

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020 at 10:30AM

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

(Posted: March 6, 2020 at 3:05PM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for February 12, 2020 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. 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. Flotation Canal Embankment Work
 - 3. Harbor Police Workboat
- VI. Update from LA 1 Coalition
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the request from LLOG to extend the mooring dolphin lease
 - 2. Consider approving the request from Seacor Marine to extend the short-term mooring agreement
 - 3. Consider approving the request Weeks Marine short-term lease agreement for site GLF624
 - 4. Consider approving the advertisement for the surplus equipment sale
 - 5. Consider approving the advertisement for summer employees
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1. Review permit from Lafourche Parish Government
 - C. Construction and Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the Change Order No. 1 from Sealevel Construction Slip C 400' East Bulkhead
 - 2. Consider approving the aviation fuel supplier agreement
 - 3. Consider approving the Federal Highway Administration agreement for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of February 2020 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Consider approving the out of state travel requests
- IX. Any Other Business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

*Serena L. Bruce, Legal/Projects Assistant
Greater Lafourche Port Commission
16829 East Main St., Cut Off, LA 70345
(985)632-6701*

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
March 11, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, March 11, 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., Jimmy Lafont, Rodney R. Gisclair, Rodney J. Gisclair, Sr., Curtis Pierce, Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jr., Mike Callais, and Kris Callais

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for February 12, 2020 regular meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Chett Chiasson stated that last Monday in Baton Rouge the Port was presented with the 2020 Transportation Excellence Award by DOTD for Intermodal/Public Works Project Development. This was for the Northern Expansion Slip C Phase III which is a testament to the Port Priority Program mainly for the whole design plan on how the Port dredges material to build up the land then bulkheads the property to lease out for tenants. It is also a testament to all our engineering firms that have worked on the design of the Northern Expansion which is J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. (now GIS Engineering, LLC), Picciola & Associates, Inc. and Angelette-Picciola, LLC. We appreciate and thank you all and appreciate DOTD for giving us this award.

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Sealevel Construction completed driving steel sheets, welding pipe bumper and whaler beams for Slip C 400' East Part 2 Bulkhead. They are now working on driving piles and have poured 3 out of the 6 concrete deadman. They will be a month late on completion. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Shavers-Whittle is the contractor for Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead project. They are in the preconstruction period of purchasing and blasting and painting steel sheets. They are now working on the access road and have driven 2 test piles. We are waiting the results of the test piles. Regarding the Coastal Wetlands Park, Thad Angeloz reported he continues to work through the MOU with Wisner for the Land and Water Conservation grant submittal that is due by April 1st.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported the aircraft operations for February are 1,772 operations, 8,987 passengers, and 16,409 vehicles. The Airfield Drainage Improvements are complete, and Byron E. Talbot Contractors has completed some of the punch list items. The project is in the lien period. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. They continue to work on the environmental permit and develop design plans. We are working with the state permit, then will work through the USCG and Corps permits. We are also revising traffic study to get closer to the intersections we want on LA 1 and LA3235. It has been difficult working with them to get the right intersections we want for safety. We are also working on right of way drawings and the acquisitions for the right of ways.

Other Projects – Dustin Malbrough with GIS Engineering reported on the Feasibility 203 Study that in January we submitted the addendum package to the Corps in DC. The response we received is that they are moving forward on the recommendation letter with conditions. We don't know the conditions. Chiasson stated that we were planning on being in DC next week and GIS is preparing a slide deck to work through with Congress. We are where we want to be, and it seems that the feedback is positive for this process that has been going on for a long time. Chiasson stated yesterday evening AAPA cancelled the meetings to meet with Congress in DC so we cancelled our plans. A meeting will still take place with

OMB through emails and sending them documents, it just will not be face to face. Davie Breaux reported on the Flotation Canal Embankment Work. He stated this was a small area that washed out during past storms. We took quotes and Tidewater Dock was the contractor to install the rip rap and dirt fill. The work is complete, and they are working on final quantities. It is approximately a \$25,000 project. Chiasson reported the new Harbor Police Workboat is under construction and nearing completion. We should have the vessel delivered to us by mid-April. Contractor will be installing the electrical wiring, radios, and 2 engines. The vessel will mainly be used for Harbor Police buoy maintenance. The Port maintains the 65 buoys in the East/West Canal in Leeville going toward Grand Isle. Cheramie questioned if the vessel will be done before hurricane season, which Chiasson replied yes. Chiasson stated the boat will have removable benches for tours. Also, it will have a ramp that can load an ATV to cross and inspect the beach area if needed.

Update from LA 1 Coalition – Henri Boulet reported the LA 1 Improvement Project Phase II federal INFRA Grant Application was submitted to US D.O.T. by the LA Department of Transportation and Development in late February for \$185 million dollars, which is the maximum the state could request on the \$445 million project. The Phase II Project comprises the needed 8.3 miles of elevated highway between Golden Meadow and Leeville has a benefit cost ratio of 4.86%, which means all levels of government and society will receive over 4 times the cost of the project back in collective benefits over 30 years. This significant benefit ratio will certainly help the application merit criteria scoring. Boulet thanked the Port, the Parish, our state government, federal government, and numerous industry corporations for interviews during the grant development to help the Coalition and the state gather the data we needed to calculate the cost benefit for the project's application. The application also garnered 19 letters of fiscal support, along with the state's and a workable INFRA award, it would come up with close-out funding needed. This was impressive and will demonstrate to the US D.O.T. reviewers of the significant community and business support for the project. Finally, the Coalition was able to garner significant powerful letters of support from our state's federal Congressional Delegation (all members), our Governor, our State Legislature's House Speaker and our Senate President, our new State Representative and State Senator, Lafourche Parish Government, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Terrebonne Parish Government, the City of New Orleans, Jefferson Parish Government and the Jefferson Parish President, the Town of Grand Isle, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, both our state and national trucking associations (LA Motor Transportation Association and the American Trucking Associations), significant national associations including NOIA, OMSA, the National Ocean Policy Coalition, and the Consumer Energy Alliance. Regionally, we were able to secure support letters from LMOGA, LOGA, SLEC, South Central Planning and Development, GNO Inc., our three area Chambers of Commerce, Bayou Industrial Group, and the SCIA. We were also able to secure letters of support from local landowners including the Edward Wisner Trust, ConocoPhillips, Caillouet Land Corporation, Apache, and others. And finally, we had exceptional support letters from over 20 members of our business community in the sectors of energy, fisheries and tourism. We should hear results of the application this summer. The Coalition is continuing to work on additional fiscal support letters which can be submitted throughout the review process, and monitoring legislation related to state funding for the project.

President Cheramie opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Johnny Ordonne announced his candidacy for Port Commission Seat B with Election Day on April 4th with early voting March 21st – 28th. Chiasson then recognized Troy Dufrene for his 28 years of service at the Port Commission who is retiring and now the new Chief of Police in Golden Meadow. He read the certificate which stated, *“Upon your retirement from the Greater Lafourche Port Commission hereby acknowledges Troy Dufrene in appreciation for your years of dedicated service and leadership as a Harbor Police Lieutenant & Security Technology Officer. We wish you good health, happiness, and continued success in your life after retirement.”*

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met February 26th in Cut Off present were Cheramie, M. Callais, and Melancon. R. Gisclair Sr. was absent. The committee also met March 9th in Cut Off with all members present.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from LLOG Exploration to extend the mooring dolphin lease on Dolphin #25 to #27 for 3 additional years with 2 one-year options a total of 5 years.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Seacor Marine to extend the short-term mooring agreement for 1 year to place up to 2 lift boats in Flotation Canal. Chiasson stated with the upcoming dredge projects the agreement will give prior written notice to move out and allow us access to dredge.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Weeks Marine for a Short-Term Lease agreement on site GLF624. Chiasson stated Weeks Marine has been contracted to do some coastal restoration work on West Belle Pass and the Timbalier Island to pump and dredge material. They need a place for the barges and equipment and personnel to load and offload and parking of a few vehicles. They will be leasing 450' of the 939'. The lease will also contain language that if a company comes to lease the whole site layout, we will have a 30 day out.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair Sr. second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the equipment and electronics are surplus and no longer needed for public purpose, minimum bids will be applied to each item and it will be advertised for sale.

Upon motion by Griffin second by R. Gisclair Sr., with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the advertisement for summer employees to hire 6 roustabouts.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met February 26th in Cut Off present were Lafont, R. Gisclair, Pierce, and Cheramie. They also met March 9th in Cut Off with all members present.

Pierce presented for the board's review the permit from Lafourche Parish Government. Chiasson stated that this permit is part of a Hurricane Barry issue of flooding that was taking place. Terrebonne Parish, Lafourche Parish, and the 2 Levee Districts worked together and acted to stop it as soon as possible and this is the after-the-fact permit for that work.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met February 26th in Cut Off present were Griffin, K. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie. They also met March 9th in Cut Off with all members present.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Sealevel Construction for the Slip C 400' East Bulkhead to add an additional 21 days to the contract time.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the aviation fuel supplier agreement with Ascent Aviation Group, Inc. for a markup rate of \$0.23946 for Jet A fuel and \$0.90875 for Avgas fuel and a total combined weighted bid of \$2.48916.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair Sr. second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Federal Highway Administration agreement for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project for the Build Grant Award of \$16.4 million.

Finance Committee - The committee met February 26th in Cut Off present were Melancon, M. Callais, and Cheramie. R. Gisclair Sr. absent. They also met March 9th in Cut Off with all members present.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of February 2020 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$1,763,752.51.

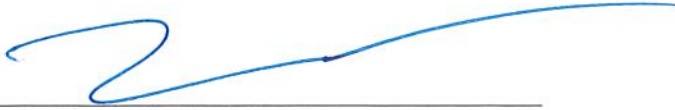
Upon motion by Melancon second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Rodney Gisclair Sr., Curtis Pierce, Mike Callais, and Chuckie Cheramie to attend the AAPA Commissioners & Governing Boards Seminar in New York May

5th – 8th, and Lindsey Rister and Michelle Eymard to attend the Docstar Insights Customer Conference in Tennessee May 4th – 6th.

President Cheramie opened the floor for public comment. Cheramie thanked Troy Dufrene for his service and wished him good luck with his future endeavors.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:06AM.

ATTEST:



Harris Cheramie Jr., President



Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary