

# **GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**

## **AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020 at 10:30AM**

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

*(Revised: November 10, 2020 at 10:10AM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for October 14, 2020 and November 4, 2020 meetings
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion
    - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 2. Northern Expansion Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge (*GIS Engineering*)
  - B. Airport Projects
    - 1. Aircraft Operations
    - 2. Airport Connector Road and Bridge (*Picciola & Associates*)
  - C. Other Projects
    - 1. Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 2. Front Commercial Marina Boat Shed/Lift (*GIS Engineering*)
    - 3. Hurricane Zeta
- VI. Update from LA 1 Coalition
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the request from Deepwater Port Services to assign Lease Site GLF309 to Sea Support Dockside and Logistics, LLC
    - 2. Consider approving an Access Agreement with Harvey Gulf International for the M/V Harvey Seas
    - 3. Consider adopting a resolution requesting approval from Attorney General to hire attorney to assist in collection of the Bayou Lafourche Mooring Dolphin damages
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1. Review permit from TC Energy and Fort Apache Energy
  - C. Construction and Development Committee
    - 1. Consider adopting the DOTD resolution to advertise Slip C 1500' Sweep Dredging project
    - 2. Consider approving offers of just compensation on parcels needed for Airport Connector Road and Bridge project
    - 3. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for the Front Marina Boat Shed/Lift project
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of October 2020 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2. Consider approving the October 2020 unaudited financial statements
- IX. Any Other Business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**November 12, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Thursday, November 12, 2020 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 Secretary Callais then called roll.

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

ABSENT: Kris Callais

Upon motion by Griffin second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for October 14, 2020 and November 4, 2020 meetings.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported on Shavers-Whittle Construction for Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead project. He stated they are complete with driving all concrete piles. They have poured 8 deadman, formed up 2, and have 3 more concrete pours to finish. The pile driving crew will be moving back in to start driving tie rods. We expect the request for more time due to the storms and the issue with the concrete plant. Melancon stated is this the fourth time they had to shut down this year, Picciola replied yes, the current contract time ends December 20<sup>th</sup> however they may be finished after Christmas. Engineer John Plaisance reported the preconstruction meeting was held Tuesday with Crosby Dredging for the Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge project. The notice to proceed will be issued for December 1<sup>st</sup> and we expect them on site by mid-December.

Airport Projects – Joe Wheeler, Airport Director reported the aircraft operations for October were 2056, with 7954 passengers and 12,625 vehicles. He stated the traffic radar was down 10 days during the storms. Gisclair questioned the conditions of the airport after the storm, which Wheeler replied there were 27 power poles down. Melancon questioned how many days the power was out, which Wheeler replied 6 days. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. He stated the project plans are finished and ready for bid. DOTD has tentatively scheduled the bid date as January 13<sup>th</sup>. The permit with US Coast Guard is in line to be issued end of next week. We continue to work with Bryce with the right of way acquisitions. Bryce Autin stated on the agenda we will ask the board's approval for the offers on the remaining tracts. He has received approval from DOTD on 7 of the 12 tracts. We will ask the board to approve all 12 offers. Executive Director Chett Chiasson stated we have submitted to Martin's attorney Henry Lafont the final offer of the Martin property but have not heard back from him yet.

Other Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Low Land Construction has signed all contract documents for the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements. The preconstruction meeting was held on Tuesday and the notice to proceed will be issued for November 30<sup>th</sup>. Engineer John Plaisance reported bids were received last Thursday for the Front Commercial Marina Boat Shed/Lift project. The low bidder was Picciola Construction in the amount of \$118,000 and we recommend approval.

Hurricane Zeta – Chiasson presented to the board a slide presentation of the damages from Hurricane Zeta. The presentation began with slides of down power poles he stated over 100 were damaged in and around the Port area. The Front Marina had many fishing vessels displaced which is why we have the ordinance of no unmanned vessels in port during storms. He stated the unmanned vessel owners received citations. The Front Marina boat shed roof and Operations Center Warehouse roll doors were damaged. The Nerby Collins Marina wharves were damaged. The Public Boat Launch Pavilion was demolished and two of the launches were silted in. Some of our Port tenants had damages, he showed 2

examples of a flipped trailer and a demolished canopy. He stated during the storm a large crane barge broke loose and damaged all the Bayou Lafourche mooring dolphins and broke the M/V Harvey Seas off from its mooring and they couldn't get back under power in time and ended up in the mitigation area. He showed damages at the Airport with down power poles, the barn, and terminal roof. We did meet with Entergy CEO at the Airport last week along with the Parish President to see how things were going and he stated the new power poles are a higher grade than before which may cause limited damages in the future. He stated we do have siltation in Belle Pass. The Port and the Corps of Engineers have surveyed the area. The US Coast Guard has restricted Belle Pass to a draft of 20 ft. due to shoaling. Chiasson stated last week we approved the MOA with the Corps of Engineers to help fund the Emergency Dredge Project and the dredge should be in Port to start by the end of next week. He then showed the slides of the Belle Pass Jetties. He stated on both the west and east jetty there are damages toward the end. The west jetty backside took some damage and we are working with Corps on that. He stated the backside of east jetty is good due to the extension that was done last year it served its purpose. We will be working with the Parish through the State to get an emergency project done to get rocks placed to protect us from other storms.

Fourchon Beach took a hit as well. The Governor came down last Friday to see damages in Lafourche Parish and the Port. We will be working with him through CPRA to find a solution for the beach head. Chiasson then showed the Fourchon Beach geotube project before and after photos. The geotubes served its purpose over the years. We need to get it repaired to further enhance the protection for Port Fourchon and Fourchon Island on the backend. The eastern edge really has taken the brunt of all these storms. Entergy and their contractors are in Port and in our community getting things back up and running to get power restored. Also, US Coast Guard is in Port repairing the navigation lights to get back up and running. They have been repairing the range light structures in Bayou Lafourche. Ordonne questioned the timeframe on the dredging in Belle Pass, which Chiasson replied it will take about 6 weeks to complete. The goal is for them to start on the western side of the channel to have one way at full depth. The western side has less material to dredge than the eastern side. Gisclair questioned if all our mooring dolphins were damaged due to the vessels breaking loose, which Chiasson replied it was caused by the crane barge breaking lose during the storm. We will discuss that later when we discuss the hiring of an attorney for this claim. Gisclair stated he is aware of the damages on Grand Isle and damages on Fourchon but questioned if anyone knows how Elmer's Island faired during the storms with all the work that was done, which Chiasson replied it did well, the dune that was done was flattened a bit but basically faired well during the storm.

Update from LA 1 Coalition – Henry Boulet reported the LA 1 Coalition is continuing to work with LA DOTD on several aspects of the upcoming construction of the elevated highway between Golden Meadow and Leeville. On the design status of the 8.3 mile structure DOTD is progressing on combining Segments A, B, and C into one project with a bid-taking date set for October 13, 2021. This will be the largest bid-taking DOTD expects to facilitate next year. Later this month DOTD will issue a supplemental contract to HNTB Corporation to complete the final plans by July 2021. The final plans are needed ahead of the bid-taking to provide to contractors to be able to submit a competitive bid in October 2021. Regarding funding, DOTD submitted their departmental annual capital outlay submission requesting an additional \$20M in Priority 5 for LA 1 which is above the \$95M already in Priority 5. LA DOTD Secretary Wilson is working on other funding options to close the rest of the gap prior to taking bids. Boulet stated the \$26.7million in engineer cost and \$3 million for pile analysis were added in to make sure we have all the cost accounted for. On the separate Pipeline Relocation Project, Marquis Resources of Lafayette, owner and operator of the pipelines, was advised two weeks ago of their compensable interest determination. This document from DOTD's Legal Section is what establishes that Marquis has compensability and that some or all their relocation is applicable for reimbursement. Marquis last week submitted their preliminary design drawings on the deepening and relocation work for DOTD to approve. Final design of the pipeline work will be provided to LA DOTD in the coming weeks, and work should begin on the pipeline relocation and deepening in the first quarter of 2021. Boulet stated we want all the pipeline deepening work done before the contractors bid the project. The Coalition is

working with 16 companies that provided match commitments to update their commitment letters with the expected date of December 31, 2021 for the construction contract execution. I anticipate most of these companies will want to funnel their industry match funds through the LA 1 Coalition, so as not to have to enter formal cooperative endeavor agreement with the state. Griffin questioned if all the soil borings were done yet, which Boulet replied yes. The borings were done a couple of years ago, so they have the data of how deep the layers are for pressure. Melancon asked if October 2021 is when they will be submitting bids, which Boulet replied DOTD will be receiving bids October 2021. DOTD will start issuing construction plans in July 2021 to receive bids in October 2021. The contractor will then work on getting all bonds and contract paperwork to DOTD to sign the contract by December 31, 2021. Chiasson stated this project timeframe impacts us for the mitigation work the Port needs to do which we committed to years ago. It also impacts the cost share agreement we approved to fund \$5 million once the contract notice to proceed is issued. Boulet stated usually at the time DOTD executes the contract the notice to proceed is issued, therefore the first payment could come due December 2021 or January 2022.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. Chiasson stated he attended his first Lafourche Parish Industrial Development Board meeting yesterday which he serves on as a board member. He stated it is a good group of people to look at the industrial development in the Parish.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met November 4<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Cheramie, Melancon, M. Callais, with R. Gisclair Sr. absent. They also met November 9<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion M. Callais second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Deepwater Port Services to assign Lease Site GLF309 to Sea Support Dockside and Logistics, LLC.

Upon motion by Pierce second by Gisclair to approve the Access Agreement with Harvey Gulf International Marine, Inc. to develop a plan to remove the vessel and to remediate the impacts of removal of the M/V Harvey Seas, the floor was open to discussion. Griffin questioned if they will provide us with a plan, which Chiasson replied yes. Autin stated this agreement allows them to access the area and investigate on how to remove the vessel. With no further discussion, the board voted which resulted in 8 yeas and 1 absent by K. Callais.

President Cheramie presented for the board's consideration to adopt a resolution requesting approval from Attorney General to hire attorney to assist in collection of the Bayou Lafourche Mooring Dolphin damages. Chiasson stated 14 mooring dolphins were damaged during Hurricane Zeta from a crane barge that broke loose and with this significant claim we will need outside counsel. Autin stated the initial inspection of the barge took place last Friday with 30 different surveyors and attorneys and it may turn into federal litigation. We have used Frilot, LLC in the past on several matters and we have a good working relationship with them. Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved hiring Frilot, LLC a specialized maritime attorney firm to provide legal services and representation in connection with damages sustained to mooring dolphins.

Chiasson requested the board consider adding the to the agenda the requests from Bollinger Fourchon, LLC and Harvey Gulf International Marine dba Guidry Brothers, Inc. for basic rental deferrals. Upon motion by Ordonne second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved adding to the agenda the request from Bollinger Fourchon, LLC and Guidry Brothers, Inc.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Bollinger Fourchon, LLC to amend their lease sites GLF502-A, B, C and GLF627 and Guidry Brothers, Inc. to amend their lease sites GLF620 and GLF622 for a deferral of 50% of Basic Rent with 2% interest for 12 months from November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021. Thereafter, the deferred amount will be amortized at 2% over the remainder of the current or extended term during which time there shall be no Early Termination Right.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met November 4<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Lafont, Ordonne, Cheramie, with Pierce absent. The committee also met on November 9<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with all members present.

Pierce presented for the board's review the permits from TC Energy (Columbia Gulf) and Fort Apache Energy.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met November 4<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Griffin, K. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted the DOTD resolution to advertise Slip C 1500' Sweep Dredging project.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the offers of just compensation on parcels needed for Airport Connector Road and Bridge project and negotiate acquisition of said parcels for a total amount not to exceed \$400,000.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the lowest responsive bid from Picciola Construction in the amount of \$118,000 for the Front Marina Boat Shed/Lift project.

Finance Committee - The committee met November 4<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Melancon, and Cheramie, with Gisclair and M. Callais absent. They also met November 9<sup>th</sup> with all members present.


Melancon presented to the board the October invoices and expenditures over \$10,000. Chiasson requested that Bryce explain the 3 different appraiser invoices. Autin stated the invoices from Aguilar Consultants and Murphy Appraisal Services are the 2 appraisers approved by DOTD for the 11 parcels (excluding Martin), and Right of Way Services, Inc. is the review appraiser required by DOTD to review the 2 appraisals for the 11 parcels for the Airport Connector Road project. Upon motion by Melancon second by Gisclair Sr., with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of October 2020 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$2,568,108.89.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the October 2020 unaudited financial statements.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Ordonne, 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