

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021 at 10:30AM
Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345
(Posted: November 5, 2021 at 3:40PM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for October 13, 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. Coastal Wetlands Park (*DDG*)
 - 4. Hurricane IDA
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the request from Rotorcraft Leasing Co. for improvements at the Airport
 - 2. Consider approving the agreement with LA Dept. of Culture Recreation and Tourism for the Port Fourchon Coastal Wetlands Park
 - B. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Crosby Dredging for the Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge project
 - 2. Consider accepting the Clear Lien Certificate from Onshore Materials for the GLF626 Site Improvements project
 - 3. Consider approving Change Order No. 3 from Sealevel Construction for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project
 - 4. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for Seal Coat & Pavement Markings
 - 5. Consider accepting the bid for the Cut Off Mechanic Shop Repairs
 - C. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of October 2021 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Consider approving the October 2021 unaudited financial statements
 - 3. Consider approving the out of state travel request
- VIII. Any Other Business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
November 10, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, November 10, 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. Secretary M. Callais opened with a prayer for the recovery from Hurricane Ida. 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

Upon motion by Griffin second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for October 13, 2021 meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola 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 26th. APC is on site grading and shaping the area in preparation for the bulkhead. The sheet piles have been purchased and are in Harvey getting coated. Engineer John Plaisance reported Crosby Dredging has not dredged since the storm for the Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredging project. They have started to layout discharge pipe this week. Gisclair questioned the anticipated date of the dredge returning, which Plaisance replied they told us next week but on Friday we have a meeting and will get a better idea. Engineer Neil Angelette reported we received the clear lien certificate today from Onshore Materials for the GLF626 Site Improvements Project.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported the aircraft operations for October were 388 with 1550 passengers, and no vehicles reported due to equipment being down. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Sealevel Construction is the contractor for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. Demolition of existing structures is complete. They are nearing completion of clearing and grubbing of the connector road from LA 1 to LA 3235. They are currently driving test piles. They will start on the LA 3235 drainage work next month. Change Order No. 3 of \$2,652.40 is for the clearing of debris from Hurricane Ida. We will have another change order later for the days from Hurricane Ida. Griffin questioned if there is a boat assisting the crane barge, which Picciola replied yes. Griffin stated Bayou Lafourche is blocked and you can't pass right now, which Picciola replied, this morning they were driving a test pile which is why it was blocked but they will move once they are done. Engineer John Plaisance reported we opened bids yesterday for the Seal Coat & Pavement Markings Project. We received 2 bids Axtell's Inc. for \$962,973.35 and Gee Asphalt Systems, Inc. for \$816,149.91 which is for the base bid and both alternates. They were both within the budget and are still being reviewed. Bryce Autin stated we will need DOTD's approval prior to awarding, we can award subject to DOTD's approval or wait to award. Melancon questioned the review of the bids, which Plaisance said he did the initial review but does have some questions. Executive Director Chett Chiasson stated that if there are questions on the bid, he would rather wait until next meeting to approve.

Other Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported we received bids and Onshore Construction Co. was the low bidder for the Fourchon Pavilion in the amount of \$1,960,000. The contracts are being signed. We anticipate issuing the notice to proceed immediately after receiving the signed contracts and bonds. This puts us to be complete mid-May. Engineer Neil Angelette reported Bo Mac is expected to be complete this

week for the Bayou Lafourche Mooring Dolphins. There are several items to review to retrieve the battered piles. Once reviewed, we will present them to the Port.

Coastal Wetlands Park (DDG) – Chad Danos reported 2 years ago we developed a master plan for the Coastal Wetlands Park incorporating the tidal creek, walking trails, and the rodeo pavilion working together in tandem. We then submitted for the Land & Water Conservation Grant with the federal government which funding is derived from offshore oil revenues. After 2 years, the project is approved which is a \$700,000 project for a 50/50 matching grant to construct an observation deck, board walks, trails, information and signage about the environment and coast and how industry works hand in hand, and seating areas along the boardwalk. The next step is to execute the contract with the state and federal government and once done we will have a kickoff meeting, and then will be able to start construction documents to bid on the project.

Hurricane IDA – Chiasson stated we continue debris removal with the goal to complete by November 27th in Fourchon. There is debris along LA 3090, which is for DOTD to pick up. We did have our consultant CSRS do a walk thru damage assessment of the Port Complex. The contractor will hold off on the demolition so we can do the assessment and have a replacement cost to submit to FEMA rather than just the demolition cost. At our temporary office we did some roof and facia repairs and will have a contractor come in to do the siding and permanent fix to the roof. We will also be purchasing a generator on a trailer for that facility. CSRS is also working on the damage assessment of the main administration office. The EOC building in Port is completely covered with a temporary roof due to the recent wind event. We received quotes yesterday for the Mechanic Shop repairs which resulted in 1 from TBT for \$25,400.00. The Front Commercial Marina, Nerby Collins Marina, and the Public Boat Launch we are working on a project to get the wharves repaired. Cheramie questioned the Airport, which Chiasson stated we do have damages at the Airport Hangar, Terminal, and the ILS instruments which we are working through the process of getting damage assessments.

President Cheramie opened the floor for public comment. Clerk of Court Annette Fontana addressed the board to remind everyone of the election on Saturday, November 13th. She reported there is a tent set up at the Galliano Annex and there is also one at the Golden Meadow Middle School. Following the storm, we had to come up with an election plan with the state to order supplies and plan for logistics. Please share the changed polling locations with your constituents: 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. If you have any questions, please visit *geauxvote* app or call 1-800-883-2805. We will have signage and people stationed at the old precincts on election day. This is a temporary relocation due to Hurricane Ida. The ballot for the 10th ward has the 4 constitutional amendments which all deal with taxes.

Chiasson recognized others in the audience: Doug Cheramie with Attorney General Jeff Landry's office, Lin Kiger Chamber of Lafourche, Fred Trowbridge with Congressman Scalise's office, and Parish President Archie Chaisson. A. Chaisson addressed the board and thanked them for the partnership during this storm. We had a test last season with the 7 storms and now we had to work through taking this one on the chin which proved the test last season worked. The coalition of government with the Port and the Parish he feels we did a hell of a job, and we have a lot to be proud of in Lafourche. He also wanted to thank the board for the support at the last council meeting as we took on the oil and gas lawsuits. He stated Chett came to the meeting and spoke on it as well as the overwhelming support of the council that this was not going to pass, and we were not going to sign on to those things. He stated over the last few months, people ask why we continue to pump money into our coast, the Port, and our levee system, it is for Port Fourchon and for our kids and grandkids and signing on to that lawsuit would be a detriment for us to rebuild our community in South Lafourche. Chett Chiasson stated the Parish Government and Council's partnership we have now is very good and the leadership related throughout this event and last few years we work very

well together. Chiasson recognized Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine who addressed the board. He stated as the Parish President mentioned at their October 26th meeting the resolution for a memorandum of understanding with the Shreveport Sulphur Company was pulled. He stated he does not like it being pulled it should have been voted down and finished with. He personally wants to thank Gisclair, Lafont, M. Callais, and Chett for calling him to ask how he stood on this issue, which his vote would have been no. He stated you can't destroy the people that feed you. He stated his opinion on who to sue is the State of Louisiana who issued the permits and did not hold the companies accountable to fix what was destroyed. Lorraine reported the fishing pier in Leeville is gone however the boat launch and pavilion are okay. There is a cut in the road which they are trying to get repaired for public access to the boat launch. Lorraine questioned the Airport Connector Road and Bridge if the Parish will be maintaining the bridge and road after completion, which Chiasson replied yes that is part of the agreement. He stated when you take on a bridge the first 10 years are not too bad, but later they start breaking. We always worked with the Port, and we may not always agree. He stated before the pandemic and the hurricanes, we were having problems with helicopters flying low in the area. He stated he is not sure what was done but whatever it was, it is working, and he thanked the board. Chiasson stated he had a meeting with them at the airport and expressed the situation and they handled it.

Chiasson then recognized Representative Joe Orgeron. Orgeron commented he came to see the progress of the Port and the Airport. He did get a call to make sure the Fourchon Bridge Connector Road is on the capital outlay list and stays there for the next session.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met October 28th and November 8th in Cut Off. Present were Cheramie, Melancon, M. Callais, and R. Gisclair Sr.

Consider approving the request from Rotorcraft Leasing Co. for improvements at the Airport. Chiasson stated the current terminal will be demolished and replaced with a hangar and they will bring in 6 to 8 modular units to make a terminal. They also will add additional helipads. Rotorcraft will construct the improvements, which will be appraised, and we would purchase them and lease it back to them in improvement rent. Upon motion by Pierce second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Rotorcraft improvements at the Airport.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the agreement with LA Dept. of Culture Recreation and Tourism for the Port Fourchon Coastal Wetlands Park project of \$700,000 with a 50/50 cost share of \$350,000.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met October 28th and November 8th in Cut Off. Present were Griffin, Lafont, Cheramie, and K. Callais.

Upon motion by Melancon second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Crosby Dredging for the Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge project an increase in contract time of 47 days.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate from Onshore Materials for the GLF626 Site Improvements project.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 3 from Sealevel Construction for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project and increase in contract price of \$2,652.40 for removing storm debris in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.

Chairman Griffin presented to the board to consider the lowest responsive bid for Seal Coat & Pavement Markings. The board took no action.

Upon motion by Griffin second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the bid from TBT Contracting, Inc. of LA for the Cut Off Mechanic Shop Repairs in the amount of \$25,400.00.

Finance Committee - The committee met October 28th and November 8th 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 October 2021 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 for a total of \$1,581,159.41.

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

Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel request from Chett Chiasson, Johnny Ordonne, and Kris Callais to attend the AAPA Commissioner Seminar in California Dec 6th – 10th; Mike Kinler and Scott Bynum to attend the Central Square User Conference in Florida March 27th – 31st.

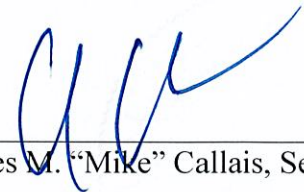
President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. Gisclair stated it is Veteran’s Day tomorrow please keep them in your prayers. President Cheramie stated with Thanksgiving coming up from all the board members, workers, and our families he would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Ordonne, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:16AM.

ATTEST:



Harris J. Cheramie, Jr., President



Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary