AGENDA February 15, 2012 at 10:30 AM

(Revised 2/14/12 at 9:00AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for January 11, 2012 regular meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report

A. Northern Expansion

1. Slip B 1871 LF Dredge & Slip C Dredge (Picciola & Associates)

B. Airport Projects

- 1. Parallel Taxiway "A" South Paving
- 2. PAPI System
- 3. Hangar & Foundation

C. FEMA Projects

- 1. Bathhouse
- 2. Beach Repair Project

D. Port Security and Grant Projects

- 1. Telecommunication Infrastructure Project (2007)
- 2. Camera Networking Improvements (2008)
- 3. Multi-Agency Emergency Response/Operations Building (2009)
- 4. Radar Video Surveillance (2009)5. LPSO Building (2009)

E. Other Port Projects

- 1. Martin Slip #1 Bulkhead Repairs
- 2. Airport Maintenance Shop
- 3. Nerby Collins Marina Bulkhead Repair

F. LA 1 Highway Improvements Report

G. Gulf of Mexico Updates

VI. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

- 1. Consider 2012 South Lafourche Levee District board nominations
- 2. Consider designating Guidry Brothers' request as a bona fide written offer to lease 200 LF north of GLF622
- 3. Consider approving the request from HOS Port to extend the mooring dolphin lease agreement and Right of First Refusal on additional 9 mooring dolphins
- 4. Consider approving the soil sampling servitude with landowners

Permits & Waterways Committee

- 1. Review permit applications from the Alpine Exploration Companies, Inc.; David Industries, Inc.; and Swift Energy Operating, LLC
- 2. Consider amendment of Public Tug Dock usage agreements

C. Construction & Development Committee

- 1. Consider approving the Change Order No. 1 from Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel for the Slip B 1871 LF Dredge & SLIP C project
- 2. Consider approving the Partial Substantial Completion Certificate from Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel for dredging of Slip B 1871 LF
- 3. Consider approving the Clear Lien Certificate from Phylway Construction for the Adam "Ted" Gisclair Roadway – Phase 2 project
- 4. Consider approving the Clear Lien Certificate from E.P. Breaux Electrical for the Telecommunication Infrastructure project
- 5. Consider approving the Clear Lien Certificate from Cellxion for the Communication Buildings project
- 6. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from Convergint Technologies for the Camera Networking Improvements
- 7. Consider approving the Change Order No. 3 from Prime Controls for the Camera Networking Improvements
- 8. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from Prime Controls for the Camera **Networking Improvements**
- 9. Consider approving the contract with Lafourche Parish Sheriff Office for buildings in the 2009 Port **Security Grant**

D. Finance Committee

- 1. Consider payment of January invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
- 2. Consider approving the out of state travel request

VII. Any other business

VIII. **Public Comment**

IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION February 15, 2012

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 10:30 AM.

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 John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the minutes for January 11, 2012 regular meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the contractor Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel Co. has completed dredging in front of Slip B for the Slip B 1871 LF Dredge & Slip C Dredge project. The Partial Substantial Completion for the Slip B portion is later on the agenda. The contractor is in the process of moving to Slip C. Executive Director Chett Chiasson questioned if the after dredge survey of Slip B is being done today, which Engineer Picciola replied yes.

<u>Airport Projects</u> – Airport Manager Joe Wheeler reported that the contractor for the Parallel Taxiway "A" South Paving is waiting on the final test for the aggregate then they will start installing aggregate. He stated that the PAPI System Upgrade is complete and we are waiting the flight check for commissioning which is expected on March 15th. The contractor has driven all the piles for the Hangar & Foundation and will start forming up for concrete. The aircraft activity for January was at 1172 with 777 of helicopters and 395 of fixed wing.

<u>FEMA Projects</u> – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the Bathhouse is being advertised with the bid opening scheduled on March 7th at 10AM. Cheramie questioned the estimate, which Picciola replied \$330,000. Chiasson reported that in regards to the Beach Repair Project, later on the agenda for approval is the soil boring access agreements with Caillouet and Wisner. The soil borings should only take 3 days to do and once results are in we will see if we can move forward with the project or not. Lafont questioned that with the insurance coverage issue being resolved was there any extra cost to the Port, which Chiasson replied no.

Port Security and Grant Projects - Engineer Shawn Keller reported that later on the agenda for the Telecommunication Infrastructure Project are the Clear Lien Certificates from E.P. Breaux for the electrical work and the certificate from Cellxion for the purchase of the buildings. In regards to the Camera Networking Improvements project, Mr. Craig Noel reported that on the agenda today for approval is the Substantial Completion Certificates from Prime Controls for the installation of the wireless video surveillance system and the certificate from Convergint Technologies for the deployment of the video management system. He stated that the video analytics deployment is scheduled for mid-March and they are currently negotiating the contract. Mr. Davie Breaux reported that the Multi-Agency Emergency Operations Building drawings were received on Monday from the architect and are being reviewed by the administrative staff. Cheramie stated that the last drawings used timber piles and questioned if that is in the new drawings, which Breaux replied no they show concrete piles. Chiasson stated that we are working on the Request for Proposals for the Radar Video Surveillance which is 75% complete. Once complete, we will go out for proposals. Chiasson stated that later on the agenda for approval is the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (LPSO) Building contract between the Port and LPSO.

We are the fiduciary agent for this Port Security project which means it is a flow through contract. The funds will come to us and we will then reimburse LPSO.

Other Port Projects – Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the construction of the Martin Slip #1 Bulkhead Repairs project is moving slowly but continues with all the uncovered objects in the way. He stated that all the steel sheet bulkhead, waler beams, and bumper pipe are installed. There are 2 steel piles left to drive. The contractor started this morning boring under the existing building to install tie rods. There is to date \$88,000 of change orders which may be more due to fuel barges and other delays. We are trying to keep it under \$100,000. Chiasson questioned the time frame of completion, which Picciola replied that it will be another month or 6 weeks. Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the contractor Capstone Builders has driven all the piles for the Airport Maintenance Shop. They are now forming up the foundation to pour the concrete. Engineer John Plaisance reported that the Nerby Collins Marina Bulkhead Repair is still on hold waiting the Court of Appeals judgment.

<u>LA 1 Highway Improvements Report</u> - Henri Boulet reported that the speed study performed on the intersection at Port Fourchon by the district traffic engineer has been submitted to DOTD Headquarters for review by DOTD's Chief Engineer. On the new elevated highway between Port Fourchon and Leeville, the "NO LEFT TURN" movement for the north bound mainline at the south connector is due to negligible projected traffic counts at the intersection, an alternate route of access via old LA1 from Fourchon, and most importantly safety. Left turn movements at this location require slow-to-stop driving conditions for the turning vehicle while crossing oncoming traffic. Concerning the implementation of the cash toll booth at the toll gantry, DOTD began advertising for an electrical contractor last Friday, with bids due next Monday. The state continues to estimate going live with the toll booth operation in April.

Concerning pre-construction work on Phase II, DOTD is awaiting Federal Highway Administration (FHA) approval of the advertisement for Phase II Design, and then it will be advertised. Of the southern three R/O/W parcels being acquired, one of the appraisals is done. Concerning construction funding for Phase II's Segment A near Golden Meadow, the Coalition has not received word yet on a potential grant award from a FHA from which we requested \$18 million in funding for the \$45 million segment. We did, however, learn in a Washington, DC de-briefing with the USDOT officials that our recent TIGER III grant application was not awarded funding because the segment of LA 1 we proposed to build did not provide for USDOT's definition of "immediate utility", although they acknowledged our strong argument that we need this ramp to deliver pilings on eighteen wheelers to build the larger middle section of the project with the required end-on construction method. DOTD Secretary Lebas is scheduled to meet with federal highway officials on this very topic soon, and we will review construction funding options at that time. Know that our state fully recognizes the challenges to LA 1 and the need to elevate it. The state's Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, under the Governor's Office earlier this month outlined recommendations for restoration projects to plan for a 1-meter mean rise in the sea level of the Gulf by the year 2100.

On other highway projects in the area, the new Bayou Lafourche Lift-Span Bridge at Larose is 81% complete with 90% of its contract time elapsed. The completion date estimated continues to be some time in August. The new Caminada Bay Bridge was open to traffic this past Monday at 11AM. The contractor still has work to do on the job, such as removal of the old bridge and approaches, which should begin shortly. The new bridge will be open to traffic throughout this procedure. Finally, DOTD had public hearings in each of their districts recently to take comments on their proposed 2012-2013 Highway Program. They have budgeted to do some significant maintenance work on the Larose Intracoastal Lift Bridge starting some time after July in their new budget year.

Collins questioned the status of the LA 3235 to Highway 90 overpass in Larose, which Boulet replied that there was a study done years ago on the most economical location to not have to buy out a lot of homes. The last thing was that the highway would go north on LA 1 to Valentine area and cross over then follow the railroad track to Highway 90. There is no money for that at this time. He stated that his first priority is to work on getting a 2-way highway to Fourchon. Gisclair stated that in April there is supposed to be a cash toll booth on the toll gantry in Leeville and questioned how that will be constructed. Boulet

replied that they would move the barrier slightly and install a cash toll booth on the centerline of 2 lanes. The traffic would pass on one side to pay at the toll booth and the other lane would be for toll tags to go thru. DOTD will be working on the electrical to install the communication wires. Gisclair questioned if that would make the lanes more narrow, which Boulet replied that it will change slightly but it has to be wide enough for wide loads unless the load is escorted by state police and use the exiting lane. Guidry questioned if the booth would be manned 24 hours, which Boulet replied yes. Boulet stated that DOTD would build another type of building nearby for the workers. He stated that the system that will be installed will let the worker know how much to charge.

Gulf of Mexico Updates – Chiasson reported that there is still cleanup being done on Fourchon Beach in Zones 1 and 2. They are also monitoring the islands in the area for any oil. He reported that the Bureau of Safety Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Director Admiral Watson did attend our Fourchon meeting and relayed to the board his involvement with industry and the permitting process. Chiasson stated that he was in Washington, DC last week and attended a congressional briefing along with Parish President Randolph, Corey Kieff, and Lori Leblanc with GEST. He stated that the room was full of about 30 people all from outside of Louisiana discussing the oil and gas industry and the permitting side. Chiasson stated that there is a dredge in Belle Pass doing work for the West Belle Pass Headland Restoration project which should be there until August. He reported that the USCG contractor is on site replacing the jetty markers driving 150 ft. steel pilings at the end of both jetties.

Committee Reports

<u>Executive Committee</u> - The Committee met on January 25, 2012 at Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Larry Griffin, Jimmy Lafont, Perry Gisclair, and Wilbert Collins. They also met on February 13, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration the 2012 South Lafourche Levee District board nominations. Chiasson stated that we advertised for people interested in being nominated and received 3 resumes and applications from Monty Vegas, Harris Cheramie, Sr. and Roy Gisclair. We are required to submit these 3 nominations to the Governor's Office who will then appoint a member to the board. Port Attorney, Bryce Autin stated that each person needs to be selected by a majority vote which will result in 3 resolutions. Upon motion by John Melancon to nominate Monty Vegas which was second by Perry Gisclair, the board vote resulted in all yeas. Upon motion by John Melancon to nominate Harris Cheramie, Sr. which was second by Perry Gisclair, the board vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 abstain by Cheramie. Upon motion by John Melancon to nominate Roy Gisclair, which was second by Jimmy Guidry, the board vote resulted in all yeas. Lafont stated that we advertised and took applications to get new interest but we only received one new applicant because two applicants are already on the board.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration designating Guidry Brothers' request as a bona fide written offer to lease 200 LF north of GLF622. Chiasson stated that Chouest Shorebase Services already has a Right of First Refusal on 771 LF of property north of GLF622. He stated that the action taken today will be presented to Chouest Shorebase to determine if they will commence the lease on 200 LF. Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously designated the bona fide offer from Guidry Bros for 200 LF of property.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the request from HOS Port to extend the mooring dolphin lease agreement and a Right of First Refusal on the remaining 9 mooring dolphins. Chiasson stated that the lease agreement will extend until 2013 and will have 5 one year options and the RFR will be for the next 9 dolphins.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Soil Sampling Servitude with the landowners subject to inclusion of acceptable indemnity provisions.

<u>Permits & Waterways Committee</u> - The committee met on January 25, 2012 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Chuckie Cheramie, Perry Gisclair, Jimmy Lafont, and Larry Griffin. They also met on February 13, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review the permit applications from Alpine Exploration Companies, Inc.; David Industries, Inc.; and Swift Energy Operating, LLC. Cheramie questioned if we sent a letter to DNR in opposition of prop washing in Alpine's permit, which Chiasson replied that he did call DNR and left a message but will call back to let them know our concerns.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved amending the Public Tug Dock Usage Agreements with the provisions as follows: (1) At all times during use of the Public Tug Dock, each separate vessel shall be occupied and "manned" by at least one licensed captain and one deckhand; and (2) Priority for space nearest the bulkhead shall be given to any vessel requiring such dockside location for minor topside repairs. In the event such location is requested by another vessel for such repairs, the vessel occupying the desired location shall accommodate said request. Upon completion of the repairs necessitating the dockside location, the vessels shall relocate to their initial positions/locations.

<u>Construction & Development Committee</u> - The committee met on January 25, 2012 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Donald Vizier, John Melancon, Ervin Bruce, and Larry Griffin. They also met on February 13, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration approving Change Order No. 1 from Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel for the Slip B 1871 LF Dredge & Slip C project which would increase the dredging quantities for Slip C. Chiasson recommended taking no action on this since we are in discussions with DOTD and awaiting their response.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the Partial Substantial Completion Certificate dated February 14, 2012 from Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel for dredging of Slip B 1871 LF. Gisclair stated that with the Slip B portion completed the tenants leasing the property will start paying rent, which Chiasson replied yes the majority of the bulkhead is leased to Guidry Bros and there is 100 LF leased to SURF Subsea.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Clear Lien Certificate from Phylway Construction for the Adam "Ted" Gisclair Roadway, Phase 2.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the Clear Lien Certificate from E.P. Breaux Electrical for the Telecommunication Infrastructure project.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the Clear Lien Certificate from Cellxion for the Communication Buildings project.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated January 27, 2012 from Convergint Technologies for the Camera Networking Improvements.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 3 an increase of \$24,065.21 and 33 additional days from Prime Controls for the Camera Networking Improvements.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated January 27, 2012 from Prime Controls for the Camera Networking Improvements.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the contract with LPSO for buildings in the 2009 Port Security Grant Program.

<u>Finance Committee</u> - The committee met on January 25, 2012 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Jimmy Guidry, John Melancon, Wilbert Collins, and Larry Griffin. They also met on February 13, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

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

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel request by Joe Wheeler to attend the FAA Partnership Conference in Oklahoma on February 25th; Joe Wheeler to attend the Airport Certified Employee Operations Class in Florida on March 4th; Davie Breaux to attend the AAPA Finance Seminar in Florida on April 16th; Chett Chiasson

and Davie Breaux to attend the AAPA Harbors, Navigation & Environmental Seminar in California on April 30th.

President Griffin opened the floor for any other business. Chiasson stated that in regards to the old Caminada Bay Bridge the contractor called him again and lowered the price to \$725,000 for the material from the old bridge. The concerns we have is that it is not just the flat road base but there are pilings that have rebar in it and it may cost more to deal with that than it is worth. He just wanted to inform the board but his recommendation is not to accept it. Chiasson stated that last week a 5-pile cluster was damaged again at the Nerby Collins Marina. He stated that we know the vessel owner who damaged it and we received quotes to replace the pile cluster with the low quote being \$5,500. The reason he is mentioning this is because we just replaced this four months ago and we continue to replace these over and over again. He recommends that we spend an extra \$10,000 and go with a 3-pile steel structure so we don't have to deal with the constant replacement. Vizier agreed. Chiasson stated that this does not need board action unless you disagree with our decision. We will move forward with purchasing steel to upgrade the marina. Guidry stated that this is a pat on the back for our camera system that caught the pilings being damaged by the vessel. Griffin questioned if we would still collect the \$5,500 from the vessel owner, which Chiasson replied yes. Gisclair questioned if the price included the removal of the damaged pile cluster since they broke it, which Breaux replied he will check and if not we will add that cost to the vessel owner. Vizier questioned that if the contractor would be willing to give the old Caminada Bridge material to the Port if we would accept it, which Chiasson replied if it was free we may. Chiasson stated that he will follow-up with the environmental organization to determine if we can use all the material or if we would have to remove the rebar from the material. Vizier stated that we can have barges install the wide slabs in the gulf which would be perfect near the breakwaters instead of rocks.

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

ATTEST:

Larry Griffin, President