

AGENDA
September 14, 2005

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider August 10, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Consider August 24, 2005 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- VI. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion Update
 - a. Construction status:
 - i. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #1 – Joe Picciola
 - ii. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2 – Larry Picciola
 - iii. Mooring Dolphins – Larry Picciola
 - iv. Slip A, Rowan Bulkhead Repairs – John Plaisance
 - v. Maritime Forest Ridge
 - B. Airport Update
 - a. Project status
 - C. Port Security
 - a. Security Camera System
 - D. FEMA Updates
 - a. Wave Protection
 - b. Debris Fence along LA 3090
 - E. Highway Improvements
 - F. Hurricane Katrina Update
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - a. Consider approving the RFP for 1-2 acres at the East Golden Meadow Farm
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - a. Update on F/V Iron Man and F/V Capt. Jimmy
 - b. Public Notices:
 - a. Office of Sea Grant Development-LSU
 - b. ORX Resources, Inc.
 - c. Louisiana Transport Authority
 - d. Jimmie Martin
 - e. Swift Energy Corporation (3)
 - f. Hilcorp Energy Company
 - g. Chevron USA, Inc.
 - h. Erskine Energy, LLC
 - C. Construction and Development Committee
 - a. Consider extending the low bid for the Bucket Dredge Mitigation project
 - D. Finance Committee
 - a. Consider payment of invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
 - b. Consider approving the August 2005 financial report
- VIII. Any other business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Possible Executive Session
 - A. Discuss pending litigation defined as "*Rowan Companies, Inc. et al v. The Greater Lafourche Port Commission, et al, Civil Action No. 05-0030 – Sec. K – Magistrate 2*"
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment

Attachment

The following items may be discussed in an executive session:

- The pending litigation more specifically defined as "*Rowan Companies, Inc. and Rowan Marine Services, Inc. v. The Greater Lafourche Port Commission; J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc.; Continental Construction Company, Inc.; Eustis Engineering Co., Inc.; Vulcan Construction Materials, LP; Vulcan Materials Company; and Core Industries, Inc., Civil Action No. 05-0030 – Sec. K – Magistrate 2*"
- The pending litigation more specifically defined as "*G&W Construction Co., Inc. v. Greater Lafourche Port Commission and J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc., 17th JDC – Parish of Lafourche – Suit No. 101666 – Div. E*"

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
September 14, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 10:30 AM.

President Vizier called the meeting to order, and Secretary Cheramie called the roll.

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

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved the regular meeting minutes of August 10, 2005.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the special meeting minutes of August 24, 2005.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion Update - Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the contractor, James Construction, will be back on site next week for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #1. The site had some debris but no damage to the bulkhead. James Construction was in Port this week to organize housing for their crews. The contractor will continue driving sheets near the corner of Flotation Canal and 800' toward the Chouest lease. The contractor should have enough sheets to finish the job. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the contractor, Shavers-Whittle, will be on site next week to drive piles for deadman for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that there was a delay with the Mooring Dolphin project because of the storm but work should be finished close to the scheduled timeframe. He stated that all piles will be welded at full length and transported from Houma by barge for installation. Engineer John Plaisance reported that the contractor, Circle, Inc., wanted to leave the job site to do other work but is currently on site for Slip A, Rowan Repairs. The contractor finished driving piles before the storm and had to add an additional 6 piles to the project. Discussion followed regarding the actual construction process. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that Low Land will do some additional shaping work on the Maritime Forest Ridge when they mobilize for the mooring dolphin project. There were some impacts to the ridge from the hurricane on the north side, which had some scouring and will be surveyed for damages. The ridge provided the Port considerable protection due to the north wind and tidal surge in the Port.

Airport Update - Mr. Breaux reported that the Runway Extension contracts are being finalized with Phylway Construction. The parking lot is being utilized at the Airport with the increased activity from the storm. He stated that Cougar Helicopters/VIH is proposing a mobile site on the property adjacent to the Airport. The new access road and culvert is being constructed on the south end of the runway for Rotorcraft's 15-acre site. He reported that the equipment is being installed for the NDB site south of Golden Meadow.

Port Security - Mr. Callais reported that there was some damage to the security camera system due to Hurricane Katrina. Interstate will be in next week to access the damage. He reported that once the system is evaluated the Port will make a claim with FEMA for repairs to system. No cameras are working at this time. Commissioner Melancon questioned if the Belle Pass camera was operational before the storm, which Mr. Callais replied that the loner camera was operational. Mr.

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Callais stated that the floodgate cameras had some damage. He contacted Mid-South to replace one of the cameras which will also be a FEMA claim. He reported that a pre-bid meeting is scheduled for September 19th for the Airport Camera System.

FEMA Updates – Mr. Breaux reported that the Wave Protection project was awarded but construction had not started prior to the storm. The project will be put on hold until FEMA is contacted because of additional damage done by the hurricane. Commissioner Martin questioned our position with the Caillouet right of way swap agreement. Director Falgout stated that it is on hold to determine the correct right of way site due to the additional damage from the hurricane. He stated that the Debris Fence was 90% complete prior to the hurricane and will be addressed the same way with FEMA to move forward. Mr. Breaux along with other Port staff attended a FEMA assessment meeting yesterday to start the application process. The Port took care of Category A-Debris removal and Category B-Emergency Protective Measures by removing the debris from the roads and adding limestone to shoulders. Commissioner Martin questioned the burn site process with our lessees to which Mr. Breaux replied that the lessees were contacted and are allowed to bring their debris to our burn site. We are working with the Parish to get the approval from the Corps for onsite debris removal. Commissioner Melancon stated that considering the amount of trash and debris in the Port, he is impressed at the progress of the lessees removing the debris and everyone working together. Commissioner Martin also questioned the trash on the beach to which Director Falgout replied that the huge amount of debris has not been addressed and will wait on FEMA to decide the claim and who will take care of it. He stated that the work will probably be done by a contractor within the breakwater area. Commissioner Martin questioned a burn site on the beach, which Mr. Breaux reported that a burn permit would need to be acquired by the landowner. Director Falgout stated that the beach cleanup will not be our main focus because it is the Parish and landowner's responsibility and we will focus only on our project improvement site. The beach is unsafe and impassible at this time. Discussion followed regarding the authority to close the beach. President Vizier recommended that we contact Wisner and Caillouet to acquire a burn permit for the beach area. Commissioner Griffin asked Mr. Breaux to look into who is responsible for containing the fire once burn permits are acquired. Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie questioned if Chevron was finished cleaning up the oil spill to which President Vizier stated that they are currently cleaning up the spill. He stated that Chevron has a guard at the bridge for the oil spill cleanup.

Highway Improvements – Director Falgout reported that the hurricane had impacted our highway system and community south of the Golden Meadow floodgates. The day after the storm port employees began clean up of the huge amounts of debris and marsh grass that settled on the roadway. DOTD was not involved in the cleanup. The highway and the Port opened 2 days after the storm. He stated that we were able to access our channel depths to open channel navigation by Wednesday evening.

Hurricane Katrina Update – Director Falgout gave a presentation of hurricane damages to the Port. He showed vessels and houseboats that were on the roadway from the tidal surge. The huge houseboat that was placed on LA 3090 was cut up on site with a control burn inside the houseboat. He stated that the C-Port 2 facility had substantial damage but is structurally sound and operational. The recreational boat launch had wharves destroyed and the beach was covered with debris and trash. The Port was impacted by the storm but is approximately 80% back in operation. The power was restored in the Port on Sunday evening. Over 20 media groups from all over the world interviewed Director Falgout after storm regarding the oil and gas industry. He stated that Parish President Randolph visited with the President of the U.S. for over an hour with 5 other parish presidents. The President was very familiar with the Port and our highway project and indicated that help will be on the way. Director Falgout participated in a conference call with Cong. Melancon, Sen. Dupre, Rep. Pitre and others to come up with a plan for the need for future infrastructure. One item discussed was the protection levee system and raising the existing levee to a Category 5

system. The plan is to get meaningful, long lasting infrastructure and restoration to remain here for years to come and provide jobs. Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Joey Waguspack with Halliburton for the donation of food. He stated that the Port needs to have a plan for what happens after the hurricane. President Vizier stated that this plan should consist of a list of contractors for backhoes to clean up the roadway. Mr. Breaux stated that he has a plan and spoke to local contractors and was aware of where their equipment was stored but there were no operators to run the equipment. He stated that the procedure is to first confirm that the roadway is safe to attempt clearing the road, which is determined by the Harbor Police Chief. At that time, the Port's backhoe, which was stored at the Airport along with Commissioner Cheramie's backhoe began to clear the road from the floodgates south. Four Harbor Police officers escorted the equipment and backup fuel to begin cleanup. Mr. Breaux stated that for the next storm, he would like to have larger tire equipment to stage at the floodgate. He stated that from 2:00pm till that evening they were able to clear the road to the Port. President Vizier commented on clearing the road to Grand Isle, which Director Falgout stated that it is DOTD's responsibility to clear the roadway. We decided to begin highway cleanup to have faster access to the Port. Director Falgout stated that the Port did an exceptional job clearing the roadway and opening the Port within 2 days after the storm. Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie stated that the phone lines were bad after the storm and a meeting should have been called to determine a plan of how to proceed with cleanup. Commissioner Martin and Melancon commended Mr. Cheramie for volunteering and going with his own equipment to help clear the roadway. Mr. Breaux stated that there is a plan in place to know where equipment and operators are but most people evacuated for the Category 5 hurricane. Director Falgout stated that you can't keep operators here for a storm if they choose to leave. Commissioner Collins complimented the port employees and all the people who volunteered for doing a fast and great job after the storm.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Donald Vizier reported that the committee met on August 24, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Donald Vizier, Jimmy Lafont, John Melancon, and Harry Cheramie. The committee also met on September 12, 2005 at the Galliano Administration Building; all members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Harry Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the RFP for 1-2 acres at the Airport Industrial Park to VIH Helicopters, Inc. for \$.10 per sq. ft. for a 1 year lease with 2 additional option renewal periods.

Permits & Waterways Committee – Chairman Chuckie Cheramie reported that the committee met on August 24, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Donald Vizier, Beau Martin, and Jimmy Lafont. They also met on September 12, 2005 at the Administration Building in Galliano; all members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Mr. Autin updated the board on the current status of the F/V Iron Man and F/V Capt. Jimmy. From past meetings and the emergency of the hurricane, the Port was working under the Port ordinance to remove the vessels and sell them. He prepared a resolution, which provides the Port the authority to remove the vessels under the Port Ordinance and State Law and advertise for public bids and sell vessels. Commissioner Martin recommended that the board table this process until the Corps and USCG's procedure is determined to remove sunken vessels due to the hurricane. Upon motion by Beau Martin and second by John Melancon, the floor was open for discussion. Discussion followed regarding the current location and condition of both vessels after the storm. Commissioner Collins questioned the timeframe of us waiting on a decision by the Coast Guard, which Mr. Falgout replied that the Coast Guard was contacted and stated that the Navy will be

doing vessel removals. Director Falgout reported that there were 20 sunken vessels in Bayou Lafourche due to the hurricane. Commissioner Martin stated that the USCG mobilized 2 barges with cranes to remove vessels. He contacted the Morgan City office about the Iron Man's location and the consequences if it would break loose and move toward the Leeville Bridge. The board unanimously voted to table this until the next board meeting.

Chairman Cheramie presented to the board the permits by Office of Sea Grant Development-LSU, ORX Resources, Inc., Louisiana Transport Authority, Jimmie Martin, Swift Energy Corporation, Hilcorp Energy Company, Chevron USA, Inc. There was no action taken by the board for these permits. He also presented the permit by Erskine Energy, LLC which the board requested that a letter be sent to DNR opposing the amount of wheel washing.

Construction & Development – Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on August 24, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, Larry Griffin, and Wilbert Collins. The board also met on September 12, 2005 at the Administration Building in Galliano; all members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved to extend the bid for the Mitigation Bucket Dredge in Leeville for another 30 days upon mutual written agreement with the low bidder.

Finance Committee - Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on August 24, 2005 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were John Melancon, Donald Vizier, Larry Griffin, and Wilbert Collins. They also met on September 12, 2005 at the Administration Building in Galliano; all members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the August 2005 invoices.

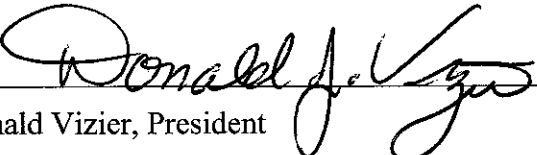
Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the August 2005 financial report. Mr. Rome reported that the insurance renewals will be due September 26, 2005 with our new insurance broker.


President Vizier opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Karl Boffanie with Stone Fuel commended the Port Commission for doing a great job to get the companies back in business. He stated that the coordination was unbelievable and thanked the Port. Mr. Doug Cheramie relayed a message from Johnny Bradberry with DOTD who thanked the Port Commission and all the employees for the work done on LA 3090 and LA 1.

Possible Executive Session - Director Falgout reported that he received notice that all issues in the Eastern District are suspended because of the storm until further notice. He stated that there is no new information to go into executive session.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:


Donald Vizier, President


Harry Cheramie, Secretary

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