

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020 at 10:30AM**

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

*(Posted: July 2, 2020 at 11:50AM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for June 10, 2020 regular meeting and June 24, 2020 special 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. Northern Expansion Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge (*GIS Engineering*)
  - B. Airport Projects
    - 1. Aircraft Operations
    - 2. Approach Obstruction Removal (*Infrastructure Consulting Engineers*)
    - 3. Airport Connector Road and Bridge (*Picciola & Associates*)
  - C. Other Projects
    - 1. OMB Review of Feasibility Study (*GIS Engineering*)
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the request from Ecoserv to extend the improvement rent considerations on Site 628
    - 2. Consider approving the request from Steve Tomeny to assign lease to Port Fourchon Marina for Site 104
    - 3. Consider approving the request from Great Lakes Dredge to lease office space and parking on site GLF337
    - 4. Consider approving the request from Christine Barbour to lease site GLF304-4 for a food trailer
    - 5. Consider approving the request from Lafourche Drainage District to extend office lease at Port Complex
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1. Review permits from Badger Oil Corporation, LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Grand Bayou, Norma F. Duet, and GLPC
  - C. Construction and Development Committee
    - 1. Consider accepting the Clear Lien Certificate from Sealevel Construction for Slip C 400' East Bulkhead project
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of June 2020 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2. Consider approving the January to June 2020 unaudited financial statements
- VIII. Any Other Business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Adjournment

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**July 8, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, July 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 June 10, 2020 regular meeting and June 24, 2020 special meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Sealevel Construction is complete and the clear lien certificate and payment of retainage are on the agenda for Slip C 400' East Part 2 Bulkhead project. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Shavers-Whittle Construction is on site welding pipe bumpers and waler beams and driving concrete piles for Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead project. Engineer John Plaisance reported preliminary plans and specs were delivered yesterday for the Port's staff to review for Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge project.

Airport Projects – Joe Wheeler, Airport Director reported the aircraft operations for June were 1630, 5117 passengers, and 14,813 vehicles. Wheeler reported the Approach Obstruction Removal project is currently being advertised with pre-bid meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> and bid opening on July 29<sup>th</sup>. This is for the tree cutting on the northside of the airport. Executive Director Chett Chiasson requested an update on the LOOP brine line repairs, which Wheeler replied it is progressing with some setbacks due to the weather. We have not had to shut down the ILS yet. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. We have received some comments from DOTD on the 90% plan submittal. We are working through the comments and right of way (ROW) plans and working toward 100% plans by the end of the month. We are working on permits. We will be advertising for a public hearing for both in person and virtual web access coordinating that with DOTD. We expect to get final environmental assessment approval in August. The few hang ups we are having is with the US Coast Guard permit and approval for the Port to move forward with getting appraisals on the highway right of ways. Chiasson stated these are the ROW's along LA 308 and LA1. Picciola stated with the recent noise study it is recommended that we build a noise barrier on the south side of the connector road for the residence. The procedure is to send notice to the 5 residence and if they agree we will have to build it, but if they don't want a barrier, we don't have to build it. Chiasson stated that we do have a meeting today with Mr. Martin, his attorney, and a few Commissioners.

Other Projects – Chiasson updated the board on the OMB Review of Feasibility Study. He stated on June 26<sup>th</sup> we had a call with OMB to get a status update on the review process. They should be complete with the review soon. It was sent to OMB on April 9<sup>th</sup>. We are working on verbiage for the next water resource bill that is set to go to Congress July 15<sup>th</sup> to approve our 30 ft. draft.

With no public comment, the board continued with the agenda.

**Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met July 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Cheramie, M. Callais, Melancon, and R. Gisclair Sr.

Cheramie presented for the board's consideration approving the request from Ecoserv to extend the improvement rent considerations on Site 628. Chiasson stated their original request was for 3 months deferral of improvement rent and they now want to extend it for 1 year. Upon motion by K. Callais to approve the

extension of improvement rent which was second by M. Callais, the floor was open for discussion. Chiasson stated that during this time they will pay basic rent and interest on the rent. R. Gisclair Sr. questioned if any other tenants have problems returning to the original rates, which Chiasson stated we have not received any more requests. With no public comment, the board then voted which resulted in all 9 years to extend the deferral of improvement rent for 1 year from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Steve Tomeny to assign lease site GLF104 to Port Fourchon Marina, Inc.

Cheramie presented for the board's consideration to approve the request from Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company to lease office space and parking on site GLF337. Chiasson stated this is the old PHI building site. Great Lakes Dredge & Dock is the contractor for the upcoming CPRA Caminada Headland Back Barrier Marsh Creation Project for restoration work of \$42 million. Upon motion by R. Gisclair to approve the lease which was second by R. Gisclair Sr., the floor was open for discussion. Griffin questioned how long the lease will be, which Chiasson replied it is a 9 month lease that can be extended if needed. With no public comment, the board voted which resulted in all 9 years to lease the office and parking to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.

Cheramie presented for the board's consideration to approve the request from Christine Barbour to lease site GLF304-4 for a food trailer. Chiasson stated we would charge \$353.70 a month however this is not the rent for the full site. He stated that if we get a tenant that wants the full site, we would give 90 day notice and help her find a new spot in the Port. This site already has limestone. Upon motion by R. Gisclair Sr. second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the lease with Christine Barbour.

Cheramie presented for the board's consideration to approve the request from Lafourche Drainage District to extend the office lease at the Port Complex. Chiasson stated they have been leasing this for several years now it is a year to year lease. They have requested TV and audio equipment being installed which they are considering at their meeting tomorrow. The additional cost would be approximately \$750 or \$62 a month. Chiasson stated that if approved we will include the additional cost to their rent. Upon motion by M. Callais second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved to extend the lease with Lafourche Drainage District with the additional equipment cost.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met July 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Pierce, Lafont, R. Gisclair, and Cheramie.

Pierce presented for the board's review the permits from Badger Oil Corporation, LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Grand Bayou, Norma F. Duet, and GLPC.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met July 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Griffin, K. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by Pierce second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate from Sealevel Construction for Slip C 400' East Bulkhead project.

Finance Committee - The committee met July 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Melancon, M. Callais, R. Gisclair Sr., and Cheramie.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of June 2020 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$1,373,156.34.

Upon motion by Melancon second by R. Gisclair Sr., with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the January to June 2020 unaudited financial statements.

President Cheramie opened the floor for public comment. Daniel Lorraine addressed the board questioning if the Port has jurisdiction from the Intracoastal to Fourchon to address the water lilies in Bayou Lafourche. Chiasson replied that he has spoken to Ben Malbrough with Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District (BLFD) and he said he spoke to Parish President Archie Chaisson. The Parish purchases the herbicide that is safe for spraying in the water to kill the lilies and BLFD would use their equipment to come spray. Lorraine stated he had people question him about it and from the Intracoastal north it is taken care of however from the Intracoastal to Fourchon it is not. Lorraine stated the Tenth Ward pays BLFD 2 ½ mills so we should get something. Chiasson stated they are supposed to start in the next week or so.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by R. Gisclair, the board adjourned the meeting at 10:55AM.

ATTEST:



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Harris Cheramie Jr., President



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Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary