

Special Meeting Agenda  
AGENDA  
November 30, 2006 @ 11:00 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider accepting the low bid for dredging the Northern Expansion
- V. Consider approving Plan of Reorganization from Plaisance Dragline
- VI. Consider extending Executive Director's contract until replacement is hired
- VII. Any Other Business
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 30, 2006

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in special session on Wednesday, November 30, 2006 at 11:00 AM.

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

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

ABSENT: Larry Griffin

President Vizier presented for the board's approval the low bid for the Northern Expansion Dredging project. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously accepted the low bid by Weeks Marine in the amount of \$2,357,802.50 for the Northern Expansion Dredging of Slip B.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Plan of Reorganization from Plaisance Dragline bankruptcy claim.

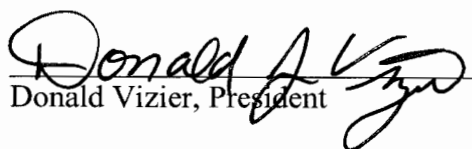
The board took no action on extending the Executive Director's contract.

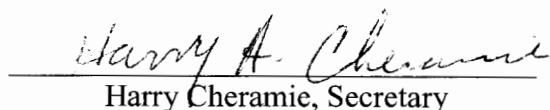
President Vizier opened the floor for any other business. Commissioner Harry Cheramie made a motion to add to the agenda to consider advertising in December for applications for the executive director position. Commissioner John Melancon seconded the motion which was unanimously passed. Upon motion by Harry Cheramie and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the motion to advertise in December for applications was open for discussion. Discussion followed regarding what publication it needs to be advertised in. Commissioner Melancon requested to review the job description before it being advertised. Commissioner Lafont agreed that the board needs to review the job description and also requested that Mr. Autin investigate if you could add to the advertisement to limit the applicants to the 10<sup>th</sup> ward or require the applicant to locate in the 10<sup>th</sup> ward. The administration agreed to present a draft job description to the personnel committee for review. Mr. Autin questioned the time limit to receive applications, which the board requested that he gather all the information and present it to the board at the next meeting to decide on the timeframe. President Vizier stated that the new board should decide on the job description and advertisement and this should not be decided on right now. Commissioner Collins agreed that the board should wait on advertising the position. Further discussion followed regarding the advertisement and the resident issue. Director Falgout stated that the executive director's responsibilities should be decided on by the new board and if you vote in December to advertise then these things will be determined and the new board will not have the opportunity to give their comments to the responsibilities of the new director. Commissioner Melancon stated that the job description is the most important thing for the person that will run our organization. He requested that the board wait and start in January. The board further discussed waiting 30 days for the new board to be involved. Commissioner Martin stated that a way to do it is to publish a generic notice that the position is available which would not include a job description. He agreed that the new board should make the job description and contract. He stated that if you don't start advertising the position and wait to publish in January the hiring of a new director will be delayed until March or April 2007. This way you could move forward and the new board could make the detailed contract. President Vizier stated that we are moving

too fast and it could wait until the new board is appointed. Mr. Rome stated that he would be drafting the advertisement and questioned that with a generic ad how will he be able to answer phone calls received of basic questions such as salary, qualifications, and levels of education. Commissioner Martin stated that the salary will be set in the budget and typically a director position requires a bachelor's degree. He stated that this would be a notice just to get the ball rolling. Commissioner Collins stated again that the board should wait until the new board is appointed to decide the job description and advertisement. Commissioner Melancon stated that with the new board there will also be a new personnel committee to decide the job description. The board then voted which resulted in a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 1 absent, and 4 nays by Vizier, Melancon, Collins and Bruce. The motion did not pass.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board adjourned the special meeting.

ATTEST:

  
Donald Vizier, President

  
Harry Cheramie, Secretary