

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
AGENDA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 at 10:30AM
Administration Office • 16829 East Main St • Cut Off, LA 70345
(Posted: February 5, 2021 at 4:00PM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for January 13, 2021 meeting
- V. Retirement Recognition for Seaport Maintenance Specialist Johnny Felarise
- VI. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion
 - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 2. Northern Expansion Slip C 1500' East 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. Port Fourchon Belle Pass Channel Deepening
 - 5. Industry Information
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the request from Clean Waste, LLC (sublessee) for a Lessor's Subordination and Estoppel Agreement for site GLF611
 - 2. Consider approving the advertisement for surplus equipment sale
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1. Review permit from GLPC; Delta Seaboard Marine, LLC; Talos Energy Offshore, LLC(3); South Lafourche Levee District
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving Change Order No. 3 from Shavers-Whittle Construction for the Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead project
 - 2. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from Shavers-Whittle Construction for the Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead project
 - 3. Consider accepting the lowest responsive bid and award for the Slip C 1500' East Sweep Dredging project
 - 4. Consider adopting the resolution Certifying Compliance with the Public Bid Laws for Slip C 1500' East Sweep Dredging project
 - 5. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Low Land Construction for the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of January 2021 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
- IX. Any Other Business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
February 11, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Thursday, February 11, 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., Mike Callais, and Kris Callais

ABSENT: None

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

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Chett Chiasson announced the retirement and recognized Johnny Felarise, Seaport Maintenance Specialist for his 29 years and 7 ½ months of work. We appreciate all the work he has done over the years. Chiasson stated Johnny taught him how to drive a tractor when he was a summer worker. He congratulated Johnny for all his years of service and thanked him for serving the Port and our community. President Cheramie stated on behalf of all the Commissioners he thanked Johnny for his service. Felarise thanked the board for giving him the time and opportunity.

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Shavers-Whittle Construction has completed the Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead project. The substantial completion certificate and a change order for a decrease of \$20,273.60 and 28 additional days are ready for approval. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Slip C 1500' Sweep Dredging bid opening was January 27th. He recommends awarding the low bid from Magnolia Dredge & Dock in the amount of \$973,998.73. Engineer John Plaisance reported on Crosby Dredging for Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge project. He stated Crosby Dredging is currently building the containment dikes and moving in equipment.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported the aircraft operations for January were 2025, 6731 passengers, and 17,217 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge. He stated bids were received yesterday and Sealevel Construction was the low bidder in the amount of \$30,956,316.07. We did get the USCG permit so everything is in line. DOTD has internally sent the bids to their Chief Engineer then they will send the award to Sealevel Construction. The contractor then has 45 days to complete the contract documents and send to the Port to sign. Chiasson stated we are hoping that between now and the March meeting all the reviews and the Parish sends and receives approval from Capital Outlay to move forward with the contracts. Bryce Autin stated all the right of ways are acquired. R. Gisclair questioned the expected start date, which Joe Picciola replied we will give them a conditional notice to proceed to start ordering materials. The pile driving for test piles in the bayou is estimated May or June and groundbreaking June or July 2021. Melancon questioned the completion, which Picciola replied 2024. It is a 3 year project.

Other Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements. The contractor Low Land Construction is complete with the culvert and kayak launch. The wharf and limestone are in place. They are currently working on driving piles for the concrete bridge. There is a change order on the agenda to increase the contract by \$16,938.75 and add 4 days which is for the adjustment of quantities for the kayak launch. There was an overrun in sand but underrun in other materials. Engineer John Plaisance reported on the Front Commercial Marina Boat Shed & Lift. The contractor was on site driving piles yesterday. Chiasson reported on the Belle Pass Emergency Dredge project which is being done by the Corps of Engineers with funding from the Port. He stated the dredging

will be complete tomorrow. The obstruction removal near the channel will begin next week. Afterward all the work will be complete in the Pass. Chiasson reported on the Port Fourchon Belle Pass Channel Deepening. We have a conditionally authorized 30 ft. depth for Belle Pass. We are now moving through the motions to get the draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) finalized. We had calls with the Corps headquarters and yesterday discussions with the district office. They are putting together information and we will have a follow up call next Friday with a path forward. There were questions and interpretation issues we are dealing with. We currently have an agreement with the Corps which stipulates they will work with us through the EIS timeline.

Chiasson gave an update on industry information. He stated as you are aware there has been some bad policy decisions against the oil and gas industry from our standpoint and really for the country. It does not help the environment on what they are doing. Currently there is a 60 day halt on permits and leasing of federal lands, afterward an Executive Order was issued for no new leases. Permits could be issued but no new leases. We are in the middle of the 60 day halt however those are no new permits for new exploratory wells. There are permits being issued as per discussions with BSEE. There are permits that are being held now but not acted upon. There are 18 deepwater drilling permits and 29 shallow water permits that are held by oil companies. There are some activities that can take place but not the service sector heavy needs like exploratory wells. There is a lot of activity taking place with having discussions with Administration to show them and be realistic about what their policy decisions are because the ones being made are with environment in mind but not realistic, and actually hinders the environment because the U.S. is actually the lowest carbon emissions in terms of oil and gas or fossil fuel drilling and production in the world. We have the lowest carbon emissions overall in the world of industrial nations. Chiasson stated yesterday there was a hearing by the Joint House and Senate National Resource Committee where he was invited to testify. Chiasson spoke about the Port and what we are doing for the betterment of the environment not in spite of industry but because of industry. Others that were there to speak were Congressman Graves, Congressman Higgins, Senator Cassidy, State Representatives, Parish President Chaisson, Terrebonne Parish President Dove, as well as a number of others from industry. The message was this policy is unrealistic and detrimental to our national economy and energy security. He met with the Governor last week and there are other plans of action taking place from different sources. We are involved in trying to lay out the right message. President Cheramie complimented Chett on doing extremely well in his testimony in front of the legislature yesterday. Cheramie attended along with Ordonne, Gisclair, Pierce and M. Callais.

Cheramie opened the floor for public comment, with none he continued with agenda.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met January 27th and February 8th in Cut Off present were Cheramie, R. Gisclair Sr., Melancon, and M. Callais.

Cheramie presented for the board's approval the request from Clean Waste, LLC (sublessee) for a Lessor's Subordination and Estoppel Agreement for site GLF611. Bryce Autin stated Clean Waste currently has an agreement with us on this but with another bank. This request is modifying their financial agreements with a new bank. We recommend approving subject to our review and comments. Upon motion by Ordonne second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Clean Waste, LLC Lessor's Subordination and Estoppel Agreement for GLF611 subject to provisions by Port General Counsel.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously declared the surplus equipment and vehicles are surplus and no longer needed for public purposes, minimum bids will be applied to each item and advertised for sale. Items include 2 vehicles, a generator, air compressor, drill press, 2 upper half outboard engines, and windows.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met January 27th in Cut Off present were Lafont, Cheramie, Pierce, with Ordonne absent. The committee also met on February 8th in Cut Off with all present.

Pierce presented for the board's review the permits from GLPC; Delta Seaboard Marine, LLC; 3 permits from Talos Energy Offshore, LLC; and South Lafourche Levee District.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met January 27th and February 8th in Cut Off present were K. Callais, Lafont, Griffin, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 3 from Shavers-Whittle Construction for the Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead project to decrease the contract price by \$20,273.60 and add 28 days to the contract time.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated January 15, 2021 from Shavers-Whittle Construction for the Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead project.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the lowest responsive bid from Magnolia Dredge & Dock, LLC in the amount of \$973,998.73 for Slip C 1500' East Sweep Dredging project.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopting the resolution Certifying Compliance with the Public Bid Laws for Slip C 1500' East Sweep Dredging project.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Low Land Construction for the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements to increase the contract price by \$16,938.75 and add 4 days to the contract time.

Finance Committee - The committee met January 27th and February 8th in Cut Off present were Melancon, M. Callais, R. Gisclair, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the payment of January 2021 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 total \$3,537,049.66.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any other business. Griffin stated for Councilman Daniel Lorraine to have a quick and healthy recovery with his surgery tomorrow.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Ordonne, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:02AM.

ATTEST:



Harris Cheramie Jr., President



Charles M. Mike Callais, Secretary