to exceed \$2.3 million, for the purchase of the East Golden Meadow Project and associated properties from Louisiana Land & Exploration. Director Falgout explained that in the discussions surrounding the acquisition of the South Lafourche Airport, it was recommended that the Port Commission look into purchasing the entire track of land surrounding the airport to allow for future expansion. Director Falgout reported that the acquisition of the new property would give the Commission the capability to build a 10,000-foot runway, if the need ever arose, and to develop an expansive Industrial Park surrounding the airport. Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the Purchase Agreement and authorized Director Falgout to execute the Purchase Agreement and all other related documents necessary to effectuate the purpose of this transaction.

President Melancon presented for the board's consideration an Act of Assignment to be executed between the Greater Lafourche Port Commission and the South Lafourche Airport District, in accordance with Paragraph 2 of the previously approved Intergovernmental Agreement. Director Falgout said that this Act of Assignment is necessary for the Port Commission to assume Sponsorship of the airport. Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the Act of Assignment and authorized President Melancon to execute this document and all other related documents necessary to effectuate the purpose of this transaction.

President Melancon presented for the board's consideration a Transfer of Assignment of Obligations by United State of America (FAA) and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. Director Falgout reported that this document will allow for the completion of the Assignment of the airport to the Port Commission. Upon motion by Harry Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Transfer of Assignment of Obligations and authorized President Melancon to execute this document and all other related documents necessary to effectuate the purpose of this transaction.

President Melancon allowed Mr. Robert Broggi with the Juvenile Justice Facility to address the board in reference to the upcoming tax renewal on the October 20th ballot. He elaborated upon the programs offered through the Facility and the manner in which the Facility is funded. He answered various questions from Commissioners and then requested that the board adopt a resolution in support of the tax renewal. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved a resolution in support of the Juvenile Justice Facility tax renewal.

Permits & Waterways – Chairman Jimmy Lafont reported that the committee met on September 26, 2001, at the Operations Center in Fourchon. Present at this meeting were Jimmy Lafont, and Wilbert Collins, Sr., and Beau Martin was absent. The committee also met on October 8, 2001 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present at this meeting was Jimmy Lafont, and Wilbert Collins, Sr., and Beau Martin were absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meeting.

Chairman Lafont presented for the board's consideration requests for letters of no objection from Lafourche Parish, Texaco Exploration & Production, Jason Adams, and Chevron USA Production Co. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Harry Cheramie, the board unanimously approved issuing letters of no objection to those who requested one.

Chairman Lafont presented for the board's consideration the extension of the no wake zone in Bayou Lafourche from the Intracoastal Canal to the southernmost point of the jetty system in Belle Pass. This extension would include the area previously omitted south of Leeville and north of the Flotation Canal. Director Falgout reported that the committee gave this action serious thought and consideration before deciding to extend the no wake zone. The committee had observed serious erosion in this previously omitted area of the Bayou and decided to extend the area by amending Ordinance No. 51. The Commission will change the signs throughout the Bayou and send notice to the companies who use the Bayou to ensure that all who use the channel are aware of the change. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved amending Ordinance No. 51 to include all of the area in Bayou Lafourche from the Intracoastal Canal to the southernmost point of the jetty system in Belle Pass.

Construction & Development - Chairman Ervin Bruce reported that the committee met on September 26, 2001, at the Operations Center in Port Fourchon. Present at this meeting were Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, and Chuckie Cheramie, and no members were absent. The Committee also met on October 8, 2001, at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present at this meeting were Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, and Chuckie Cheramie, and no members were absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration a request for sublease of property from BYU to Hydro-Carbon. Director Falgout reported that the two companies involved had presented information to the board at the Fourchon Committee Meeting, and their plans seemed to be consistent with other subleases that the Commission had allowed in the past. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the request of BYU to sublease to Hydro-Carbon.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration a request from Fourchon Seafood to assign its lease to Fourchon Shrimp Co., LLC. Director Falgout reported that the owners of Fourchon Seafood had approached him to express their interest in assigning the company to Fourchon Shrimp to reflect a change in ownership in the company. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the assignment, pending the Port Attorney's approval of the assignment documents.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration a request from Martin Holdings to renew its Master Lease at 2% annual escalations. Director Falgout explained that this issue came up after the committee meetings yesterday, and he explained that the lease is up for its 5-year renewal option. In conjunction with the renewal, the rate of annual escalations is up for renegotiation. He reported that the previous 5-year option was at 2% because the oil and gas activity had slowed down. Since then, every new and renewed lease has been at 5%. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously agreed to refer this issue to committee to further examine the particulars prior to rendering a decision.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's approval the bids for the Embankment Protection project. Director Falgout explained that this rip rap protection to be placed on the North bank of the Flotation Canal is required in the Agreement of Compromise with the Caillouet Land Corporation. There were four bids submitted for this project, with the low bid being Bertucci Contracting Corporation in the amount of \$55,000. Upon motion by Chairman Bruce and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved Bertucci's low bid and authorized Director Falgout to execute an Agreement for the Work to be performed in conjunction with this project.

Finance – Acting Chairman Donald Vizier reported that the committee met on September 26, 2001, at the Operations Center in Port Fourchon. Present at this meeting were Larry Griffin, Harry Cheramie, and Donald Vizier, and no members were absent. The committee also met on October 8, 2001, at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present at this meeting were Harry Cheramie and Donald Vizier, and Larry Griffin, and no members were absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

Acting Chairman Vizier presented for the board's approval the invoices for the month and recognized the expenditures in excess of \$10,000. Upon motion by Acting Chairman Vizier and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the invoices for the month.

Acting Chairman Vizier presented for the board's approval the Financial Statement for September 2001. Upon motion by Acting Chairman Vizier and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the September 2001 financial statement.

President Melancon then called for Public Comment and recognized Mr. Mike Cunio with Bayou Country Advertising. Mr. Cuneo offered the Commission his services in this heightened time of security in our nation. He said that his business produces signs that may be helpful in the Commission's heightened security program.

Director Falgout reported that C&C Technologies offered to do a free hydrographic survey of the channels in Port Fourchon to document the existing conditions of the channels so that if any mines are ever placed in an act of terrorism, the

differences in the channel as a result of the mines would be recognized when compared to the original survey report.

President Melancon requested that Mr. Jimmie Martin update the Commission on the status of Commissioner Beau Martin, who is stationed in New Orleans with the U.S. Coast Guard. It was requested that Mr. Jimmie Martin extend the Commission's well wishes to Beau in his service to this country and to let him know that we will do our best to keep him informed while he is called to duty.

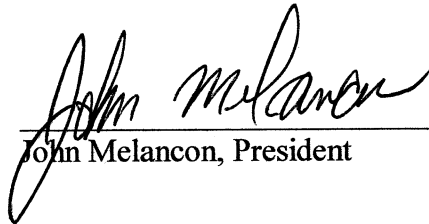
President Melancon recognized Mr. Mitch Theriot, candidate for District Judge Seat "E". Mr. Theriot said he wanted to remind the public to vote on October 20th.

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

ATTEST:



Wilbert Collins, Secretary



John Melancon, President