

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020 at 10:30AM
Administration Office • 16829 East Main St • Cut Off, LA 70345
(Posted: January 3, 2020 at 4:35PM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for December 11, 2019 regular meeting
- V. 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. Section 203 Feasibility Study (*GIS Engineering*)
 - 2. Highway Embankment Stabilization
- VI. Update on Port Communications and Social Media
- VII. Presentation by Energy World on Fourchon LNG Project
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with Andrew Martin
 - 2. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South Louisiana Economic Council in support of SLEC, Restore or Retreat, and LA 1 Coalition
 - 3. Consider approving the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government regarding the Fourchon Beach Maintenance, Restoration, and Protection Project
 - 4. Consider approving the Amendment of Lease for Energy World (USA) for site WBL-1
 - B. Construction and Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for 2020 Fuel Supplier
 - 2. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for 2020 Construction Materials Supplier
 - 3. Consider accepting the Clear Lien Certificate from Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. for the Minor Chermie Sr. Road Paving Project
 - 4. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. for the Airfield Drainage Improvements Project
 - C. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of December 2019 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Consider approving the out of state travel requests
- X. Any Other Business
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
January 8, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, January 8, 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 M. Callais 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

Upon motion by Griffin second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for December 11, 2019 regular meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Sealevel Construction has driven all steel sheet piles for Slip C 400' East Part 2 Bulkhead Project. The whaler beam is in place and they have excavated for the concrete deadman. Concrete piles are on site and they will start driving piles later this week. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Shavers-Whittle is the contractor for the Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead Project. A conditional notice to proceed was issued December 16th. They are in the process of purchasing materials, blasting and painting sheet piles, and should be on site later this month. Melancon questioned the cost of both projects which Davie Breaux, Deputy Port Director replied the 400' Bulkhead project is \$2,585,000 with \$2,327,000 funded by DOTD and the 1100' Bulkhead project is \$6,539,000 with \$5,885,000 funded by DOTD. Engineer Larry Picciola reported Minor Cheramie Sr. Road Paving project is complete with the clear lien certificate from Byron E. Talbot Contractors on the agenda for approval. Thad Angeloz reported on the Coastal Wetlands Park stating the view finders have arrived which was purchased from a grant with LA Cajun Bayou. The plan is to put 2 at the Public Boat Launch and the other 2 in the wetlands park. We will construct the platforms and have an event sometime in the spring. He stated we are working through the second submittal of the Land & Water Conservation grant which is due in April.

Airport Projects – Joe Wheeler, Airport Manager presented to the board the Louisiana Airports Economic Impact Update. He stated back in 2015 they began this study as part of the statewide system of airports. In 2015 our airport had employment of 346, base aircraft of 31, annual operations of 13,560, and the economic output of \$57.2M per year. In 2019 the airport has employment of 529, base aircraft of 54, annual operations of 27,078, and the economic output of \$97.6M. Wheeler stated in 4 years the economic output increased by \$40M. He stated out of all 70 airports in the state, we are ranked 9th overall including commercial airports by the economic output. He stated from the 62 general aviation airports, we are ranked 4th. He reported the aircraft operations for the month of December were 1,743, with 9,115 passengers, and 17,404 vehicles. The yearly totals are 27,078 operations, 124,242 passengers, and 211,136 vehicles. The Airfield Drainage Improvements project is complete and the final inspection with Byron E. Talbot Contractors is scheduled for January 15th at 2PM. There is a change order for an additional 14 days due to weather delays. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. The 30% design plans were submitted in October and we did receive comments back from DOTD. He stated this week we submitted the right of way plats and have already received some comments back which we are having a conference call tomorrow morning to discuss legalities and detailed plats. We have applied for the State permit, Corps permit, and Coast Guard permits and are in different phases of the process for each. We did have public meetings December 12th and December 19th to introduce the project to the public. We had a lot of participation with good questions and was able to

answer their questions and concerns. The next deadline we are working toward is the 60% design set submittal which is due by the end of March.

Other Projects – David Bastian with GIS Engineering reported on the Section 203 Feasibility Study. We know it is a good project we just need to convince Washington it is a good project. We recently worked on the modifications to comply with Washington's rules. The feasibility report complies with the Corp of Engineer's criteria so we can convince them we have a feasible project. He stated we are now working on the report that we plan to send off to Washington in the next few days for them to review again. Executive Director Chett Chiasson stated we have been working on this report for several years and where we are at today is finalizing the addendum to the report answering all questions and concerns that the Assistant Secretary of the Army Corps had from the initial submittal. We are at the final stage for GIS Engineering to submit the addendum by the end of this week. He stated the goal is the 50' draft in Fourchon for the Fourchon Island Development. From discussions with the Corps, it is imperative that we move forward in the next WRDA bill to get some approval for the 30' draft, now which will allow us to start dredging sooner than we thought. Then we will move forward with the 50' by proving to the Corps and the ASA that 50' is feasible and justifiable. All the economics show it is, so for us to move forward we will get the 30' approved while we work to get the rest approved later. Davie Breaux reported on the Highway Embankment Stabilization work. He stated there was a section along LA 308 near 74th Street in Cut Off where we placed rock to protect the embankment from scouring. We are now working to recap along LA 1 south of the floodgates in different areas where water and debris crosses the road during storms or high tides. R. Gisclair Sr. stated he received a few phone calls from property owners thanking the Port for doing this work.

Update on Port Communications and Social Media – Thad Angeloz presented a recap of 2019 social media growth across all platforms. Facebook added 4,000 followers a 72% growth, Twitter added 360 followers a 51% growth, Instagram added 246 followers a 116% growth, and we also began a YouTube channel with 154 subscribers. The next slide presented a comparison of the Port's Facebook page compared to others in the gulf south. He stated we were behind several of the other ports at the beginning of 2019, however he is happy to report we now have the most followers of anyone in the gulf south. We are also actually in front of larger ports such as Port of Tacoma and Port of Seattle. We are only 400 followers behind the Port of New York and New Jersey. When we combine that with other efforts, we have communicated to the general public one example is with Hurricane Barry. Angeloz stated he did a lot of work with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's office and we became a community leader regarding getting information out. There are a lot of efforts that are unseen through these types of events. He stated just through Facebook messenger he received over 100 messages from people with questions or concerns, or just thanks. This is very rewarding and something we should always be on the forefront in doing by answering questions from the general public and giving them important information. He stated through the storm event we reached over a quarter million people. As we move forward into this year, we have a quarterly newsletter we will be launching. It will include a state of the port address by Chett, it will have a project spotlight, commissioner spotlight, and a tenant spotlight. We hope to have that out within the next couple of days and will be sending to everyone that subscribes to us. To summarize we are very pleased with the growth we have seen in 2019. We are heading into our 60th year anniversary and will be rolling out a lot of different things of who we are and what we do. Look forward to seeing this growth moving forward. Chiasson stated the point of the presentation is to inform the public of all the different platforms we are on and highlight the information that we continue to put out for the public.

Presentation by Energy World on the Fourchon LNG Project – Graham Elliot reported the Port Fourchon LNG facility will be built in 2 phases. The first phase is to build one storage tank of 2 million tons per annum for LNG production with an investment of \$888M and 300 full time direct employees, with indirect employment of 1,500. The LNG Fourchon facility will be primarily used for their own pump terminals as they are developing LNG import facilities in the Caribbean, Asia, and the Philippines and power generation assets to utilize this as a clean fuel for the rest of the world. They are still committed to develop the project site in Port Fourchon and feel this is the best location of anywhere off the gulf coast. We are in close connection to a gas pipeline and a kinetica pipeline to secure use of to

bring in gas. Regarding the power supply because the development is an electric LNG modular facility there have been discussions with Entergy on whether they would bring power supply to the project on commercial terms or whether we would develop a power supply on site. Commercially it turns out better that we develop the power supply and, in the future, we may have power supply available for the region. Again, we will employ 300 directly and 1500 indirectly. We do have a business philosophy to try and employ locally first from the community. Energy World does support Buy American products. He stated that even in developing the receiving terminals in the Philippines the gas and steam turbines and generating equipment are manufactured in the USA. They are using USA manufactured equipment. In Indonesia, they are using all CHART manufactured equipment which comes from New Iberia. The project team consists of Royal Engineering, Port Commission, Gexcon, FTT, Fugro, TRC, Hogan Lovells, JS Held, Kinetica Partners, Providence, Entergy, Jones Walker, and MITAGS-PMI. Some project milestones for Fourchon LNG that have been completed are all open houses and all pre-filing documentation for FERC with the exception of reports 11 and 13 which are expected to be submitted by the end of January. Then there will be a commenting period of 4 months or so. We are aiming to get out of the FERC process by the first quarter of next year to start construction soon thereafter. There is also the Corps permit that may take longer. In summary, the project management team is in place, EPC Contractor has been selected, detailed engineering and resource submissions have been done. Projected Construction Phase I to begin mid-2021 with commercial operations by mid-2023. We developed in 2 phases because the first phase does not require the dredging to happen. If the Port does get to the deeper depths, we will push on to Phase 2. We are developing in Jamaica LNG Hub terminal and in the Philippines close to completion of the import terminals, which will become the consumer of our LNG. He then discussed the benefits of LNG from the Philippines Department of Energy proving LNG is the lowest cost per fuel for power, environmentally friendly replacing coal, and the most economic source of power for people. The market reaching to develop 7,000 megawatts to develop 7M tons for Fourchon. They are also working with GTT and various shipyards overseas to develop small scale shallow draft LNG tankers to shuffle to the Caribbean or other markets.

President Cheramie opened the floor for public comment. Chiasson recognized in the audience some Harbor Police officers with promotions Tait Lafont and Brook Angelette were promoted to Sergeants. There have been other transfers from road officers to marine patrol and we are now in the next phase to hire 4 new Harbor Police officers. We have made an offer to 1 and there are 3 others coming in for interviews in the upcoming weeks. Chief Mike Kinler thanked the board for their support to move forward with this department expansion. Chiasson then recognized Senator Mike Fesi, Representative Reggie Bagala, Representative Bryan Fontenot, Lafourche Parish President Archie Chaisson, Parish Council D'Lynn Boudreaux and Daniel Lorraine.

Chiasson then presented a plaque to the outgoing Senator Norby Chabert who has been very supportive to us for the past 12 years or more. Chiasson then read the plaque "In appreciation for your years of dedicated service and leadership on behalf of Port Fourchon and the South Lafourche Leonard Miller, Jr. Airport". Senator Chabert then addressed the board stating he appreciates this and when you see your public service mortality in front of you some ask what's next and if you will miss it. He stated he will follow the path the Lord puts him on, and if he'll miss it, he stated it's like a football coach speech on accomplishments and wins. It is the losses that stick with them. He stated in his line of work if you do it the right way you try to accomplish as much as you can in the era of term limits and if you are successful this day will come. In looking back on what you accomplished and were not able to, one of his first meetings with Ted and, also the first meeting he had with Chett was what the deepening of the channel meant to the economics of the Port, the region, and the possibilities that would come after. It was a different time in the market. Oil was better than today. What was surprising was how little the state understood what an energy port was, since other ports in the region were tonnage ports, import and exports different from what we do here. But when you showed them the numbers and have a vision for the future, they supported it. He stated that even though we are not quite there yet, it is exciting to know that 30' is on the horizon and 50' will come soon after. One of the accomplishments he is proud of is writing of the Port Infrastructure Tax Credit, when Governor Jindal came here to sign it into law it was a

big deal with working with the Port and L.E.D. We wrote the tightest written tax credit in the State of Louisiana which was first awarded to the Bollinger facility built in Port Fourchon. It will now be the job of Senator Fesi who will do an excellent job for this organization to accomplish the need for the state's support of the bridge for the airport expansion. The airport numbers are remarkable, and it took a lot from the Port years ago to get in that arena. He appreciates the opportunity to work with the board and serve the public. Chiasson thanked him and it has been an honor to work Senator Chabert on some monumental legislation. He learned a lot on how it all works. We are looking forward to working with Senator Fesi, Senator Fontenot, Representative Bagala and Parish President Chaisson to continue to do the work this board has done for the community.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met January 6th in Cut Off present were Cheramie, M. Callais, and Melancon. R. Gisclair Sr. was absent.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the Andrew Martin Family regarding the property for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the 2020 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South Louisiana Economic Council (SLEC) to assist the Port with its economic development, infrastructure improvements and coastal restoration by supporting SLEC \$10,000, Restore or Retreat \$10,000, and LA 1 Coalition \$22,500.

Upon motion by Lafont second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government generally providing for the Parish to commit \$2M through the bond proceeds from GOMESA, Port to commit \$2M, and \$4M from private interest and the State CPRA to go toward the Fourchon Beach Restoration and Resiliency Project for a total anticipated \$8M project.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Amendment of Lease with Energy World (USA) to add to the Lease the 102.4 acres upon which the Right of First Refusal was held with a commencement date of January 1, 2020.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met January 6th in Cut Off present were Griffin, K. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair Sr. second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the lowest responsive bid from Gaubert Oil Company for the 2020 Fuel Supplier at a markup rate of \$0.225 for both gas and diesel to be delivered to Fourchon Warehouse, Cut Off Warehouse, and Galliano Airport.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved to accept the lowest responsive bids for the 2020 Construction Materials Supplier with 19 items to Grand Isle Shipyard, 7 items to E&L Enterprises, and 6 items to Byron E. Talbot Contractors.

Upon motion by Pierce second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate from Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. for the Minor Cheramie Sr. Road Paving Project.

Upon motion by Pierce second by R. Gisclair Sr., with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 from Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. for the Airfield Drainage Improvements Project to add an additional 14 days to the contract time.

Finance Committee - The committee met January 6th in Cut Off present were Melancon, M. Callais, and Cheramie. R. Gisclair Sr. was absent.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of December 2019 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which totaled \$1,853,466.50.

Upon motion by Melancon second by R. Gisclair Sr., with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from April Danos to attend the AAPA Smart Ports Seminar in California February 4th – 7th, Davie Breaux and Thad Angeloz to attend the Deepwater Operations & Topsides, Platforms & Hull Conference in Texas February 3rd – 6th, Scott Bynum and John Crochet to attend the DMT Symposium in Florida March 2nd – 6th, and Joe Wheeler to attend the National Business Aviation Association Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference in North Carolina March 9th – 14th.

President opened the floor for any other business. Chiasson announced the Port will be taking applications for the South Lafourche Levee District Board Appointment. The public notice will be posted on our website at www.portfourchon.com if anyone is interested.

Upon motion by Lafont second by M. Callais, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:20AM.

ATTEST:



Harris Chermie Jr., President



Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary