AGENDA November 10, 2010 at 10:30 AM (Revised 11/09/10 at 10:00 AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for October 13, 2010 regular meeting and October 27, 2010 special meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report

A. Northern Expansion

- 1) Slip B East 1100 LF Bulkhead, Phase 4 (Angelette-Picciola)
- 2) Slip B 1100 LF Dredging & Flotation Canal (Angelette-Picciola)
- 3) Slip B Adam "Ted" Gisclair Roadway (Picciola & Associates)
- 4) Slip B 1871 LF Bulkhead (Picciola & Associates)

B. Airport Projects

- 1) Perimeter Fencing
- 2) Taxilane Connector
- C. FEMA Projects Beach Stabilization

D. Port Security and Grant Projects

- 1) 400' Communications Tower and Foundation
- 2) Telecommunication Infrastructure Project
- 3) Multi-Agency Security Response Center
- 4) Phase II MDA Camera networking improvements

E. Other Port Projects

- 1) Martin Terminal Slip #1 Repairs
- 2) N.J. Theriot Road Culvert Replacement
- 3) Boat lift Extensions
- F. LA 1 Highway Improvements
- G. Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill

VI. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

- 1) Consider approving the request Mad Trucking to reduce size of Leased Premises
- 2) Consider approving the request from Trussco for a landlord agreement
- Consider approving the request from RCS to amend lease providing for emergency access across Public Tug Dock road
- Consider approving the request from LOOP to lease additional property adjacent to tank farm at Airport
- 5) Consider approving the revised Public Tug Dock Agreement
- Consider approving the Intergovernmental Agreement with South Lafourche Levee District for South Lafourche Storm Harbor Marina site
- Consider approving the request for Right of Entry from Corps for maintenance dredging of Belle Pass

B. Permits & Waterways Committee

- 1) Review and consider quotes for sunken vessel located in Galliano
- Review permit applications from Greater Lafourche Port Commission; and ConocoPhillips Company

C. Construction & Development Committee

- 1) Consider approving the Change Order from Low Land for the Slip B 1100' Bulkhead project
- Consider adopting the DOTD resolution Accepting the Work for the Slip B 1100' Bulkhead project
- 3) Consider approving the Change Order from RMD Holdings for the Approach Lighting project
- 4) Consider awarding the low bid for the Telecommunications Infrastucture project

D. Finance Committee

- 1) Consider payment of October invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
- 2) Consider approving October Financial Statement
- 3) Consider amending the 2010 Budget for rental reduction

VII. Any other business

- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION November 10, 2010

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 10:30AM.

President Griffin called the meeting to order and Secretary Collins called roll.

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

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the minutes for October 13, 2010 regular meeting and October 27, 2010 special meeting.

Executive Director's Report

<u>Presentation of Resolution</u> – Director Chiasson stated that he has a resolution to present to Mr. Johnny Melancon's wife and family in memory of Mr. Johnny. He then read the resolution that was approved at the special meeting on October 27, 2010. President Griffin then presented the framed resolution and photos to Mrs. Gilda Melancon and family members John Melancon Jr. and Trisha Duet that were present.

Northern Expansion - Engineer Larry Picciola reported that Slip B East 1100 LF Bulkhead project is complete and the balancing change order is later on the agenda. The change order is a decrease of \$214,960.51 and 114 additional weather days. Larry Picciola reported that the contractor for the Slip B 1100 LF Dredging & Flotation Canal plans to start dredging around the 20th of this month.

Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the plans and specs for the Slip B Adam "Ted" Gisclair Roadway project are complete. The project is currently being advertised with the bid opening scheduled for November 22nd at 2:00PM. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for November 15th at 10:00AM in Fourchon. Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the plans and specs for the Slip B 1871 LF Bulkhead project are complete. DOTD has approved the plans and the project is currently being advertised with the bid opening scheduled for December 2nd at 10:00AM. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for November 23rd at 2:00PM in Fourchon.

Airport Projects – Mr. Davie Breaux reported that the contractor Liberty Fence is on site today along with the engineer doing the layout of the Perimeter Fencing project. The notice to proceed will be issued on November 15th. He spoke to the permitting agency who allowed us to start the project however we will not work in the designated area while awaiting the permit. Mr. Breaux stated that the contracts with Byron Talbot have been signed for the Taxilane Connector project. Gisclair questioned how far would the fence pass from the levee on the north side, which Breaux replied that the fence will be on the Airport side of the ditch right behind the DME site, and not on the hurricane levee side.

<u>FEMA Projects</u> – Chiasson stated that he had a meeting last Friday with BP, USCG, and FEMA to discuss the Beach Stabilization project area and a cleanup strategy so we can move forward to repair the project. It will take more meetings before a plan is finalized but the ball is rolling and they all understood that this needs to be cleaned. We also recognized that because of the timeframe of construction this project will probably not be able to bid out until the fall of 2011. We have time to figure out what to do so we can finally get our repair project in place.

<u>Port Security and Grant Projects</u> – Breaux reported that the contractor Adesta did receive 7 truckloads of steel for the 400' Communications Tower and Foundation project. The engineer will begin inspecting the steel today. All the foundation work has been complete with all testing results good. April Danos reported that the bids for the Telecommunication Infrastructure project were received November

1st. The low bidder was Ernest P. Breaux Electrical for \$639,720.00 which is later on the agenda. The Multi-Agency Response Center architect's contract is in final review expected to be complete by next week. She also has meetings scheduled with Fire Central and Lafourche Parish Ambulance to discuss plans for the building. The Camera Networking Improvements pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for November 16th at 9:00AM in Fourchon. Gisclair questioned the change order discussed on Monday night regarding the 45 additional days for Tower and Foundation project; which Mrs. Danos replied that the engineer is not recommending approval. Chiasson reported to the board that the Port did purchase a new construction sign at the tower site which will be reusable for other Port projects. Mr. Leo Holzenthal with the engineer's office for the tower addressed the board. He stated that all but one truck delivered components today. We will check today all components delivered to verify that there are no deviations from the original drawings for the contractor to begin assembling the sections.

Other Port Projects – Chiasson reported that plans are complete for the Martin Terminal Slip #1 Repairs. The project will begin advertising on November 17th with the bid opening scheduled for December 15th. Breaux reported that the culverts were replaced two weeks ago for the N.J. Theriot Road Culvert Replacement project. The contractor allowed time for material to compact and plans to do pavement patch work in the next few weeks to complete the project.

Breaux reported that the Boat Lift Extension project for the Nerby Collins Marina and the Front Commercial Marina is being advertised with the bid opening scheduled for November 16th. Guidry questioned if the new lift would be the same capacity as the old one, which Breaux replied that new lift will be larger than the one currently there. The lift itself is not included in the bid. The bid is for the roofing and the structure. We will probably use the new lift for the Port's new vessel. Gisclair questioned if the new lift at Nerby Collins would be in the same place, which Breaux replied yes it will be adjacent to the one currently there.

LA 1 Highway Improvements – Henri Boulet reported permitting from regulatory agencies concerning the pier removal from the old Leeville Bridge is still in progress. The percentage of completion of Phase 1A of the LA 1 Project as of October 31st was 74%, with 75% of the time elapsed. Relative to tolls on Phase 1, DOTD is investigating outsourcing and simplifying the toll system. If they do outsource and simplify the toll system, they would have to amend the toll schedule because they would not have as many toll rate categories. This would have to be approved by the bond holders, Citigroup, and the insurer of the bonds. They would need to do a revised traffic study to make sure they are meeting the bond indebtedness obligation with the setting of revised toll rates. According to DOTD reports, truck traffic from March of this year compared to October shows a 14% drop in trucks. Because the moratorium was put in place due to the BP Spill, he conveyed to DOTD that they should rightfully apply to the BP fund because the loss revenue can be directly attributed to the moratorium and hence, the spill. This was discussed in detail with DOTD's Undersecretary for Finances Michael Bridges earlier this week.

Moving on to Phase II update on Right-of-Way acquisition work, the 2 pending properties are getting closer to being resolved, and 3 properties remain on hold pending R/O/W map revisions. The geotechnical field work in Phase II will still have delays of a few weeks due to the required permit/agreement with the landowners concerning their hunting leases, as well as some delays they had on receiving specialized equipment for the cone petrometer tests. Work on modifying the R/O/W maps at the southern end of Phase II in order to accommodate a relocated Bollinger Canal is progressing. DOTD design consultants will soon begin geometric layout drawings for the relocated Bollinger Canal Crossing and the Connector. Concerning construction funding for Phase II, the LA 1 Project application to the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER II Grant Program was not funded. The largest project funded was for \$47 million, and our request was for \$100 million. We also did not have a secured match from our state or the private sector. The USDOT had \$19 billion requested in this program, with only \$600 million to award nationwide. Our next opportunity for substantial funding will be in the 5-year Highway Bill, known as the reauthorization of the SAFETY-LU, which has a 50% chance of getting passed next year. You may recall the LA 1 Project received \$60 million from this bill in 2005. He continues to seek documented support from 5 major federal agencies in Washington to support our funding request (DHS, DOI, DOC, EPA, NAVY). As well, he is seeking support from the US Chamber

of Commerce. In a meeting with US Chamber Infrastructure personnel, they encouraged Boulet to work toward having all state and industry matches fully committed to in any future federal request. To this effort, he has worked with DOTD last month in a \$100 million capital outlay submittal for LA 1, and if permitting of deepwater projects progresses, the private sector will be more encouraged to participate as a third funding party.

Finally, relative not only to LA 1 infrastructure but also to port and levee infrastructure, Entergy Corporation recently released a \$4 million study titled Building a Resilient Energy Gulf Coast to develop a framework and fact base to quantify future risks from three key hazards – hurricanes, subsidence, and sea level rise. This is the most scientific study done in our region on these topics, and he has forwarded to Chett some slides Entergy made available in predicting how existing LA 1 and incidentally the port will fare with these impacts in 2030, 2050, and 2100. The first slide showed what will be at risk in our area for those years as for as infrastructure being underwater. The next slide showed the intersection at LA 3090 underwater in 2050. So he recommended that the state, parish, and port need to, sometime in the future, think about a planning process for long –term enhancements to all projected infrastructure that will be impacted.

Gisclair stated that on the GeauxPass website Griffin's in Leeville is still not listed as a kiosk place and Grand Isle still shows Sureway, which Boulet replied he will contact DOTD to update it.

Chiasson questioned if Boulet had an update on the work Entergy is doing to move lines, which Boulet replied that Entergy has not had the delays that were anticipated for this year so at this point they will let him know if any delays will impact the Port. They are planning to switch over in mid-November. All of the Port's power is on the line along the existing LA 1 and that line couldn't handle all the loads the Port has during the summer so the timing of the switch over should all work out. The other line they will be working on is further in the marsh connecting to LOOP which they will have to coordinate with them as they cut through lines. Chiasson questioned if the LA1 road project would be slowed down by Entergy's project, Boulet replied they are trying to avoid any delays to not have to pay penalties. DOTD has discussed with the contractor James Construction to work with them on slowing down to give Entergy a few days to remove the line.

Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill – Chiasson gave an update on the oil spill work going on in the Port. There are 397 people working on the beach; 108 working water operations; 357 working the hot zone area (digging under the surface); 759 decon personnel; with a total of 1621 additional workers in Port. New absorbent boom being deployed and recovered as necessary with 38,400 ft available and 430 ft recovered yesterday. Decon work going on throughout the Port and vessels are being deconned at 4 different locations with 9 vessels at the decon locations yesterday. Waste recovered: 1,179 bags from beach; 43 bags from Waterside; 88 cubic yards from the hot zone area; 264 bags from boats in East Timbalier; and 215 bags from boats in West Timbalier. We continue to submit and receive reimbursements from BP for the increased cost of operations mostly Harbor Police overtime. He stated that we will be submitting to BP for loss revenues due to the oil spill within the next week. Chiasson stated that he met with a group of SCIA members yesterday along with Congressman Elect Jeff Landry to discuss regional issues and the two issues heavily discussed were Oil and Gas Drilling Permits and Infrastructure. Landry discussed ideas on how he can help this region to expedite work and also infrastructure issues such as the LA 1 project. He is working hard to position himself to get on the House Transportation Committee and/or the House Natural Resource Committee.

Commissioner Gisclair exited the meeting.

Committee Reports

<u>Executive Committee</u> – The committee met on October 27, 2010 at the Operations Center in Port Fourchon. Present was Chairman Larry Griffin, Jimmy Lafont, Wilbert Collins, and Perry Gisclair. The committee also met on November 8, 2010 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration the request from Mad Trucking to reduce the size of Leased Premises. Chiasson stated that the request is to downsize lease by 200' on the corner of A.J. Estay Road and 16th Street. He stated that if we reduce the property as requested the remaining property will be less than 1 acre and not marketable and difficult to lease. He recommended not reducing

the property at this time and he will continue to work with Mad Trucking to determine other options. Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously tabled the request from Mad Trucking to reduce property.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the request from Trussco, Inc. for a landlord agreement, subject to our Port Attorney's revisions.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration the request from RCS to amend lease providing for an emergency access across the Public Tug Dock Road. Chiasson reported that BP has set up a decon station on this site and requested that they have a separate location for emergency access in and out. This amendment will be for emergency access only. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie to approve the lease amendment with RCS which was second by Ervin Bruce, the floor was open for discussion. Vizier stated that this will only be for emergencies, which Chiasson replied yes and RCS will be notifying the USCG of these changes. Griffin questioned if they will have a guard set up there; which Chiasson replied that as long as the USCG knows the plan is for emergency access only it should be okay. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration the request from LOOP to lease additional property adjacent to their tank farm at the Airport. Chiasson stated that the request is for a 50' x 50' site located near the buffer zone pump site. The lease will be at the normal rate which will be \$250.00 per year. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie to approve the LOOP request which was second by Wilbert Collins, the floor was open for discussion. Cheramie requested that we find out what they are using the pipe for, which Breaux replied that it is a 42" fuel oil line and in the agreement it states that it has to be all welded with no flanges buried underground. Vizier questioned how many years, which Mr. Autin replied that this is an amendment to the buffer zone lease which is a 50 year lease with a 2% yearly escalation. Lafont stated that this is the second or third time they come to us, first was the buffer zone will this ever stop. They already took the 30 ft. r/w since they continue to grow, which Chiasson stated that we will not make any decisions that will hinder the Airport operations; none made thus far hinder our operations. In the future it may come to that but that would be it. Guidry questioned if the agreement specifies that they will not put buildings in that area, which Autin replied that all they can do is bury that line underground. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the revised Public Tug Dock Agreement.

President Griffin presented for the board's approval the Intergovernmental Agreement with South Lafourche Levee District ("SLLD") for the South Lafourche Storm Harbor Marina site. Chiasson stated that this property is just north of the Golden Meadow lock system along LA 1. The agreement is that the SLLD would give us the property and in turn we would give them the dirt we dredge out and deliver the dirt to a specified location nearby. Vizier questioned what type of dredge, which Chiasson replied it would be a bucket dredge. Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry to approve the agreement with the SLLD which was second by Wilbert Collins, the floor was open for discussion. Lafont questioned is it \$300,000 for dirt, which Chiasson replied that the price paid for the property was \$320,000. Lafont questioned if this will help in preventing the SLLD from taking portions of people's property, which Chiasson replied that the material will be about \$190,000 of dirt. Engineer John Plaisance stated that it will be only about 30,000 cubic yards of material. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the request for Right of Entry from Corps for maintenance dredging of Belle Pass.

<u>Permits & Waterways Committee</u> - The committee met on October 27, 2010 at the Operations Center in Port Fourchon. Present was Chairman Chuckie Cheramie, Larry Griffin, Jimmy Lafont, and Perry Gisclair. The committee also met on November 8, 2010 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review and consideration the quotes received to remove the sunken vessel in Galliano. Chiasson reported that we only received 1 quote from J&M Pile Driving in the amount of \$38,000. There were 8 different companies that were notified which none of them seem interested. Frank Terrebonne has since spoken to J&M Pile Driving and they offered a different option. They would like to come in and see if it possible pump out the vessel and in turn they

would only charge \$20,000 to get out and if not they won't charge us anything. J&M Pile Driving can come next weekend and try to lift the vessel. Cheramie requested that we wait until the next committee meeting to further discuss. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously tabled the removal of the sunken vessel in Galliano.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review the permit applications from the Greater Lafourche Port Commission and ConocoPhillips Company.

<u>Construction & Development Committee</u> - The committee met on October 27, 2010 at the Operations Center in Port Fourchon. Present was Chairman Ervin Bruce, Larry Griffin, Donald Vizier, and John Melancon Jr. The committee also met on November 8, 2010 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Low Land Construction Co. a decrease of \$214,960.61 and 114 additional days for Slip B 1100 LF Bulkhead project.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by John Melancon Jr., the board unanimously adopted the DOTD resolution Accepting the Work for Slip B 1100 LF Bulkhead project.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from RMD Holdings an increase of \$600.00 for the Approach Lighting project.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by John Melancon Jr., the board unanimously awarded the low bidder Ernest P. Breaux Electrical in the amount of \$639,720.00 the Telecommunications Infrastructure project.

<u>Finance Committee</u> - The committee met on October 27, 2010 at the Operations Center in Port Fourchon. Present was Chairman Jimmy Guidry, Larry Griffin, Wilbert Collins, and John Melancon Jr. The committee also met on November 8, 2010 with all members present.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by John Melancon Jr., the board unanimously approved payment of October invoices totaling \$979,716.20 and recognized expenditures over \$10,000.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by John Melancon Jr., the board unanimously approved the October Financial Statement.

Chairman Guidry presented for the board's consideration amending the 2010 Budget for rental reduction. James Rome reported that this is being presented due to the reduction in lease basic rentals from July 1st and projected until December 31st. Proposing gross budget amendment to revenues of \$1,571,485.40; with associated reduction of landowner expense of \$250,155.29; with net income reduction in cash of \$1,321,330.11. Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry to approve the amendment to the 2010 budget which was second by Wilbert Collins, the floor was open for discussion. Lafont questioned if the 30% reduction in rent is still under same administration if it goes another several months it will be more expenses than this, which Rome replied that these numbers are only associated with the 2010 budget and if it continues through next year it will also run into the 2011 budget. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas.

President Griffin opened the floor for any other business. Mr. Al Danos with the S.L. Beachfront Development District (SLBDD) addressed the board. He stated that the SLBDD has completed the strategic plan which has been handed out to the board today. The SLLBDD met with Wildlife and Fisheries yesterday on Elmer's to look for ways to work together with our common interest. They are planning to open next summer and moving forward with that and we will continue to work with the Port as we have in the past. He then invited the board to attend the SLBDD meeting tonight.

President Griffin opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Farrell Charpentier addressed the board. He questioned the location of Slip B 1100 LF Dredging & Flotation Canal, which Chiasson replied that we are dredging 1100 LF along Slip B and also on the east side of Flotation Canal toward Slip C. Charpentier questioned if the board has future plans to widen the Flotation Canal at the intersection of Bayou Lafourche going up front, which Breaux replied that the area where it is narrow in Flotation Canal will be widened with this dredge to allow more room for vessel traffic.

Lafont announced that a soldier Ryan Louviere left Germany and arrived in San Antonio burn unit last night. There were 2 other soldiers killed in the accident. He asked everyone to keep him in their

prayers and all soldiers. Louviere is in bad shape with the injuries he sustained however he is in good spirits and already wants to go back.

Chiasson reminded the board and the public that the scheduled Blood Drive will be at our next board meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in memory of Mr. Johnny Melancon.

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

ATTEST:

Wilbert Collins, Seedetary Cell