# GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION AGENDA

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020 at 10:30AM

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

(Revised: August 11, 2020 at 9:15AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Ceremonial Swearing in of John D. Ordonne as Board Member for Seat B
- V. Approve minutes for July 8, 2020 regular meeting
- VI. 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. Approach Obstruction Removal (Infrastructure Consulting Engineers)
    - 3. Airport Connector Road and Bridge (Picciola & Associates)
  - C. Other Projects
    - 1. OMB Review of Feasibility Study & WRDA Update (GIS Engineering)
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the request from Airsis (Oceaneering) to extend Tower Lease
    - 2. Consider approving the request from FDF Energy Services to lease site GLF404
    - 3. Consider approving the request from Port Fourchon Marina, Inc. to change to an LLC and consolidate and extend all leases (GLF103-1998, GLF103-1994, GLF104)
    - 4. Consider approving the request from Offshore Rental, LTD to change name to Tiger Offshore Rentals, LLC for Lease sites (GLF409, GLF411, GLF412)
    - 5. Consider approving resolution requesting approval from Attorney General to hire attorney to assist in real estate acquisitions for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project
    - 6. Consider approving the Policy on COVID-19
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1. Review permits from GLPC (*Boat Lift*), South Lafourche Levee District, LLOX, LLC(Ext), Castex Energy, Inc.(Ext), and Cantium (Ext)
    - 2. Bayou Lafourche vegetation spraying
  - C. Construction and Development Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the DOTD Intergovernmental Replacement Agreement for Phase III, Slip C Project H.013648
    - 2. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Shavers-Whittle Construction for Slip C 1100' Bulkhead project
    - 3. Consider adopting a resolution for Port matching funds for the Land & Water Conservation Grant for the Coastal Wetlands Park
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of July 2020 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2. Consider approving the July 2020 unaudited financial statements
- IX. Any Other Business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

#### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION August 12, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, August 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 M. Callais then called roll.

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

ABSENT: None

Attorney General Jeff Landry began with the ceremonial swearing in of John D. Ordonne for Seat B.

Executive Director Chett Chiasson congratulated Mr. Ordonne. He then thanked Mr. Rodney R. Gisclair for taking the appointment to serve in his brother's seat. We will present him with a certificate of appreciation later.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for July 8, 2020 regular meeting.

#### **Executive Director's Report**

<u>Northern Expansion</u> – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Shavers-Whittle Construction is driving concrete piles, forming concrete deadman, and welding on the bulkhead for Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead project. Davie Breaux reported the Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge project will begin advertising next week with bid opening on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported the aircraft operations for July were 1544 with 5245 passengers, and 14,963 vehicles. Breaux reported we received no bids for the Approach Obstruction Removal project which is to cut the top of trees on the northside of the Airport. FAA has approved us to get quotes which the engineer is putting together to receive later this month. Chiasson stated the reason why we can now get quotes is due to the state law threshold increasing from \$150,000 to \$250,000. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. We are set to submit 100% final design plans to DOTD early next week. We anticipate they will be approved early September. The right of way plans were approved. He stated Bryce is working on appraisals for different right of ways. We are currently holding a virtual public hearing on the Port's website which has a narrated presentation giving all the details about the project. The in person public hearing is set for Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM here at the Port's Administration Office. We will have the same presentation as well as poster boards to present to the landowners. We are on schedule to have approved authorization by FHWA in late September.

Other Projects – Chiasson updated the board on the OMB review of the Feasibility Study & WRDA. He stated after an extensive several year process for this study. We were approved by the Corps and Assistant Secretary of the Army's Office. The study was also reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in Washington. We were fortunate to be included in the WRDA Bill that was passed on the House side two weeks ago to go to -30ft. in Belle Pass and Bayou Lafourche to the Northern Expansion. The bill is now moving to the Senate side and we are working with our Senators and delegation to make sure it stays in the bill. We are not sure when it will come up on the Senate Docket but will be paying attention to the session. We are positive that it will be approved, and we will have a -30ft. depth. We will continue in the next few years to get authorized to go to -50ft. depth.

The floor was open for public comment. District Attorney Christine Russell thanked the board for all the work done for the Parish. She thanked Attorney General Jeff Landry for being here today and thanked him for all he does for our state and parish. She offered her assistance to the board when needed her office is always open. She then congratulated Mr. Ordonne on his election.

Henry Lafont addressed the board. He stated Mr. Andrew Martin will be passing around the appraisal report that he had done on the property for the Airport Connector Road project. Lafont stated this matter began in 2006 and with this board in 2019. We received the appraisals on the property in May 2020 from the Port. Today, we are delivering our appraisal report from Cherie Dufrene, which covers the Andrew Martin and Ace Martin properties. Ms. Dufrene's resume is attached. She has been in business since 1990 and with her own business since 2003. She has prepared appraisals for numerous banks, mortgage companies, and attorneys. Ms. Dufrene is also qualified as an expert witness in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Lafourche Parish and the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Jefferson Parish. When comparing our appraisal to the Port's appraisals, there are differences in certain items with one being the chosen comparable. When one considers traffic, safety, environmental issues, and costs this location is perfect for this project and we think consideration needs to be considered for that. We tried to cooperate with the Port as best as we can to come to an agreement. The appraisal presented to you we feel is a fair counteroffer and we hope to hear from you soon to conclude this matter. Chiasson stated we will review the appraisal and will be back in touch with you.

#### **Committee Reports**

<u>Executive Committee</u> - The committee met July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Cheramie, R. Gisclair Sr., Melancon, and M. Callais.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Airsis (Oceaneering) to extend Tower Lease for an additional year.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from FDF Energy Services to lease site GLF404 a 2.969 acre tract in the E-Slip.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Port Fourchon Marina, Inc. to change to an LLC and consolidate and extend all leases (GLF103-1998, GLF103-1994, GLF104).

Upon motion by Pierce second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Offshore Rental, LTD to change name to Tiger Offshore Rentals, LLC for Lease sites GLF409, GLF411, and GLF412.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted the resolution requesting approval from Attorney General to hire attorney to assist in real estate acquisitions for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by R. Gisclair Sr., with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Policy on COVID-19 Response. Chiasson stated that this policy is in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to keep our employees safe with guidelines of symptoms and if test positive who to contact and what to do.

<u>Permits & Waterways Committee</u> - The committee met July 22<sup>nd</sup> in Cut Off present were Pierce, Lafont, R. Gisclair, and Cheramie. The committee also met on August 10<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Pierce, Lafont, Ordonne, and Cheramie.

Pierce presented for the board's review the permits from GLPC, South Lafourche Levee District and the time extension permits from LLOX, LLC, Castex Energy, Inc., and Cantium.

Chiasson thanked the Lafourche Parish Government for purchasing the herbicide for the Bayou Lafourche spraying of lilies, as well as the Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District who uses their equipment and labor to spray.

<u>Construction and Development Committee</u> - The committee met July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Griffin, K. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair Sr. second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the DOTD Intergovernmental Replacement Agreement for Phase III, Slip C Project H.013648.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Shavers-Whittle Construction for Slip C 1100' Bulkhead project to add 5 days to the contract time.

Upon motion by Pierce second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted a resolution obligating funds to the Land & Water Conservation Fund Project with the Port match of at least 50% of the total cost up to a \$350,000 local match for the Coastal Wetlands Park.

<u>Finance Committee</u> - The committee met July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present were Melancon, M. Callais, R. Gisclair Sr., and Cheramie.

Upon motion Melancon second M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of July 2020 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$1,371,206.06.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the July 2020 unaudited financial statements.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. R. Gisclair Sr. recognized and congratulated Mr. Joe Orgeron on his election as our new State Representative for District 54.

Upon motion by Lafont second by R. Gisclair Sr., the board adjourned the meeting at 10:56AM.

ATTEST:

Harris Cheramie Jr., President

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