

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**AGENDA**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021 at 10:30AM**  
**Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345**  
*(Revised: October 12, 2021 at 9:35AM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for September 16, 2021 meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion
    - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C & Flotation Canal 1500' Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 2. Northern Expansion Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge (*GIS Engineering*)
    - 3. Northern Expansion GLF626 Site Improvements (*Angelette-Picciola*)
  - B. Airport Projects
    - 1. Aircraft Operations
    - 2. Airport Connector Road and Bridge (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 3. Seal Coat & Pavement Markings (*GIS Engineering*)
  - C. Other Projects
    - 1. Fourchon Pavilion (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 2. Bayou Lafourche Mooring Dolphins (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 3. Hurricane IDA
- VI. Update from Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court
- VII. Update from LA 1 Coalition
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the Amendment of Lease with Schlumberger for GLF626 Site Improvements
    - 2. Consider approving the request from Rotorcraft Leasing Co. for the development of housing units at the Airport
    - 3. Consider approving lease rental considerations
    - 4. Consider approving the request from Chouest for lease rental deferrals
  - B. Construction & Development Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the DOTD Reimbursement Agreement for Slip D H.014903
    - 2. Consider approving the Airport Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for 2022-2027
    - 3. Consider approving Change Order No. 2 from Sealevel Construction for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project
    - 4. Consider accepting the bid for the Port Complex Demolition
  - C. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of September 2021 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2. Consider approving the September 2021 unaudited financial statements
    - 3. Consider approving the out of state travel request
- X. Any Other Business
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**October 13, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, October 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, Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jr., and Mike Callais

ABSENT: Kris Callais

Upon motion by Lafont second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for September 16, 2021 meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Marc Picciola with reported the contractor APC Construction is in the 90-day assembly period for Slip C & Flotation Canal Bulkhead project. The official notice to proceed will be issued on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Engineer John Plaisance reported the contractor Crosby Dredging has been gone since the storm for the Northern Expansion Slip D and Bayou Lafourche Dredge Project. He expects it will be another 6 weeks before they return to the project site which is their choice and not ours. Crosby Dredging has asked for an additional 90 days however we will recommend some days but not 90 days. Executive Director Chett Chiasson questioned when the survey of the mitigation area will be complete, which Plaisance replied they are 75% complete and should be finished this week. Chiasson questioned the survey data and when they expect to start back from the storm, which Plaisance stated we told Crosby Dredging last week they could have started back already. Engineer Neil Angelette with reported the GLF626 Site Improvements project is in the extended lien period due to Hurricane Ida. The new date the certificate will be eligible is November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported for the month of September the aircraft operations were 610, with 2859 passengers, and 9053 vehicles. Marc Picciola reported Sealevel Construction is the contractor for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge Project. Demolition of the existing structures began. Clearing and grubbing and construction of the connector road will begin soon. Sealevel will begin mobilizing their barge to begin driving the test piles in the next couple of weeks. Engineer John Plaisance reported the Seal Coat & Pavement Markings Project is being advertised with the bid opening scheduled on November 9<sup>th</sup> and the pre-bid scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Other Projects – Marc Picciola reported the Fourchon Pavilion pre-bid meeting was held yesterday October 12<sup>th</sup> and there were 3 contractors in attendance. We will open bids on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Engineer Neil Angelette reported the contractor Bo-Mac Contractors is in Port doing the work for Bollinger Fourchon moving the drydock and removing the mooring dolphins in Flotation Canal. They are scheduled to start work on the Bayou Lafourche Mooring Dolphins in the next two weeks. They do have 90 days on the contract for the removal of dolphins.

Hurricane IDA – Chiasson reported on the aftermath and the numerous assessments on Port assets which we anticipate about 42 projects with FEMA. He compared this to Hurricane Katrina we had 33 projects. He stated since there will be so many projects needed for our organization, we did a Disaster Grant Management Service RFP and received 16 proposals. The winning proposal is from CSRS Disaster Recovery. We will move forward with making the proper notification to all companies and follow up with CSRS to proceed with a contract. The Port Complex bids were received for demolition. The generator and all utilities have been disconnected. The Rotorcraft Terminal damaged facility will be demolished and rebuilt as a hangar. The Flotation Canal mooring dolphins #40 to #43 are being removed by Bo-Mac for

Bollinger to remove the drydock from the bank. Bollinger will repair and replace those dolphins back in place. There are other dolphins damaged which are being inspected. Debris Removal will start tomorrow. We worked with our tenants to hold their debris in their yards and starting Monday informed them to start pushing the debris along the road right of ways for pick up this week. We are authorized to make one pass to remove debris from Port roads which is a big help to our tenants. LA 3090 is a state highway therefore DOTD is responsible to remove the debris for those tenants. Chiasson then went over other damages in the Port: Nerby Collins Marina, Front Commercial Marina, and the Public Boat Launch. Some immediate repairs done were on the roads and shoulders, and washout along Minor Chermie Sr. Road as part as emergency response for safe travel. We are doing what we can inhouse but for the most part will have different projects and quotes to work thru the FEMA process. Both drydocks have been moved back to location with no damage to the bulkheads.

Chiasson went over the activities during the storm. Storm hit August 29<sup>th</sup> and it took a few days for the water to go down. By Tuesday August 31<sup>st</sup>, we were able to have a harbor police officer make it down to the Port to assess the debris on the road. Wednesday morning debris removal started on LA 1 south of the Leon Theriot Locks heading to the Port. By Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, we were able to allow tenant assessment teams into the Port to assess the damages on their facilities. This continued on into Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. By Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, the first vessel started to be loaded at our Port. This is a phenomenal job by everyone to get Port Fourchon back up and running after this Category 4 (Cat.5) hurricane with Port Fourchon taking a direct hit. Chiasson stated he is very proud of our community, our people at the Port Commission, and our tenant base, for what has been done and what continues to be done. He stated the Friday after the storm we had the US Coast Guard clear our channels for navigation which is a great job. NOAA came in Wednesday to survey the channels. There were a lot of assets in Port and a lot of focus on us to get back up and running. There continues to be work happening every day by our customers and ourselves. Water was an issue for several weeks and power as of last week was restored to the majority of the facilities in the Port. We are operational and quickly getting to about 75% capacity and it will take some time to get the last 25%. Port Fourchon at 75% capacity to service our offshore oil and gas industry is well beyond what the entire gulf coast can service. We are still strong and our tenants have said they will come back stronger and we have hope for our community to do the same. President Chermie stated Chett and the staff did an extremely well job to get the Port running and he commends them on what has been done.

Chermie presented the update from the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court. Chiasson stated she was unable to make it today. She was going to speak about the elections. Bryce Autin stated there were 2 election dates that changed November 13<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> which were for constitutional amendments on the ballot for us. R. Gisclair stated some of the polling places have also been changed.

Update from LA 1 Coalition – Henri Boulet with the LA 1 Coalition reported LA DOTD received construction bids for Phase II of the LA 1 Project last Tuesday. The low bid to construct the 8.3 miles of elevated highway between Golden Meadow and Leeville came in at \$463 million from James Construction. After DOTD takes bids on a project, the Project Manager reviews the bid prices for irregularities and recommends the contract be awarded or the bid be rejected to the DOTD Chief Engineer who makes the final determination. The Chief Engineer made the decision this Monday to award the contract to James Construction. A full construction contract package is being sent to James Construction this week and they will have 20 days to return the contracts and associated bonds, insurance, and compliance forms. After DOTD executes the construction contract and the process is turned over to the Project Engineer who will then issue the Notice to Proceed within 60 days of the contract's full execution. We expect the Notice to Proceed to be issued no later than January 20, 2022. Upon the contractor receiving the Notice to Proceed, a 60-day assembly period begins, and by the time the assembly period ends you should see daily, on-going construction. The contractor has 1,740 calendar days to complete the structure. This puts the completion at the very end of 2026, which is one year earlier than LA DOTD was allowing for within the bid specifications. This is great news for our community in a 21-year public works initiative. Boulet thanked the board for the Port Commission's strategic support over the years and pledge of match funds of \$25 million, which helped the project win the significant federal INFRA grant of \$135 million. He also thanked

the South Lafourche Levee District for their support and allowing the project's T-Wall to be built into the levee, for a 400-foot length where the highway will cross over the levee. He thanked the Lafourche Parish Council and President Archie Chaisson for the parish's pledge of match funds of \$1.2 million, and their advance agreement to maintain lighting at critical intersections on the new structure. Finally, he thanked the corporate community and landowners for pledges they made to the project, of which they are receiving no tax benefit for and made those commitments in the spirit of civic partnering with our South Lafourche community. He looks forward to updating the board with exact dates as to when the Notice to Proceed is officially issued.

Chiasson stated from the Port's standpoint we have a \$25 million cash commitment and to do mitigation in Leeville. As part of the project, the contractor is responsible for removing the pipelines and once they are done, we will start our dredge project to do the required mitigation. On the \$25 million commitment, we will make our first payment of \$5 million before the end of this year and will pay it annually for the next 5 years at the end of the year. Griffin questioned the bid amount, which Boulet replied \$463 million.

Melancon stated Boulet did a wonderful job and we appreciate your effort on taking on this major accomplishment. We also wish you luck on your future endeavors working with the Morganza to the Gulf levee system and hope you are as successful as you were with completing this project. Boulet thanked Melancon and stated he will continue with LA 1 Coalition with the commitments from the oil and gas companies until all fundings are received and turned over to LA DOTD.

Chiasson stated at the AAPA Annual Convention that took place in Austin the Port received 3 Communications Awards that Thad Angeloz submitted for which were for Periodicals of the Port Messenger, Social/Web-Based Media, and Visual Only Presentation. The board congratulated Angeloz for doing a good job.

Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment, there were none.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met October 11<sup>th</sup> present were Cheramie, Melancon, M. Callais, and R. Gisclair Sr.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Amendment of Lease with Schlumberger Technology for GLF626 Site Improvements which establishes the improvement rent to be paid over the next 5 years.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Rotorcraft Leasing Co. to lease approximately 1.22 acres for the development of 10 to 12 housing units at the S.L. Industrial Park.

Cheramie presented for the board's consideration on lease rental considerations. Chiasson stated we received several requests from our tenants for rental relief due to Hurricane Ida. We have been working with our tenants on rentals since 2015 due to industry issues. Based on what we know took place we recommend a 15 day across the board basic rental abatement for all tenants due to mandatory evacuation for the whole parish. Upon motion by Ordonne second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved a basic rent abatement for 15 days from September 1, 2021 to September 15, 2021 for all leases.

Cheramie presented for the board's consideration the request from Chouest to extend the lease rental deferrals. Chiasson stated Chouest along with others for the past year had lease rental deferrals which means they will pay back with interest. Chouest deferrals end this month and they are requesting an extension until December 2022. The recommendation is for a 6-month extension of lease deferrals. Upon motion by Melancon second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Chouest for a 6-month lease rental deferral.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met October 11<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Griffin, Lafont, Cheramie, with K. Callais absent.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the DOTD Reimbursement Agreement for Slip D H.014903.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Airport Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for 2022-2027 a 5-year plan of improvements at the Airport.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 from Sealevel Construction for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project an increase in contract price of \$44,614.84 for the removal of existing structure and pile supported concrete foundation.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the bid from Tidewater Dock for the Port Complex Demolition in the amount of \$32,000.

Finance Committee - The committee met October 11<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, M. Callais, Cheramie, and R. Gisclair.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of September 2021 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$2,494,805.02.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Gisclair, no public comment, the board unanimously approved the September 2021 unaudited financial statements.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Chett Chiasson to attend the US Department of Interior and other meetings in DC October 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, and Chett Chiasson and other Board Members to be determined to attend the GPA Fall Meetings in Texas November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any other business. Bryce Autin stated he received information from Annette Fontana Clerk of Court on the places to vote are as follows: The Golden Meadow Settlement School, Golden Meadow Upper Elementary, and St. Joseph Church Recreation Center will go to Golden Meadow Middle School. South Lafourche High School Precincts and East Galliano Fire Station will go to South Lafourche Library. West Cut Off Fire Station will go to Cut Off Elementary School. Larose Cut Off Elementary will go to the Virtual Academy of Lafourche. Holy Rosary Catholic School Cafeteria will go to North Larose Elementary School. All voters with changes have been mailed a notice of change of precinct.

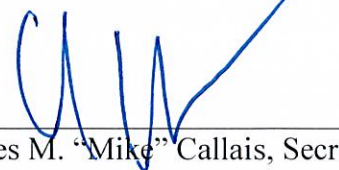
R. Gisclair thanked Chett for the recent interviews on HTV and the Newell Normand WWL Radio Program last week. The information of mitigation and beneficial use as the most economical way of spoil disposal and the great point of emphasizing that every grain of sand is important to our coastline. People don't realize the governmental issues involved in getting entities to work together to do these types of projects. Chiasson stated that will continue to be more important post Ida. Parish President Chaisson anticipates that we loss approximately 60 square miles of marsh on the east side of Lafourche Parish between the coast and the Intracoastal Canal. It will be important to look at ecosystem restoration capabilities for our community and dredging is the way to do it which we will be advocating for. The last supplemental from Congress had some funding for the Corps maintenance dredging. In December there will be a larger emergency supplemental bill which is the reason he is going to DC next week to continue that discussion and make sure ecosystem restoration is part of any supplement funds that are coming so we can have protection for our area. The levee worked this time but we loss a considerable amount of marsh around it and we need to make sure it is protected for future. Cheramie stated this was the worst hurricane we had and there are a lot of people that have damages. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Ordonne, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:15AM.

ATTEST:



Harris J. Cheramie, Jr., President



Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary