

AGENDA
November 15, 2006

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider October 11, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Consider October 25, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- VI. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion Update**
 - 1) Construction Status:
 - a. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #1 – Joe Picciola
 - b. Slip B, Northern Expansion Dredging – Joe Picciola
 - c. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2 – Larry Picciola
 - d. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #3 – John Plaisance
 - B. Airport Update**
 - 1) Project Status
 - C. FEMA Update**
 - 1) Wave Protection/Debris Fence Repairs
 - 2) Katrina FEMA Claims
 - D. Highway Improvements Update**
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1) Consider approving the proposal from US Liquids for property along Slip B
 - 2) Consider approving the proposal from Deep Marine Technologies for property along Slip B
 - 3) Consider approving the proposal from Grand Isle Shipyard for a short term lease on Site GLF610
 - 4) Consider approving the drawings from Grand Isle Shipyard and Expert Riser for crane pads
 - 5) Consider approving the Collateral Agreement from Evergreen
 - 6) Consider approving the Rotorcraft airport facility purchase/lease back
 - 7) Consider approving the request from Tram Aviation for a hangar site at the Airport
 - 8) Consider approving the amendment from Customs to lease office space
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1) Debris Removal
 - 2) Permits:
 - a. Greater Lafourche Port Commission
 - b. Lafourche Parish Water District
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1) Consider approving Change Order No. 3 from James Construction for the Bulkhead Project
 - 2) Consider approving Change Order No. 4 from James Construction for the Bulkhead Project
 - 3) Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Weeks Marine for the Leeville Hydraulic Dredge
 - 4) Consider approving the bid for Phase IV Strengthening of the Runway
 - 5) Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Phylway for Phase II – Extension to 6,500'
 - 6) Consider approving Change Order No. 2 from Mike Hooks for the FEMA Dredging Project
 - 7) Consider approving the Substantial Completion request from Mike Hooks for the Dredging in Flotation Canal, Front Marina, and Slip A & B
 - 8) Consider approving the request from Stranco for the Wave Protection Project
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1) Consider payment of invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2) Consider approving the financial reports for October 2006
- VIII. Any other business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Adjournment

Attachment

The pending litigation more specifically defined as "*David Dardar, et al vs. Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Suit No. 102,795-17th JDC-Parish of Lafourche*" may be discussed in an executive session.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 15, 2006

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at 10:30 AM.

President Vizier called the meeting to order, and Vice President Lafont called the roll.

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

ABSENT: Harry Cheramie and Beau Martin

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved the October 11, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the October 25, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes.

President Vizier congratulated Commissioners Chuckie Cheramie and Lafont for re-election and recognized newly elected Commissioners Perry Gisclair and Jimmy Guidry.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion Update - Engineer Joe Picciola reported that Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #1 is complete. He stated that there are 2 change orders on the agenda for approval to adjust final quantities and account for the liquidated damages. Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the FEMA Dredge project finished in October. He stated that a change order and the substantial completion are on the agenda for approval. He reported that the Northern Expansion Dredging project is being advertised with the bid opening on November 21, 2006.

Engineer Larry Picciola reported that Shavers Whittle is doing touch up painting for the Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2. He stated that they are also in the process of placing light weight aggregate on the site. He reported that the material is being inspected to get the proper weight. He further explained the procedures for placing the aggregate and tie rods on the site. Director Falgout questioned the remaining days for project completion, which Mr. Picciola replied that the finishing work should be complete within the next 4-6 weeks. He also stated that the remaining work on the bulkhead project should not impact the dredge.

Engineer John Plaisance reported that Eustis Engineering has been selected to do the geotechnical surveys for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #3. He stated that Eustis will take borings this month and should be finished in 6 weeks. He expects the final report by mid-January to be able to advertise in February. Commissioner Collins questioned the total linear feet of the project, which Mr. Plaisance replied that it is 400' across the bottom of Slip B and 2,000' going up the west side of Slip B. Director Falgout reported that this project will be funded by DOTD Port Priority and the property is already committed to companies. He stated that the Port will fund the remaining linear feet across the slip and going north on the east side of Slip B. The soil borings taken by Eustis will be used for both of the projects.

Airport Update – Mr. Breaux reported that Phase II-Runway Extension to 6,500' is complete. There is a change order later on the agenda for final quantities with the additional excavation on the north end

stub taxiway. He reported that the Lighting and Electrical project is 40% complete. The bid opening for the Strengthening project to 75,000 pounds was opened last week and is on the agenda for approval.

FEMA Update – Mr. Breaux reported that there is a request from Stranco, Inc. for 5% of the retainage that is being held for the Wave Protection project. This project has been held up due to the repairs on the bridge and the right of way issues with the Parish and the landowner. He also reported that there is an agreement with Sealevel Construction for the board's review to straighten the remaining portion of the Debris Fence. He stated that the Port has straightened 1 mile of the fence by renting some equipment and will work with Sealevel to complete the remaining portion. He reported that the FEMA Dredging project is complete as stated earlier. There is a change order on the agenda to adjust final quantities. The contractor has completed the wharf repairs in the Front Marina and has started in the Nerby Collins Marina. The Bridge repairs are substantially complete and the contractor completed the final inspection on Monday. He reported that the supplier does have the pilings for the Front Marina Bulkhead repairs and the treated bulkhead material should be delivered on site by next week. DNR is making progress with Wisner on the Beach Debris project to create sand dunes. Commissioner C. Cheramie questioned the problems with the bridge closing, which Mr. Breaux replied that those problems were fixed to allow the bridge to close. Commissioner Lafont questioned when the bridge will be opened, which Director Falgout replied that he wrote a letter to the Parish informing them that the bridge will be able to open soon and the Parish right of way to the beach is still obstructed by logs. The Port is prepared to fix the area where the bags cross in order to not impede the Parish's right of way to the beach. The Port is waiting on direction from Parish to move forward. He reported that the Port's attorney and the Parish Administrator will be meeting today to discuss when the bridge will be open to the public. It is important to make the site safer before opening it up to the public. Councilman Brent Callais addressed the board. He stated that Beachfront Development District came up a month ago but it was defeated and will be back on the Parish's agenda on November 28th. He is working on securing more votes to have this pass by the Parish. He encourages the commissioners to attend the meeting. He stated that last night, the Parish President presented the proposed right of way agreement with the Caillouets which will hopefully be finalized and good to go by January.

Highway Improvements Update – Director Falgout reported that the Louisiana Recovery Authority met in Houma last month and toured Port Fourchon. He stated that at this meeting, we expressed the significance of the Port to the nation's energy supply. We are currently making headway to get the President's Federal Coordinator of Gulf Coast Rebuilding, Mr. Donald Powell to visit Port Fourchon. We met Monday with Boysie Bollinger and Chett Morrison to put a strategy together to make this visit happen as well as qualify for the Hazard Mitigation money from FEMA. We are trying to get up to \$160 million to do the phase from Leeville to Golden Meadow. The LA 1 Coalition has applied for State Capital Outlay funding for \$7.9 million to fund the right of way acquisition and preliminary engineering to move the section from Leeville to Golden Meadow forward until we move into construction. Commissioner Melancon entered the meeting.

Director Falgout and Mr. Boulet attended the MMS hearing on the next 5 year leasing program. There is a suggested letter to send to MMS to support OCS Revenue Sharing. He stated that the last day for comments is tomorrow. He stated that the LA 1 Coalition has brought on new membership by Total EMP, USA which is a very active company in the Gulf of Mexico.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - Chairman Donald Vizier reported that the committee met on October 25, 2006 at the Port Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Donald Vizier, Jimmy Lafont, John Melancon, and Harry Cheramie. The committee also met on November 13, 2006 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Vizier presented for the board's approval the proposal from US Liquids for property along Slip B. Director Falgout reported that US Liquids requested 850' of waterfront and a right of first refusal of 313' of non-bulkhead property. He stated that this property will be available for them to move on once the dredging is complete. Mr. Breaux reported that the lease rental will be approximately \$51,621.00 per month. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the lease and right of first refusal with US Liquids and authorized President Vizier to execute lease.

Chairman Vizier presented for the board's approval the proposal from Deep Marine Technologies for 600' of waterfront property along Slip B. Deep Marine's Chief Operating officer; Mr. Wade Abadie addressed the board. He stated that the company started 5 yrs ago and is involved with underwater construction services focused on diving and deepwater operated vehicles. The revenues for this year are \$80 million with 200 workers offshore and 50 workers onshore. They have a new vessel coming out in February 2007 focused on deepwater developments. They are currently operating 5 vessels which 2 are owned by Deep Marine and 3 are by long-term charter. The site would be used for staging equipment and to assist their customers. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved the lease to Deep Marine Technologies and authorized President Vizier to execute lease.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the proposal from Grand Isle Shipyard for a short term lease on Site GLF610 for 140' of dock space. President Vizier was authorized to execute the short-term lease.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the drawings from Grand Isle Shipyard and Expert Riser for constructing a crane pad for both of their docks.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the Collateral Agreement from Evergreen subject to additional, standard language requested by Mr. Autin.

Chairman Vizier presented for the board's approval the Rotorcraft airport facility purchase/lease back agreement. Director Falgout stated that this allows a company to build a facility and a public agency buys it back by the appraised value then leases it long term back to the company. Mr. Rome reported that the appraised value came in last week and was presented to Rotorcraft which they had no problems with it. He stated that based on the board's approval, we will now enter negotiations with them on a standard lease agreement. The appraisal is \$1,550,000 which includes the office building, hangar, helipad, limestone parking lot, and the tank foundation surrounding their fuel system. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Rotorcraft lease/back agreement. President Vizier was authorized to execute lease.

Chairman Vizier presented for the board's consideration the request from Tram Aviation for a hangar site at the Airport. Director Falgout stated that they are interested in building a hangar adjacent to our hangar. After further review, we would like to move them over to where the master plan shows this should be which is north of our hangar. We have the engineering firm working on a design to allow access to this proposed site. The Port will construct the access taxiway to the site. Mr. Breaux stated that he has discussed this location with Tram. They are still interested in putting their hangar improvements which will house 6 planes. It is estimated that by the time Tram would construct their hangar building, the Port should be complete with the access taxiway to the site. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board tabled the request by Tram for a site adjacent to our hangar building and recommends negotiating with Tram for a site north of our hangar building as shown on our master plan.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the amendment to Customs' lease for an additional office and installation of a new security door in the hallway.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Chuckie Cheramie reported that the committee met on October 25, 2006 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, Donald Vizier, and Beau Martin. The committee also met on November 13, 2006 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Beau Martin was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

USCG Captain Gilbreath addressed the board on debris removal along Bayou Lafourche. The mission was assigned to the USCG by FEMA to remove storm related debris from Hurricane Katrina and Rita. A presentation of restrictions to clean up the waterway was given by Commander Bryan Lincoln. Commander Lincoln reported on the restrictions set up by FEMA of what can and can not be picked up by the USCG. He reported that all the stranded vessels have been removed. The vessels that were beyond repair are considered debris and will be picked up as debris. The main goal is to restore commerce through out the region. Commander Lincoln also showed examples of debris that qualified and did not qualify for USCG pick up. The debris along the waters edge will also be determined by criteria set by FEMA. The debris cleanup of the waterways is separated into phases with Bayou Lafourche included in Phase II which will begin after Thanksgiving. He stated that Phase III includes the Belle Pass area in Fourchon. Phase III contract will be bid at the end of January. They are still deciding on the procedure that will be used to clean Belle Pass debris field once divers determine the amount of debris there. He stated that the percentage of payment is 90% FEMA and 10% Parish for the salvage and removal of the vessels and debris beginning January 2007. FEMA will require a commitment letter from the Parish to pay the 10% cost prior to picking up debris, and if the Parish does not agree, the USCG will not pick up any debris in waterway. Commissioner Melancon questioned if the Parish does not agree to pay the 10% if other agencies could support the cause. Commander Lincoln replied absolutely because the contractor will be charging by the cubic yards of debris that is picked up. Commissioner Vizier questioned how the contractor will justify bidding out by cubic yards for different materials, which Commander Lincoln replied that the debris is broken down into different types and prices.

Chairman Cheramie presented the permits by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission and the Lafourche Parish Water District for the board's review. There was no action taken on these permits.

Construction and Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on October 25, 2006 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Ervin Bruce, Larry Griffin, and Donald Vizier. Wilbert Collins was absent. The committee also met on November 13, 2006 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Larry Griffin was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 3 from James Construction for the Bulkhead Project for a decrease of \$48,017.42 for adjustment of final quantities.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 4 from James Construction for the Bulkhead Project for a decrease of \$321,200.00 for liquidated damages.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Weeks Marine for a decrease of \$47,704.80 to adjust final quantities for the Leeville Hydraulic Dredge.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the low bid by Barriere Construction Company for the Strengthening of the Runway in the amount of \$3,077,731.00.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Phylway for Phase II - Extension to 6,500' for an increase of \$55,659.00 to adjust final quantities.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 from Mike Hooks for the FEMA Dredging for a decrease of \$334,545.85 to adjust final quantities.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion request from Mike Hooks for the FEMA Dredging in Flotation Canal, Front Marina, and Slip A & B.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the request from Stranco, Inc. for the Wave Protection Project which will reduce the retainage currently being held from 10% (\$32,406.89) to 5% (\$16,203.44).

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, a two-third vote was taken to add to the agenda Change Order No. 3 from Ronald Adams which was unanimously approved. Director Falgout reported that the change order is a decrease of \$53,465.90 which adjusts the final quantities and accounts for the liquidated damages. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board voted which resulted in 6 yeas, 2 absent, and 1 abstained by Chuckie Cheramie.

Finance Committee – Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on October 25, 2006 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were John Melancon, Larry Griffin, and Donald Vizier. Wilbert Collins was absent. The committee also met on November 13, 2006 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Larry Griffin was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

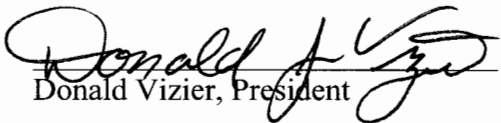
Commissioner Larry Griffin presented the October invoices and recognized the expenditures over \$10,000. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by John Melancon, the floor was open for discussion. Commissioner Lafont questioned the invoice by Frilot and Partridge, which Mr. Autin replied that these were the final attorney fees for the Rowan settlement. He stated that the Rowan litigation has been settled. The board then voted which resulted in 6 yeas, 2 absent and 1 abstained by C. Cheramie.

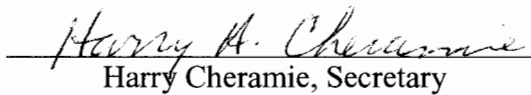
Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the financial reports for October 2006.

Chairman Melancon reminded the commissioners and employees that the budget is being put together and if you need to add anything contact Mr. Rome.

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

ATTEST:


Donald Vizier, President


Harry Cheramie, Secretary