

Greater Lafourche Port Commission

AGENDA

March 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM

Administration Building · 16829 East Main St · Galliano, LA

(Revised: March 11, 2014 at 9:15AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for February 12, 2014 regular meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. **Northern Expansion**
 1. Northern Expansion Slip C Bulkhead (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 2. Adam "Ted" Gisclair Road – Phase III Asphalt (Picciola & Associates)
 - B. **Airport Projects**
 1. Glide Slope (LPA/Baker)
 2. ODALS – Omni-Directional Approach Lighting System (LPA/Baker)
 - C. **FEMA Projects**
 1. Beach Repair Project (Picciola & Associates)
 - D. **Port Security and Grant Projects**
 1. Multi-Agency Emergency Operations Center (2009)
 2. Video Wall (2010)
 3. TWIC Implementation (2011)
 4. CCTV Additional Cameras (2012)
 - E. **Other Port Projects**
 1. Assumption of Maintenance Study (URS)
 2. Storm Harbor Marina (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 3. N. J. Theriot Road Elevation & Improvements (Angelette-Picciola)
 4. Nerby Collins Commercial Marina Bulkhead
 5. East Canal Channel Buoys
 - F. **Update on LA 1 Projects**
 - G. **Presentation by Vision Communications/EATEL**
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 1. Consider approving the request from M.B. Environmental Services to assign its lease to Sabine Environmental Services, LLC and updated contract of lease for site GLF346
 2. Consider approving the request from CWR, LLC to extend the Right of First Refusal (RFR) for an additional year and for a RFR on an additional 400 LF in Slip C
 3. Consider approving the request from Max J. Derbes/Jackson Cooksey, Inc. for a RFR on 1671 LF along Slip C
 4. Consider approving the request from Waste Auditors to sublease a portion of property on GLF198 to Dolphin Energy/Hoover Offshore
 5. Consider approving the request from Gulf Atlantic Towing to extend the Mooring Dolphin lease
 6. Consider approving the advertisement for summer employees
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 1. Review permit applications by Lumcon and Louisiana Delta Farms Partnership
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 1. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 and No. 3 from Johnson Bros. for the Slip C Bulkhead project
 2. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from LA Contracting for the Adam "Ted" Gisclair Roadway project
 3. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from LA Contracting for the Adam "Ted" Gisclair Roadway project
 4. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Water District for the waterline at Airport
 5. Consider accepting the Clear Lien Certificate from Lincoln Builders for the Multi Agency EOC
 6. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Interstate Electronic Systems for the Video Wall
 7. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Transportation Security Associates, LLC for the TWIC Implementation project
 - D. Finance Committee
 1. Consider approving payment of February invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 2. Consider approving the out of state travel requests
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Possible executive session to discuss GLPC v. Hamp's Construction, LLC, et al – Suit No.124587 Div. D – 17th JDC Parish of Lafourche
- X. Any other business
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
March 12, 2014

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM at the Administration Building 16829 East Main Street, Galliano, LA.

President Gisclair called the meeting to order and Secretary Cheramie called roll.

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

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Collins and second by Melancon, the board unanimously approved the minutes for February 12, 2014 regular meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer John Plaisance reported that Johnson Bros began installing the steel sheets on the west side of Slip C Bulkhead project. The time to complete the west side is July 11th. He stated that later on the agenda are 2 change orders first is a deduction of \$46,920 for the change in timber pile lengths and second is an increase of \$132,600 for the aggregate to access the project area. The third change order is still be negotiated to extend the bulkhead construction by 400 LF. Gisclair stated that this bulkhead project is being constructed and paid for by the Port Commission. Executive Director Chett Chiasson stated that the cost now is at \$15 million and with the possible 400 LF extension it may go to \$17.5 million for a total of 3,000 LF of bulkhead for tenants Schlumberger and Ecoserv. Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the Adam “Ted” Gisclair Road project is substantially complete and all punch list items are done. The certificate is later on the agenda for approval along with the balancing change order a deduction of \$102,081.69.

Airport Projects – Joe Wheeler, Airport Manager reported that Ernest P. Breaux should be receiving the precast building in the next 2 weeks for the Glide Slope project. The property is still not dry enough to start the construction layout. There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow with DOTD to discuss the comments from the Corps for the ODALS – Omni-Directional Approach Lighting System. In February, there were 1790 aircraft operations.

FEMA Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that he did meet with Port staff to discuss the Fourchon Beach project next phase of bringing in additional sand to cover the geotubes and more planting which we will proceed within the next few weeks. Chiasson stated that it is estimated at 8,000 cubic yards of sand to bring in and recap the bags.

Port Security and Grant Projects – Davie Breaux reported that the clear lien certificate is later on the agenda for approval for the Multi-Agency EOC. The contractor has 2 remaining punch list items to complete. The Port is also installing equipment in the building. Breaux stated that there is a change order later on the agenda for the Video Wall an increase of \$2,868.98 for additional computers to work with the touch screen displays. Breaux reported that there is a change order on the agenda for the TWIC Implementation an increase of \$59,000 to design more card readers and cameras. He stated that this is federal funding available to the Port since a few tenants backed out of the grant participation. Breaux stated that the engineer is working on the RFQ for the CCTV Additional Cameras and should be ready to bid out in April.

Other Port Projects – William Evans with URS reported on the Assumption of Maintenance Study. He stated that he received the two conceptual dredge plans from Picciola & Associates. The areas are north of the new permitted area and south near the west side of jetties along the beach front. The process is to input

this data in the program and meet with Corp to make sure the data matches their program data. This will ease the permit and approval process if the Corps' output data matches our input data. Chiasson stated that we are waiting on a response for the permit application for dredging.

Engineer John Plaisance reported that the notice to proceed for the Storm Harbor Marina was issued on March 10th. The contractor is currently ordering materials. He expects them on site in the next few weeks. Gisclair stated that at the last meeting he talked about meeting with boat owners for the dock configuration. Plaisance stated that he did meet with some on Monday and this morning to discuss the location of the 4 big piles protecting the wharves on the left side. Chiasson reported that he is waiting on a response back from the State Division of Administration for the N. J. Theriot Road Elevation & Improvements project. There was some confusion on the federal dollars and our commitment on this project. We are waiting approval for the \$1.4 million of Capital Outlay to move this project forward.

Engineer John Plaisance reported that we are working on the engineer contract for the Nerby Collins Commercial Marina Bulkhead. The back bulkhead is 40 yrs. old and needs replacement. This is a joint venture between the Parish and the Port Commission for CDBG funds. Vizier questioned if the plan is to pull the old bulkhead out, which Plaisance replied that is being discussed now if we will remove it or build the new one in front and leave the old one in place.

Chiasson then presented photos of the 25 East Canal channel buoys installed this past weekend. There are 15 green and 10 red buoys in place. Cheramie questioned if the buoys will be checked weekly, which Chiasson replied yes we will be checking these constantly to make sure they stay in the right place. Gisclair stated that at the same time I am sure most trawlers will plot the locations in their loran and computers and he asked the public if they see them out of place to contact the Port Commission. Chiasson stated that this morning the large cypress stump approximately 8' in diameter and 15' long was removed from Bayou Lafourche just south of the lock structure. Gisclair stated that they also removed the obstruction in the East Canal. Chiasson stated that the old pilings that are under the waterline are also in the process of being removed.

Update on LA 1 Projects – Henri Boulet reported that the preliminary plans for Phase II of the LA 1 project were 95% complete as of February 25th. Once complete, HNTB will develop final plans for Segment C near Golden Meadow with a goal of that project being bid out in April of 2015. Relative to construction funding for Segment C, negotiations with the state on the agreement by which the \$6.6 million of matching funds will be transferred to the state are progressing. A first written draft of that agreement was provided to attorneys for the matching fund donors last week.

The Coalition had the opportunity to speak to policy makers in Washington DC this last month about funding critical energy highways like LA 1 in a panel discussion at the U.S. Chamber's Infrastructure Summit. Also, last month the Coalition, the Port, and Senator Norby Chabert were able to tour and take offshore LA Secretary of Economic Development Stephen Moret and Governor Jindal's Policy Advisor Ms. Stafford Palmieri. This was an impressive trip for two remaining important cabinet members of the Jindal Administration.

On other area highway improvements, you may have noticed that along Hwy 3235 foundations for signs are being built. This project is for installation of 48" X 48" stop signs at all Parish Streets along LA 3235 between Larose and all the way to where LA 3235 ties back into LA 1 in Golden Meadow. This project will also install a series of advance warning signs with flashing lights at the intersection of LA 3235 & LA 3162 (near Walmart). The project to rehabilitate the shoulders on LA 1 from Fourchon to the Lafourche/Jefferson line in route to Grand Isle is 74% complete. This project is for the restoration of the rip-rap and stone embankment knocked out by Hurricane Isaac. This project also will overlay two areas where LA 1 was also knocked out by the storm to install a 4' asphalt shoulder on both the northbound and southbound lane.

Concerning the traffic light installation at the Larose connector with Hwy 3235. The lights have been installed and have been set to the flashing mode in order to allow traffic to notice the change coming and should be activated within the next two weeks.

Collins stated that he went to Grand Isle with a friend and the toll machine didn't want to take the credit card or any cash so they passed thru. Boulet stated that the machines cash intake could have had a bill jammed but he is not sure why it didn't take the card. The best thing to do in that situation is to press the help button and they will respond to get your license plate and request you send the \$3 that way you won't get fined. It also helps the State know that there is a problem with the machine and needs to be serviced. Collins stated that at the Cut Off Pontoon Bridge people are saying it is hard to get on the bridge from LA 308 southbound lane, which Boulet replied that he will let the Parish know maybe they could widen the curve or fenders on the bridge.

Presentation by Vision Communications ("Vision")/EATEL – Eddie Callais thanked the board for allowing him to give this presentation. He then shared with the board the decision to embark on this project of 15 miles of construction totaling \$1.6 million in Port Fourchon. About 15 months ago, Vision visited with a number of tenants in Port Fourchon ranging from the Port Commission, to oilfield service companies to the oil companies. There were two common themes expressed. One issue being the need for a resilient communication infrastructure. For a lot of national and global operators out of the Port, this was a factor in the decision of where they were going to set up their operations. The other issue was the positive outlook on the oil and gas specific to deep water for the foreseeable future and the projected growth of Fourchon. This led us to make a decision to build out this network. Callais then showed the board an aerial of Fourchon explaining that the fiber optic lines that have been completed run from the Port's Operations Center on LA 3090 south to A.J. Estay Road. Other roads completed are N.J. Theriot Road, N. Doucet Drive, Dudley Bernard Road, and Adam "Ted" Gisclair Road. The area that is currently still under construction is along A.J. Estay Road, 16th and 17th Streets which should be complete by the end of April.

Vision is also deploying from their two offices in Port the electronics that will provide the services such as telephone, cable TV, data, and internet to all tenants of the Port. Vision anticipates the start of re-grading Port tenants to this new network by the third quarter of this year. This project is really going to bring some resiliency to communications in Port. It will be 100% buried network with fiber optics made of glass and not susceptible to corrosion. It will allow for tremendous bandwidth capabilities for all the operators in the Port. The other unique thing is that it will allow the tenants in Port to be connected to a data center that Vision's recently purchased by the name of Venyu. The tenants will have access to data services such as backup, file base services, and disaster recovery with an internet connection.

Beyond this project, other upgrades are taking place. Vision has committed to building a redundant route to its core network from Golden Meadow to Fourchon. Vision is now partnering with Entergy while Entergy is installing new transmission lines with steel poles from Golden Meadow to Leeville, Vision will have fiber optic cables riding these steel poles. Vision will have 3 miles of construction crossing Bayou Lafourche to connect to the existing fiber optic cable to complete the redundant route to Port Fourchon. Vision would be able to suffer a cut on the fiber optic cable with the customers in Port not having any interruptions in service.

Other infrastructure upgrades to the network that are nearing completion is the core network being changed to a Cisco switch core network which is more resilient to provide all services. Callais stated that specific to their HFC network that provides cable TV and broadband internet services to all customers outside of Port Fourchon on this fiber optic network, Vision has roughly 175 locations throughout the network that needs power from Entergy. Vision is installing a battery backup case that includes 6 batteries which will allow for 8 to 12 hours of run time during loss of power. Additionally on the side of these cases, they installed provisions to be able to quickly deploy portable generators in the event of a long term outage. Vision also invested in 50 additional portable generators bringing their total in Larose to 75 and they have access to some in Gonzales as well. Vision intends to provide services in the event of storms ahead of Entergy restoring power. Other core network upgrades include investing in 6 additional standby generators that brings them to 100% coverage of all central office sites having standby power. These network upgrades total \$3 million that will bring more reliable communication to the Port as well as to the entire Vision network. Gisclair thanked him for the presentation and stated the amount of the investment is

very impressive. Gaudet appreciates Vision going the extra mile which helps us to be one of the most state of the art ports in the country with this communication system and our security system. Callais stated that what is being deployed in Fourchon with fiber optics to every tenant is world class communications.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met on February 26, 2014 at the Operations Center in Fourchon. Present was Gisclair, Cheramie, Melancon, and Griffin. They also met on March 10, 2014 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Upon motion Melancon and second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from M.B. Environmental Services to assign its lease to Sabine Environmental Services, LLC and update the contract of lease for site GLF346.

Upon motion by Collins and second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from CWR, LLC to extend the existing Right of First Refusal (RFR) for one year and for a RFR on an additional 400 LF in Slip C.

Upon motion by Collins and second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Max J. Derbes/Jackson Cooksey, Inc. for a RFR on 30 acres of property fronting 1671 linear feet along the east side of Slip C. Chiasson stated that this is a real estate group which we don't typically award but they are working with a company in the oil and gas industry that wishes to remain nameless at this time. He stated that if the RFR is exercised into a lease the lease will be with the actual company.

Upon motion by Griffin and second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Waste Auditors to sublease a portion of the undeveloped property on GLF198 to Dolphin Energy/Hoover Offshore.

Upon motion by Guidry and second by Collins, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Gulf Atlantic Towing to extend the Mooring Dolphin lease for 6 months with the 30 day cancellation notice.

Upon motion by Melancon and second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved advertising for summer employees to hire 5 roustabouts and 1 clerical. Chiasson stated they will be selected from a hat at our May meeting with the exception of 2 returning roustabouts who will be selected as leaders.

President Gisclair requested for a unanimous vote to add the Lafourche Parish Drainage District request to lease 1 office at the Port Complex which was motioned by Gaudet and seconded by Cheramie, with no public comment, the full board unanimously approved adding this to the agenda. Chiasson stated that the Drainage District approved at their meeting last night to lease this office of 210 sq. ft. at \$340 per month. Upon motion by Melancon and second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board approved the request to lease one office at the Port Complex. The vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 abstain by Collins.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met on February 26, 2014 at the Operations Center in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Cheramie, Gisclair, Collins, and Griffin. They also met on March 10, 2014 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review the permit applications from LUMCON and Louisiana Delta Farms Partnership.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met on February 26, 2014 at the Operations Center in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Cheramie, Gisclair, Collins, and Griffin. They also met on March 10, 2014 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Upon motion by Melancon and second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Change Order No. 1 a deduct of \$46,920.00 for timber piles and Change Order No. 2 an increase of aggregate of \$132,600 and 15 calendar days from Johnson Bros. for the Slip C Bulkhead project.

Upon motion by Griffin and second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 a deduct of \$102,081.69 from LA Contracting Enterprise for the Adam "Ted" Gisclair Roadway project.

Upon motion by Guidry and second by Gaudet, with no public comment, the board Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate dated January 11, 2014 from LA Contracting Enterprise for the Adam "Ted" Gisclair Roadway project.

Upon motion by Bruce and second by Vizier, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Water District for a 50/50 cost share for the installation of an 8" waterline and fire hydrant along the Access Road off of King Air Drive at the Airport.

Upon motion by Melancon and second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate dated December 4, 2013 from Lincoln Builders for the Multi Agency EOC.

Upon motion by Vizier and second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 an increase of \$2,868.98 from Interstate Electronic Systems for the Video Wall project for change in conduit and purchase of computers needed to run the touch screen displays.

Upon motion by Vizier and second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 an increase of \$59,000 from Transportation Security Associates, LLC for the TWIC Implementation design of additional card readers and cameras covered by port security grant.

Finance Committee - The committee met on February 26, 2014 at the Operations Center in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Melancon, Gisclair, Gaudet, and Guidry. They also met on March 10, 2014 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present.

Upon motion by Melancon and second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of February invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 with all payments totaling \$1,405,502.26.

Upon motion by Melancon and second by Bruce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Chett Chiasson to attend the LNG Marine Transportation Conference in Texas on June 16th, April Danos to attend the AAPA Executive Management Conference in Florida on May 7th, Troy Dufrene and Kirk Landry to attend the Seaport Security Anti-terrorism Training Program in South Carolina on August 3rd, and Chett Chiasson and Davie Breaux to attend the OTC Conference in Texas on May 4th.

Upon motion by Cheramie and second by Guidry, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved entering into Executive Session to discuss GLPC v. Hamp's Construction, LLC, et al Suit No.124587 Div. D, 17th JDC Parish of Lafourche. The two-thirds roll call vote resulted in all 9 yeas. The board then returned. Upon motion by Gaudet and second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved that, upon negotiation and execution of a full defense, indemnity and hold harmless agreement with Hamp's Construction and Hartford Insurance Company acceptable to our General Counsel and Executive Director, we release final payment in the amount of \$217,811.61 to Hamp's Construction and dismiss the pending concursus proceeding regarding the Fourchon Beach Project. The vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 absent by Griffin.

Upon motion by Cheramie and second by Melancon, the board adjourned the board meeting.

ATTEST:



Perry Gisclair, President



Harris "Chuckie" Cheramie Jr., Secretary