

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**October 9, 2019 at 10:30AM**

**Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345**

*(Posted: October 4, 2019 at 3:58PM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Ceremonial Swearing in of Rodney R. Gisclair as Board Member, Seat B
- V. Adopt a resolution in memory of Perry J. Gisclair
- VI. Election of Board Secretary
- VII. Approve minutes for September 11, 2019 regular meeting and September 25, 2019 special meeting
- VIII. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion
    - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C 400' East Part 2 Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 2. Northern Expansion Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 3. Minor Chermie Sr. Road Paving (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 4. Coastal Wetlands Park
  - B. Airport Projects
    - 1. Aircraft Operations
    - 2. Airfield Drainage Improvements – Construction Phase (*Duplantis Design Group*)
    - 3. Airport Connector Road and Bridge (*Picciola & Associates*)
  - C. Other Projects
    - 1. SLLD – LA 1 Re-Alignment and Flood Wall (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 2. Section 203 Feasibility Study (*GIS Engineering*)
    - 3. Belle Pass Tower Upgrades
- IX. Update from Restore or Retreat (ROR)
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving request from Elite Auditing to lease a portion of site GLF319
    - 2. Consider approving equipment and vessels as surplus and advertise for bids
  - B. Construction and Development Committee
    - 1. Consider awarding the lowest responsive bid for the Slip C 1100' Bulkhead, Part 1 project
    - 2. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from Byron E. Talbot Contractor for the Minor Chermie Sr. Road Paving project
    - 3. Consider adopting a resolution and approving the Airport Capital Improvements Program Application
  - C. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of September 2019 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2. Consider approving the 2019 September unaudited financial statements
    - 3. Consider approving the out of state travel requests
- XII. Any Other Business
- XIII. Public Comment
- XIV. Adjournment

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**October 9, 2019**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 10:30AM at the Administration Office 16829 East Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345.

President Harris Cheramie, Jr. called the meeting to order and Treasurer/Acting Secretary Melancon then called roll.

ATTENDED: Harris Cheramie, Jr., Rodney R. Gisclair, Jimmy Lafont, Rodney J. Gisclair, Sr., Curtis Pierce, Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jr., Mike Callais, and Kris Callais

ABSENT: None

General Counsel Bryce Autin began with the ceremonial swearing in of Rodney R. Gisclair.

President Cheramie presented to the board to adopt a resolution in memory of Perry Gisclair. Executive Director Chett Chiasson then read the resolution out loud, *“Whereas, the Members of the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission have learned with deep regret and sorrow of the death of Mr. Perry J. Gisclair on September 12, 2019; and Whereas, Perry proudly served the people of the 10th Ward of Lafourche Parish as a councilman for 8 years with the Lafourche Parish Government and a member of the Port Commission since 2007; served as President from February 2013 to January 2019; and in February 2019 began serving as Secretary; and Whereas, through his contributions he always gave back to the community and because of him we will always believe in Santa; and Whereas, it is the desire of the Members of the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to express to Perry’s wife, Mrs. Libby, family and friends their deep and sincere sympathies during this time of grief and sorrow. Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission that the Members thereof do express to Mrs. Libby, family and friends their sincere and heartfelt regret and condolences at the death of Perry. Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Libby and family as a small symbol of love and respect from the Members of the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.”* Upon motion by Melancon, and a unanimous second, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted the resolution in memory of Perry J. Gisclair. Chiasson then welcomed the entire Gisclair family to come to the front so he and the board can present the family with the resolution and frame in memory of Perry Gisclair.

President Cheramie then opened the floor for nominations for the election of Board Secretary. Pierce nominated Charles M. “Mike” Callais for Secretary. With no other nominations, the roll call ballot vote resulted in 9 votes for Mike Callais. Callais thanked the board for the support and will perform the duties to the best of his ability.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair, Sr. second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for September 11, 2019 regular meeting and September 25, 2019 special meeting.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Sealevel Construction had a conditional notice to proceed since July 22<sup>nd</sup> for site prep and purchasing materials for Slip C 400’ East Bulkhead project. The formal notice to proceed will be issued on October 19<sup>th</sup>. They plan to mobilize on site next week to start driving steel sheet piles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported bids were opened on September 18<sup>th</sup> for the Slip C 1100’ East Bulkhead. Shavers-Whittle Construction was the low bidder in the amount of

\$6,539,836, recommendation is to approve base bid. Engineer Larry Picciola reported the Minor Chermie Sr. Road Paving project is substantially complete as of September 24<sup>th</sup>. A change order is expected for next meeting a deduct of \$112,346.30. Chiasson reported the Coastal Wetlands Park formerly referred to as the old Rappellet's Hole which has now been filled as part of mitigation. The first phase building a tidal creek with the Port's excavator. The next phase is a future parking site. Davie Breaux stated that we are taking spoil from the end of Slip D and placing material along Flotation Canal Road for a future parking lot. The next phase is installing view finders in the park. Melancon questioned the time frame for moving the material for the future parking site, which Breaux replied they have another 30 days weather permitting.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported the aircraft operations for September were 2,529 operations, 10,763 passengers, and 17,083 vehicles. He reported Byron E. Talbot Contractors mobed on site Monday to begin the Airfield Drainage Improvements. They plan to start on the southernmost end working their way north to improve the drainage. He stated next is the annual resolution and application for the Airport Capital Improvements Program with plans for 2020 – 2025. Within the 6-year plan, we will be asking for \$11.6 million in grant funding. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge. This project will be funded by the Federal Government, State Capital Outlay, the Lafourche Parish Government, and the Port Commission to connect LA 3235 to LA 308 Airport Road with a lift span bridge. Picciola has completed the traffic study data collection and are now working on the analysis and modeling. They are performing surveys to develop preliminary drawings for permits and right of way plats. They have had a lot of meetings with DOTD the sponsor of the federal government for this project. They are also having a lot of meetings with the various agencies for permitting. The biologist for wetland delineation is scheduled for next week. Also scheduled for next week are the cultural resource study and soil borings in Bayou Lafourche. We do have a tight time frame to have all design and permitting documents done and ready to bid by September 2020. Chiasson stated we are meeting tomorrow to discuss the upcoming appraisals of the property between LA 3235 and LA 1. Chiasson reported the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Parish was discussed at last night's Parish meeting but postponed to a special meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to have more time for them to determine the source of funding. The CEA says the Port Commission and Lafourche Parish Government each put up \$4.6 million to match \$16.4 million in Federal funds, then with those dollars the Parish will be submitting a State Capital Outlay Program request due on November 1<sup>st</sup> to get \$9.3 million for the project. The total project cost is \$35 million with multiple funding sources for safe and better access in our community from LA 3235 to LA 308.

Other Projects - Engineer Joe Picciola reported the South Lafourche Levee District LA 1 Re-Alignment and Flood Wall project is substantially complete. The contractor Byron E. Talbot Contractors are finishing up with installing signs and seeding. Last week, the contractor demonstrated the gate closure and all went well. Engineer John Plaisance reported on the Section 203 Feasibility Study. GIS Engineering has resubmitted final comments a month ago and we are waiting on review by US Corps ASA office. Chiasson stated we anticipate them reviewing by next week to get things moving. There is some action on the District Corps level, which Bryce Autin stated we had to submit some real estate documents to the Corps which they are reviewing to forward to DC. April Danos reported we expect the design of the Belle Pass Tower Upgrades by Oct 31<sup>st</sup> then will put out for bid.

Update from Restore or Retreat (ROR) – Simone Maloz updated the board on GOMESA Revenue Sharing / Offshore Royalty Revenue Sharing. There are restrictive usages on both federal level and state level. In Louisiana, the revenue sharing all goes to coastal protection, restoration, or infrastructure. She stated about 10 years ago, Mary Landrieu passed a bill that would give us an increase of our fair share of those revenues and those monies have been coming to the state for the past 2 years. There are at least 3 pieces of federal legislation now that looks to increase that fair share so Congressman Scalise, Graves, and Richmond have a bill as well as Senator Cassidy. We are looking at how much those bills will increase those dollars. We are working with LSU and ULL on a study, but basically it all means more money coming to our community for what we need. We will be traveling to DC in a few weeks to meet with stakeholders, different congressional offices from Texas and Mississippi, and other members to

discuss how that increased revenue sharing will impact us for coastal Louisiana. We want to have someone from the Port join us to make the trip successful. Restore or Retreat is doing the usual project work looking forward to Caminada Back Barrier 1 and 2 coming on line, start of Terrebonne Barrier Island work, and also involved in the Nicholls Coastal Center events. Melancon question how much funding is there for the upcoming Caminada projects, which Maloz replied those were (CWPPRA) Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and Restoration projects with \$15 million of funding for each, which was a cost savings doing them together by mobilizing once and using a shared settlement source. This was the first time they combined projects, a cost savings and good business move. Chiasson stated the Terrebonne Barriere Island enhances the West Belle Pass is over \$100 million. Maloz replied they called it bundling, bundled 3 projects and used one settlement source. She stated next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the oil spill and there will be a lot of talk and it will be nice to show our work we have done so far.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. Chiasson recognized candidates in the audience: Mike Fesi candidate for State Senate District 20, Daniel Lorraine candidate for Lafourche Parish Council District 9, Joe Fertitta candidate for Lafourche Parish President, and Reggie Bagala candidate for State Representative District 54. Sandy Holloway announced her candidacy for BESE District 3 Representative. Craig Jacuzzi announced his candidacy for Lafourche Parish Sheriff.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met September 25<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Cheramie, R. Gisclair, and Melancon. They also met October 7<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion by Pierce second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Elite Auditing to lease 17,576 sq. ft. of property along 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Port Fourchon site GLF319.

Upon motion by Griffin second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously declared the equipment and vessels presented are surplus and no longer needed for public purpose, minimum bids will be applied to each item and it will be advertised for sale.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met September 25<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Griffin, K. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie. They also met October 7<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair, Sr. second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepts and awards the lowest responsive base bid from Shavers-Whittle Construction, LLC in the amount of \$6,539,836 for the Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead, Part 1.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated September 24, 2019 from Byron E. Talbot Contractor for the Minor Cheramie Sr. Road Paving project.

Upon motion by Pierce second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted a resolution approving the Airport Capital Improvements Program Application 2020 – 2025 with the Port's commitment of \$623,333 for 2020.

Finance Committee - The committee met September 25<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Melancon, R. Gisclair, M. Callais, and Cheramie. They also met October 7<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of September 2019 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$1,946,308.40.

Upon motion by Melancon second by R. Gisclair, Sr., with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the 2019 September unaudited financial statements.

Upon motion by Melancon second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from April Danos to attend the AAPA Emergency Preparedness and Response in Texas November 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, and Thad Angeloz to attend the Gulf of Mexico Act Meetings Nov 24<sup>th</sup>.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. Cheramie stated Perry Gisclair will be missed. He did a great job over here. He thanked the family for being here today and thanked his brother

Rodney for taking his place. M. Callais stated he has big shoes to fill taking over as Secretary, but he will do his best.

Upon motion by Lafont second by M. Callais, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:13AM.

ATTEST:

  
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Harris Cheramie Jr., President

  
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Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary