

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

February 27, 2002

11:45 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. New Port Administration Building Site Selection
- VI. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
February 27, 2002

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in special session on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, at 11:45 AM in the Conference Room of the Operations building in Fourchon, Louisiana.

President Melancon called the meeting to order and requested that Secretary Collins call the roll.

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

ABSENT: Donald Vizier

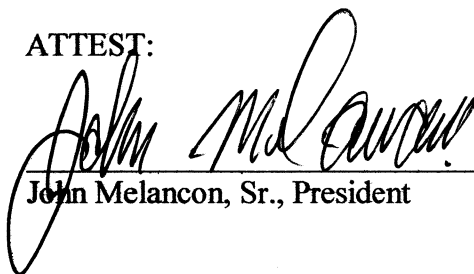
President Melancon turned the floor over to Director Falgout. He presented to the board three cost-scenarios for the construction of the new Port Administration building. The board reviewed the cost of renovating the existing cinema; of rebuilding from scratch at the location of the existing cinema; and of building to the standards proposed at the airport. Upon reviewing the breakdown of the various costs of the three scenarios, Board member Wilbert Collins moved to remodel the existing cinema and add on to that facility for the proposed cost of \$998,000. This motion was seconded by Ervin Bruce, and the floor was opened for discussion.


Commissioner Jimmy Lafont questioned why the architectural fees varied with each quote, and Director Falgout explained that each scenario presented with it some unknowns, which made the rate slightly higher. The difference between renovation, demolition, and new construction caused varied architectural fees.

Commissioner Beau Martin questioned whether the Commission has the \$1 million needed to construct this facility, or whether that \$1 million would better be spent on operational functions like a fire department or a full time EMT in Port. Director Falgout said that that is a question we must ask ourselves of every dollar that we spend, but he proceeded to point out that this building had been budgeted for 2002 and the funds have been allocated for this expenditure. After further comment and discussion, President Melancon called for a vote on Mr. Collins' motion to renovate and add on to the existing cinema. The motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn.

ATTEST:


John Melancon, Sr., President


Wilbert Collins, Secretary