

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
AGENDA
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13, 2021 at 10:30AM
Administration Office • 16829 East Main St • Cut Off, LA 70345
(Revised: January 12, 2021 at 9:40AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for December 9, 2020 and December 29, 2020 meetings
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion
 - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 2. Northern Expansion Slip C 1500' Sweep Dredging (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 3. 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. Belle Pass Emergency Dredge (*Corps*)
 - 4. WRDA Update
 - 5. Port Communications, Social Media, New Logo
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South Louisiana Economic Council in support of SLEC, Restore or Retreat, and LA 1 Coalition
 - 2. Consider approving the request from Odyssea Marine to extend the term of lease for mooring dolphins
 - 3. Consider approving the request from Adriatic Marine to extend the term of lease for mooring dolphins
 - 4. Consider approving the request to assign GLF196 Hoover to OEG Offshore, Inc. and consolidate GLF195 and GLF196
 - 5. Consider approving the request from Express Weld for a basic rent deferral for sites GLF612 and GLF613
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1. Review permit from CPRA Caminada Headland Back Barrier Marsh Creation(modification), Hilcorp Energy Company (2)
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the bids for 2021 Fuel Supplier
 - 2. Consider approving the bids for 2021 Construction Materials Supplier
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of December 2020 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Consider approving the Auditors Engagement Letter
- VIII. Any Other Business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
January 13, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 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, John Melancon, Jr., Mike Callais, and Kris Callais

ABSENT: Larry Griffin

Upon motion by Melancon second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for December 9, 2020 and December 29, 2020 meetings.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Chett Chiasson revealed the new logo and brand for the Port Commission to take us to our next endeavors. With more discussion to come later, there will be a press release going out tomorrow.

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported on Shavers-Whittle Construction for Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead project. He stated all tie rods and bulkhead are in place. They are installing sand and limestone and will need to install the wood cap. He expects completion by next week. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Slip C 1500' Sweep Dredging project which is currently being advertised with bid opening scheduled for January 27th. Engineer John Plaisance reported on Crosby Dredging for Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge project. He stated Crosby will be doing the pre-dredge cross sections tomorrow. He stated next week they will start to bring in equipment to start dredging the following week.

Airport Projects - Joe Wheeler, Airport Director reported the aircraft operations for December were 2410, with 8498 passengers, and 18,207 vehicles. Yearend totals are 21,618 operations; 83,128 passengers; and 183,551 vehicles. In comparison to 2019, operations are down 6,000; passengers are down 40,000; and vehicles are down 30,000. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. He stated DOTD is advertising the project tomorrow, January 14th. The only outstanding issue is the USCG permit and once we have all the right of ways signed; we will send them a letter and they will issue the permit. Bryce Autin reported we have 4 parcels outstanding that we are working on to get resolved. We don't see any issues of getting them completed on time. Chiasson stated the largest parcel with Mr. Martin has been resolved and we are finalizing that agreement next week.

Other Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements. Low Land Construction is on site working on the culverts and kayak launch and placing materials. We will be moving on to work on the bridge site next. Melancon questioned the bridge location is along the Flotation Canal Road, which Picciola replied yes. The concrete bridge will be installed for the tidal creek to flow into Flotation Canal. Engineer John Plaisance reported on the Front Commercial Marina Boat Shed/Lift. The project was awarded to Picciola Construction and the preconstruction meeting was held last week. They should be on site in the next couple weeks to drive piles. Chiasson reported on the Belle Pass Emergency Dredge project by the Corps of Engineers. Crosby Dredging is the contractor dredging and we anticipate the offshore portion of the dredging to be completed this week. The full project is expected to be complete by January 21st. Gisclair questioned will that bring us to the +/-27ft. depth, which Chiasson replied yes. From the middle of the jetties out to the sea buoy is +/-30 ft. and from the middle coming inside Belle Pass is +/-27ft. We have been able to get the western side to +/- 27ft. for regular traffic for a while now. Chiasson then reported on the WRDA Update. It has been approved by Congress which gives us authorization for 30 ft. depth pending the finalized EIS. The draft EIS we have is ready to be finalized. We are having a planning meeting this afternoon to determine steps forward and will have future meetings with the Corps to move forward. Within the next several months, we should have a finalized EIS to be placed in the federal register by the Corps to be advertised for comments.

