

AGENDA
March 14, 2007 @ 10:30 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider February 14, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Consider February 28, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- VI. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion Update**
 - 1) Construction Status:
 - a. Slip B, Northern Expansion Dredging – Joe Picciola
 - b. Slip B, Northern Expansion Road & Utilities – Joe Picciola
 - c. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2 – Larry Picciola
 - d. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #3 – John Plaisance
 - B. Airport Update/Project Status**
 - C. FEMA Update**
 - D. Highway Improvements Update**
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee**
 - 1) Consider approving the request from Dynamic Industries for subleasing on PMI Site 405
 - 2) Consider approving the resolution of support for South Lafourche Levee District lock project
 - 3) Consider the withdrawal of lease proposal to Advanced Cleanup Technologies, Inc.
 - 4) Consider advertising for summer employees
 - 5) Consider the proposal from Cal Dive International to lease in the Northern Expansion area
 - 6) Consider the proposal from Gulf Offshore Logistics to lease in the Northern Expansion area
 - 7) Consider adopting a resolution correcting the name of the Airport for FAA
 - 8) Consider amending Pacific Gulf's lease
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee**
 - 1) Permits:
 - a. Swift Energy Operating, LLC
 - b. Greater Lafourche Port Commission
 - C. Construction & Development Committee**
 - 1) Consider approving the low bidder for the Northern Expansion Roadway & Utilities project
 - 2) Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from Weeks Marine for the Northern Expansion Dredge project
 - 3) Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Sealevel Construction for the Debris Fence
 - 4) Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from Sealevel Construction for the Debris Fence
 - 5) Consider approving the Clear Lien Certificate from Centaur, LLC for the Fourchon Bridge Repair
 - D. Finance Committee**
 - 1) Consider payment of invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2) Adopt the millage rate for tax year 2007
 - 3) Consider approving the out of state travel requests
 - 4) Consider the Enviro Supply & Resources delinquent rental
- VIII. Any other business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Possible Executive Session
 - A. Discuss pending litigation defined as "Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. James Construction LLC, et al, Suit No.105161 in Division E of the 17th JDC-Parish of Lafourche"
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment

Attachment

- a) 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.
- b) The pending litigation more specifically defined as "Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. James Construction LLC, et al, Suit No.105161 in Division E of the 17th JDC-Parish of Lafourche" may be discussed in an executive session.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

March 14, 2007

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 10:30AM.

President Griffin called the meeting to order and Vice President Vizier called roll.

ATTENDED: Chuckie Cheramie, Perry Gisclair, Jimmy Lafont, Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, Jimmy Guidry, and Ervin Bruce

ABSENT: John Melancon

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved the February 14, 2007 regular meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved the February 28, 2007 special meeting minutes.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion Update – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that Weeks Marine completed dredging for Slip B, Northern Expansion Dredging project. They are currently going over the after dredge surveys and will have a change order next month to adjust final quantities. Director Falgout questioned if the material placed in the spoil area along the east side of Slip B is at adequate elevations for construction, which Mr. Picciola replied that they are adequate elevations. The southern end elevation is at 8'-10' and as it goes north the elevations taper down to 6'-7'. Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the bids were received on March 6th for the Slip B, Northern Expansion Road & Utilities. The apparent low bidder is Phylway Construction which includes a bid additive for a 12" waterline rather than the 8" waterline. Director Falgout stated that the Lafourche Parish Water District will participate with a 50/50 cost share to install the 12" waterline. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the dredging has been done in front of the bulkhead and the lightweight aggregate has been placed for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2. He further explained that they used expanded clay underneath and used the lightweight aggregate on top to meet the density and weight requirements. Engineer John Plaisance reported he is waiting on the final soil boring report from Eustis Engineering which he should receive by next week for the Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #3. He stated that once he receives the report it will take a few weeks to finish plans and estimates to start advertising next month. Director Falgout questioned when the Lessee will be ready to move on that site, which Mr. Plaisance replied that it should be ready in one year.

Airport Update – Mr. Breaux reported that the contractor for the Electrical and Lighting project will deliver the vault this week and begin installation. There are a few lights waiting to be installed and the contractor should be finished by the end of the month. The contractor for the Runway Strengthening is delivering equipment this morning and will begin doing test sections on Monday. They are expected to begin the overlay on Wednesday. The runway will be shut down beginning next week for the overlay project. The Port received quotes for tree clearing on 35 acres of property on the south end of the runway for the future approach lighting system. The Port may also clear the 22.5 acres on the south end and 23.5 acres on the west side. Mr. Breaux reported that LPA is doing the final design for the Parallel Taxiway Site Prep project and estimates advertising next month. Commissioner Collins questioned the drilling rig on land at the airport, which Mr. Breaux stated that the well has been completed and they found natural gas. Brammer Engineering has run a gas line along Airport Road toward LA 308 and also has gas available for customers at the airport. Director Falgout reported that the South Lafourche Leonard Miller Jr. Airport received the Outstanding Airport Award from FAA at their regional workshop which Mr. Chaisson attended. This award includes all airports in the state and it is a great achievement to receive this award so soon in the business. This is a result of the development at

the airport and this commission's aggressive stance to allow our contributions to match FAA's funding. Congratulations to everyone and certainly to Mr. Jeff Hunter our former airport manager who played a large part as well. Mr. Breaux reported on the importance of receiving this award. He stated that FAA did put out their 2007-2008 project lists and for the Parallel Taxiway Site Prep they are listing federal and state funding of \$1,826,000 and listing Phase 2 for paving the taxiway with federal and state share of \$3,472,222.00. They know that we are determined to develop the airport and we are now getting more of their funding for construction. Director Falgout stated that this is from the commission putting its money up front to extend the runway, FAA is making good with their promise to do other safety improvements to make our 6,500' strip safer and more usable.

Highway Improvements Update – Mr. Boulet with the LA 1 Coalition stated that at the end of February they submitted annual, federal, and appropriations requests. He attended meetings with MMS officials. One meeting was with the director of MMS, Johnnie Burton and she is aware of how important LA 1 is to MMS. She pledged her support to get Congress to state that the way the laws are set up MMS is not able to mitigate LA 1 impacts. At the MMS hearing in Larose, we requested that they put this in writing. The goal is to get Congress to mitigate impacts for MMS. The Louisiana Delegation is looking at legislation to collect royalties which was left out of MMS leases years back. We have discussed with the officers to use this opportunity since those revenues came in during the time the impacts were being made on the highway that some of those revenues be earmarked to mitigate the impacts. The Louisiana CPRA had a meeting in Houma on February 26th which they took public comments on the revised draft plan. The higher protection levels weren't drawn in yet for the South Lafourche area but with the verbal commitment from CPRA the speakers were lined up to push for higher protection. Mr. Boulet believes this authority understands how important the LA 1 corridor is to the state and nation's future to generate cash flow. He stated that this is a \$50 – \$70 billion plan.

Mr. Boulet stated that he is still working with the Louisiana Recover Authority on several items. They had a meeting to review the survey questions. He stated that the 3 survey questions that were recommended to favor our community were also answered in the state wide poll the same way. Some of the results of the statewide survey resulted in 93% stating that it is very important to implement the state's plan; 51% chose to modify development patterns but not prohibit in flood plane areas; and the last survey report of balancing property rights with community risk and the recommended answer to build responsibly but everyone could get insurance beat all others by 10% on state poll. There will be more results of the state poll at a later date.

Mr. Boulet continues to press DOTD for funding for the right of way mapping for Phase 2. They have done some research and should have cost estimates by next month of funds needed to determine the exact location of where Phase 2 will pass. He stated that once this is determined they will move forward with the pipeline relocations and contact pipeline companies.

He reported that the LA 1 groundbreaking ceremony for the elevated portion of LA 1 from Fourchon to Leeville is scheduled on April 4th in Fourchon. He is finalizing the media events to get national media coverage. There continues to be good coverage of the project in the media and brochures telling the story of why improvements to LA 1 are needed. Director Falgout reported that Leadership LA had their annual tour of the Port which involves 53 members throughout the state. This was an opportunity to express to future leaders what is happening in Fourchon. He stated that on March 22nd USCG Admiral Whitehead will be touring LOOP and Port Fourchon and will have that opportunity to enforce the security issues needed in Port.

FEMA Update – Mr. Autin will meet with the parish and landowners on Friday to discuss the beach right of way issues. Director Falgout stated that depending on the outcome of the meeting, we will have a recommendation on how to proceed with a number of beach issues at our next meeting. Mr. Chiasson reported that Sealevel Construction has completed the repairs on the Debris Fence. Engineer Joe Picciola is working on plans for the final Debris Fence Repair project. The Wharf Repairs project should be complete by next week. The contractor for the Front Marina Bulkhead has removed material from the project site on Friday and was on site Monday to clean up work area. Mr. Breaux stated that they have received the boards to start driving in the bulkhead. The contractor was notified to begin work along the Flotation Canal.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - Chairman Griffin reported that the committee met on February 28, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin, Jimmy Lafont, and Wilbert Collins. John Melancon was absent. The committee also met on March 12, 2007 at the Administration Building in Galliano. John Melancon was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the request from Dynamic Industries to sublease from Production Management Industries on Site 405.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously adopted a resolution in support of state and federal funding of the South Lafourche Levee District Lock project. Director Falgout stated that the estimated cost of \$7 million has risen to \$18-\$20 million and Mr. Curole and Mr. Callais are in Washington to pursue additional funding from the government.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously withdrew the lease proposal to Advanced Cleanup Technologies, Inc. for Site 193 along LA 3090.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved to advertise for summer employment. Director Falgout stated that the Port will hire 5 roustabout positions and 1 clerical position. The requirements are to be a residence of South Lafourche and be accepted or attending a University.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved the proposal from Cal Dive International to lease 850' of waterfront property along Slip B and a right of first refusal for 313' of non-bulkhead property on Site 615.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's consideration the proposal from Gulf Offshore Logistics to lease 1,000' of waterfront property in the Northern Expansion area. Director Falgout stated that this is a local company who is expanding their business to have their first shore base operation in Fourchon. Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to approve their request which was second by Wilbert Collins, and the floor was open for discussion. Commissioner Lafont questioned if this property has been advertised, which Director Falgout stated that we continue to advertise all the available property in Fourchon and at the Airport and we accept proposals at the beginning of every month. Commissioner Cheramie stated that right now since we are 2 years away from the developed property why are we taking proposals instead of giving right of first refusals until this land is ready? We are at the point right now that companies lease out 400' of waterfront and then want more property later. He has no problem with leasing land out but the future growth of companies within the time they lease and actually get on the property they may want more property. We will have a problem when all the land is leased out and the companies can not grow if they want to. Commissioner Vizier agreed with Mr. Cheramie that when companies sign this lease they may want more at a later date.

Mr. Chiasson stated that he has been in discussion with GOL for a while. They had originally requested 600' then after more meetings they decided that the maximum amount they would need is 1,000'. They would like to begin leasing the property now so that during the 18 month period they could start developing the property for when the bulkhead is constructed they will be ready to operate. Director Falgout stated that the lease is similar to a right of first refusal in that it requires an implementation fee of the first month's rent which is held and once the bulkhead is complete if they are not ready we keep the money but if they are ready it applies to their first month's rental. Commissioner Cheramie stated that we are doing this so far in advance that he doesn't want to lock in customers if they need to expand later. Director Falgout stated that now that we are talking about construction time of 18 months companies need to know where their real estate is. He stated that if the Port builds the bulkhead we will be able to accommodate this request and the additional request from Expert Riser. Once this bulkhead is constructed the next project won't be until 24 - 30 months after this. Mr. Chiasson stated that we are at the point that we are building as companies are requesting property. Commissioner Vizier stated that he would like to see the Port look out into the future and not just beyond the next 2 to 3 years. Director Falgout stated that in the next few months the Port will begin the permitting process for Slip C which will make another 400-500 acres of property available. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously adopted a resolution to correct the name of the airport to the South Lafourche Leonard Miller Jr. Airport for FAA files.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved to amend the lease with Pacific Gulf, LLC to correct the mineral right's language.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Chuckie Cheramie reported that the committee met on February 28, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, Perry Gisclair, and Larry Griffin. The committee also met on March 12, 2007 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Cheramie presented the permits by Swift Energy Operating, LLC and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. There was no action taken on these permits.

Director Falgout stated that we had a very informative meeting yesterday on the Bayou Lafourche closures. He complimented Mr. Callais and the Waterways Committee on their efforts on being aggressive in dealing with the closures.

Construction & Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on February 28, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier and Larry Griffin. John Melancon was absent. The committee also met on March 12, 2007 at the Administration Building in Galliano. John Melancon was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the low bid by Phylway Construction Company in the amount of \$1,465,853.00 for the Northern Expansion Roadway & Utilities project which includes the alternate 12" waterline.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate from Weeks Marine, Inc. for the Northern Expansion Dredge project.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Sealevel Construction Company for the Debris Fence project which is a decrease of \$15,345.00.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate from Sealevel Construction for the Debris Fence project.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the Clear Lien Certificate from Centaur, LLC for the FEMA Fourchon Bridge Repair project.

Finance Committee - Commissioner Jimmy Guidry reported that the committee met on February 28, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Jimmy Guidry, Wilbert Collins, and Larry Griffin. John Melancon was absent. The committee also met on March 12, 2007 at the Administration Building in Galliano. John Melancon was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the payment of February invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously adopted to roll forward the millage rate of 6.94 mills for tax year 2007.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests by Chett Chiasson to attend the AAPA Executive Manager Conference in Florida on May 6th, Davie Breaux and April Danos to attend the AAPA Board Operations Tech Safety Seminar in Florida on April 23rd, and Chett Chiasson to attend the Offshore Technology Conference in Texas on May 2nd.


Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved to write off in accounting the delinquent rental of \$3,472.87 owed by Enviro Supply & Resources.

Commissioner Wilbert Collins made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the pending litigation with James Construction Company which was second by Perry Gisclair, the board then took a two-thirds roll call vote which resulted in 8 yeas by Cheramie, Gisclair, Lafont, Vizier, Collins, Griffin, Guidry, and


Bruce and 1 absent by Melancon. The commissioners entered into the executive session. After a short while, the board returned to the meeting. No action was taken.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Ervin Bruce, the board adjourned the regular meeting.

ATTEST:



Larry Griffin, President



Wilbert Collins, Secretary