

AGENDA  
April 9, 2008 @ 10:30 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider March 10, 2008 special meeting minutes for approval
- V. Consider March 11, 2008 regular meeting minutes for approval
- VI. Consider March 26, 2008 special meeting minutes for approval
- VII. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion Update:**
    - 1) Slip B, East Bulkhead, Project #3 – John Plaisance
    - 2) Slip B, East Bulkhead, Project #4, Phase I – 700 LF – Larry Picciola
    - 3) Slip B, East Bulkhead, Project #4, Phase II – 1,100 LF – Larry Picciola
  - B. Airport Update/Project Status**
  - C. FEMA Update**
  - D. Highway Improvements**
  - E. Coastal Issues Update**
    - 1) Corps jetties in Belle Pass**
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1) Consider approving the Plaisance Dragline Lease Termination agreement
    - 2) Consider approving a letter of support for flood protection on behalf of the South Lafourche Levee District
    - 3) Consider approving the request by L&L Oil and Gas Service to sublease a portion of their lease to Bollinger Fourchon, LLC
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1) Consider adopting a resolution regarding Scott St. Pierre's sunken vessel
    - 2) Permits:
      - a. Chevron Pipeline Company
      - b. Maritech Resources, Inc.
      - c. Hilcorp Energy Company
  - C. Construction & Development Committee
    - 1) Consider adopting the DOTD resolution for authority to advertise for Northern Expansion, Slip B, East Bulkhead Project (578-29-0019-321)
    - 2) Consider approving Substantial Completion Certificate from Grand Isle Shipyard for the Front Marina Bulkhead Repairs Phase II
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1) Consider payment of March invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2) Consider resolution to resume rentals from Fourchon Seafood site GLF107
    - 3) Consider approving the 2007 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
    - 4) Consider approving the out of state travel request
- IX. Any other business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

April 9, 2008

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 10:30AM.

President Griffin called the meeting to order and Commissioner Lafont called roll.

**ATTENDED:** Chuckie Cheramie, Perry Gisclair, Jimmy Lafont, Larry Griffin, Jimmy Guidry, and Ervin Bruce

**ABSENT:** Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, and John Melancon

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved the March 10, 2008 special meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the March 11, 2008 regular meeting minutes.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the March 26, 2008 special meeting minutes.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion Update – Engineer John Plaisance stated that Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #3 is currently being advertised and scheduled to open bids on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the plans and specs will be delivered to DOTD for their review next week for Slip B, East Bulkhead, Project #4, Phase I - 700 LF. He expects a quick turnaround since DOTD reviewed the plans prior to the change in steel sheets. Mr. Picciola also stated that he has met with Gore Engineers to test the soil conditions for Slip B, East Bulkhead, Project #4, Phase II – 1,100 LF.

Airport Update/Project Status – President Griffin requested to add to the agenda the LOOP agreement. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Perry Gisclair, a two-thirds vote was taken to add the LOOP agreement which resulted in all yeas. Mr. Autin reported that after discussions with LOOP, they are now ready to execute an agreement with the Commission. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the LOOP agreement regarding the relocation of the drainage ditch at the Airport. Mr. Breaux reported that the Parallel Taxiway project should resume since we did receive a letter of no objection from the Corps regarding the relocation of the ditch along with the approval of the LOOP agreement. Mr. Breaux stated that the EDA Waterline and Roadway project at the airport is being advertised. The bid opening is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>. The cost estimate is \$900,000. He then invited the public to the Open House Fundraiser hosted by GAO FBO Services at our airport. It is this weekend Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon.

FEMA Update – Mr. Chett Chiasson reported that there is a change order request from Stranco, Inc. which the engineer is reviewing for Phase I Front Marina Bulkhead Repair project. We will hopefully have a recommendation to present to the board at the next meeting. He reported that Phase II of the Front Bulkhead Repair project is complete and there is a substantial completion certificate for approval today. The Maritime Forest Ridge Shaping project notice to proceed is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> and should take about 4 months to complete. The plans and specifications for the Beach Sand Fill Dredging project should be complete by this week to proceed with the dredging of Pass Fourchon.

Director Falgout stated that he has received public notice of a permit application by the Caillouet Land Corporation for placing material being dredged by the Commission from Pass Fourchon on to the Caillouet property. Mr. Falgout expressed concern in that more than likely it will be a large dredge

doing the job and it would not be conducive to accommodate the spoil pumped by that equipment into the designated spoil area by the Caillouet's. There are some concerns about the design of that project to use hay bails as retainer levees. The Port will comment on their permit application and Mr. Autin has already sent an email. The permit is out on notice and we will pursue how to accommodate the size of equipment we will use and/or if Caillouet can use the spoil at all. The Caillouet permit will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Mr. Chiasson, Mr. Breaux, and Lafourche Parish President Randolph, along with Picciola and Associates staff met to discuss the FEMA elevations in Fourchon and permitting issues that tenants are having. The Parish will host a workshop for tenants to discuss elevations and permitting issues on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Galliano Administration building.

Commissioner Lafont questioned if the Caillouet's can't use the spoil because their plan cannot accommodate it, if the Port can use it on the beach. Director Falgout replied that our permit allows for beach placement. We do have some very legitimate concerns for the placement of spoil in an environmentally sensitive area with oyster leases surrounding it with retainer structures that cannot accommodate that material.

Director Falgout reported that VIH Helicopters is closing on their bonds next week on April 15<sup>th</sup> which will allow them to begin building their facility at the South Lafourche Leonard Miller Jr. Airport.

Highway Improvements – Mr. Henri Boulet with the LA 1 Coalition reported that Phase 1C (Center Span) is 74% complete. Phase 1B (4 mile approaches) are currently 45% complete. Phase 1A (Highway in Fourchon) is now 6% complete. He reported that bids for Phase 1D (Customer Service Center & Toll Plaza) will be open on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Construction should begin this summer with completion coinciding with the opening of Phases 1B and 1C.

Wilber Smith continues to identify the right of ways for Phase 2 (Leeville to Golden Meadow). DOTD is hosting a meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> with multiple agencies to discuss a finalized alignment. Right of way maps are due back to the state in August of this year.

Within the last month, he has spoken with both of our U.S. Senators concerning funding sources for Phase 2. Both agree that one of the most logical agencies to seek funding is through Homeland Security. The Coalition recently hosted meetings with Section Chiefs of Homeland Security's Office of Infrastructure Protection and Office of Risk Management to move our funding need forward through Homeland Security's most appropriate channels. Mr. Boulet is working with their regional DHS staff at having LA 1 assessed for it's vulnerability to the nation's energy security.

Along with other regional agencies, the Coalition is participating in a working committee of the South Lafourche Levee District in addressing recent intentions by the Corps of Engineers to decertify the levee systems. The committee met on Monday, and everyone left with task to complete. The levee district is the lead in this effort and will be providing the community with more information as it becomes available.

The Corps of Engineers Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration project team is hosting a stakeholder meeting in Houma on April 16<sup>th</sup>. It will discuss the content of the draft technical report. The Coalition has urged the Corps to include maximum protection of the LA 1 Corridor in the congressionally required federal plan for Coastal Protection and Restoration.

Today, DOTD is hosting an annual update and site visit of the LA 1 Project for the bonding agencies that are part of the finance team. We are pleased to have Governor Jindal's newly appointed Secretary of DOTD, Secretary William Ankner here to see first hand the investment in oil and gas infrastructure within the LA 1 Corridor and the vulnerability of Louisiana Highway 1. A few other guests that are here today are Kimberly Swain with the bonding agency, Michael Bridges the undersecretary of DOTD, and Sherri LaBas from DOTD.

Director Falgout presented to the board the presentation of slides from Dr. Loren Scott's study of the significance of Port Fourchon and this region. The total impact of the Port shutting down for 3 weeks from any emergency would cause a loss of nearly \$10 billion in sales at \$66 per barrel of oil. The loss of sales would result in loss of household earnings of U.S. citizens by nearly \$3 billion and a total

Building in Galliano. Donald Vizier was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously adopted the DOTD resolution for authority to advertise for Northern Expansion, Slip B, East Bulkhead Project (578-29-0019-321).

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate from Grand Isle Shipyard dated March 20<sup>th</sup> for the Front Marina Bulkhead Repairs Phase II.

Finance Committee - Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on March 26, 2008, at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were John Melancon, Jimmy Guidry, and Larry Griffin. Wilbert Collins was absent. The committee also met on April 9, 2008 at the Administrations Building in Galliano. Wilbert Collins was present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved payment of March invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved to resume rentals from Fourchon Seafood for site GLF107 effective May 1<sup>st</sup> conditioned upon there being no request to construct any wharves not currently present on the premises.

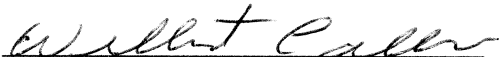
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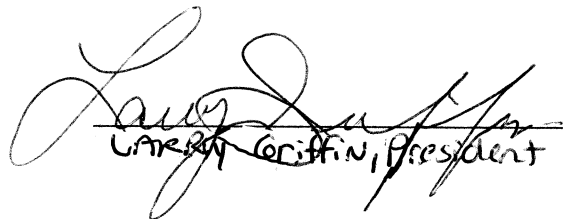
Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests by Paula Schouest to attend the AAPA Public Relations Committee Meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> in Texas, Chett Chiasson to attend the AAPA Port Finance Seminar on June 9<sup>th</sup> in Canada, Ted Falgout and Wilbert Collins to attend the Gulf Ports Association Spring Meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> in Mississippi.

President Griffin questioned the rental status on Kajun Truck Plaza. Mr. Rome reported that they were behind on rental payments from January, February and March. A notice of default letter was sent to them on March 20<sup>th</sup> which requires them to bring their rental up to date for the 3 months within 30 days. The board can take action on or around April 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

ATTEST:

  
Wilbert Collins, Secretary

  
Larry Griffin, President