Update on Port Communications, Social Media, and Logo - Thad Angeloz presented a recap of 2020 social media growth across all platforms. He thanked Heidi Mercer for putting this data together monthly. He stated since he has been tracking all metrics of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube Channel, and LinkedIn from 2019 and 2020 growth rate increased from 40% to 244% overall all metrics. The information and post are being viewed locally, throughout the state, and in some instances around the globe. It speaks to the fact that what we are doing, we are doing it right in regards of seeing the growth. The main highlight is on our Facebook page where we continue to lead in followers throughout the entire gulf south region. He then showed the comparison with all other Ports such as Port of Corpus Christi, Port of Houston, Port of New Orleans and a fascinating fact is that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey had 10,000 followers and we have over 12,000 on our Facebook page. In moving forward, we started the newsletter last year and had 3 issues. Starting in January, the first issue for this year we will send out by mail to state delegation and dignitaries. It is an 8 page newsletter which includes our new logo. He stated inside there are stories of what we have done and what we are planning to do. Angeloz reported at the end of 2020 he went on Twitter and put the goals and things we had done in 2020 as a checkmark system and talked about each item. In looking at 2020 with all challenges we had, but all the accomplishments we had as a board is outstanding. Regarding the new logo, tomorrow a press release will go out and we have the new logo header for our Facebook page and Twitter along with new social media graphics. He then showed the board examples of the new graphics. In closing he thanked the board throughout this new branding process, and Leigh Guidry for ordering all the signage and new logo items. With that, we are excited about rolling out this new logo and using this to move us forward. Chiasson stated the information in the newsletter and list of accomplishments are a testament to our board and staff as we continue to work hard in these struggling times and continue to do the things to provide as many opportunities to the community and industry. We look forward with this new logo and brand as we continue to face challenges, as the economy shifts, we need to be prepared to move forward with it. He is proud of the work we have been doing and hope the board and public is as well. We will continue to work hard for our community.

President opened the floor for any public comment. Bryan Fontenot State Representative from Thibodaux addressed the board. He stated throughout his time in law enforcement and public service, one thing that has been bothersome is the references of “up the bayou” and “down the bayou”. He believes we share one bayou. He understands the importance of what the Port does for the people of Lafourche, the State of Louisiana, as well as the entire country. He stated as he walks the halls of the State Capitol, he is proud to be a partner with the Port and what you all have accomplished. He offered his assistance to the Port with any legislation or support needed as we move forward in this next session. Chiasson thanked him for the help Fontenot provided during the time we loss Reggie, along with the help from Tanner Magee, Jerome Zeringue, and Senator Mike Fesi representing us. We are all working together for the betterment of our parish, community, and region. Fontenot stated the more education he can bring to the people in northern Lafourche to understand the amount of advalorem taxation the Port provides that 32% of tax dollars that funds our schools and Sheriff’s office originates in the Port. He is excited about the Airport Corridor project and moving the \$7.2 million from P5 to P1 for guaranteed funding so you don’t lose the federal grant dollars. One thing that is very important to him is that every time the Port goes to the table with the State it is never for an empty hand out. The Port has always matched those dollars. This makes it easy for legislators to get funding for the Port for projects because you have been good stewards of the public money and the money you have collected in rent. Pierce thanked GIS Engineering for the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and all efforts and meetings needed for the WRDA Bill to be passed. This is huge for the Port.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met January 11th in Cut Off present were Cheramie, Melancon, M. Callais, and R. Gisclair.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the 2021 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South Louisiana Economic Council (SLEC) to assist the Port with its economic development, infrastructure improvement plans, and coastal restoration by supporting SLEC for \$10,000, Restore or Retreat for \$10,000, and LA 1 Coalition for \$16,875.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Odyssey Marine to extend their mooring dolphin lease for an additional 3 years.

Upon motion by Pierce second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Adriatic Marine to extend their mooring dolphin lease for an additional 5 years.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request to assign GLF196 Hoover Offshore to OEG Offshore, Inc. and consolidate GLF195 and GLF196 into one lease under OEG Offshore, Inc.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Express Weld, LLC to amend their lease sites GLF612 and GLF613 for a deferral of 50% of Basic Rent from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 during which time an interest amount will be charged. 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 January 11th in Cut Off present were Lafont, Ordonne, Cheramie, and Pierce.

Pierce presented for the board's review the permits from CPRA Caminada Headland Back Barrier Marsh Creation(modification) and 2 permits from Hilcorp Energy Company.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met January 11th in Cut Off present were K. Callais, Lafont, Cheramie, with Griffin absent.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the bid from Waguespack Oil Company, Inc. for the 2021 Fuel Supplier at a markup rate of \$0.1995 for both gas and diesel to be delivered to Fourchon Warehouse, Cut Off Warehouse, and Galliano Airport. Chiasson stated last year the markup was \$0.225 with Gaubert Oil Company.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved to accept the lowest responsive bids for the 2021 Construction Materials Supplier with 16 items to Grand Isle Shipyard and 6 items to E&L Enterprises.

Finance Committee - The committee met January 11th in Cut Off present were Melancon, M. Callais, R. Gisclair, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by Melancon second M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the payment of December 2020 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$1,932,749.36.

Upon motion by Melancon second Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the LaPorte Auditors Engagement Letter for 2020.

President Cheramie opened the floor for public comment. Cheramie stated to please keep in your prayers Mr. Larry Griffin and his family and all others that have Covid-19.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Gisclair, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:05AM.

ATTEST:



Harris Cheramie Jr., President



Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary