

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**AGENDA**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021 at 10:30AM**  
**Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345**  
*(Posted: March 5, 2021 at 4:10PM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for February 10, 2021 and February 24, 2021 meeting
- V. 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. M/V Harvey Seas Removal
    - 6. Bayou Lafourche Mooring Dolphins (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 7. LA 1 Phase 2 Leeville Construction Canal Dredge & Mitigation (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 8. Fourchon Beach Restoration and Protection (*Angelette-Picciola*)
    - 9. Belle Pass Tower Upgrade
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VII. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the lease with Central Dispatch for office space
    - 2. Consider approving the request from Seacor Marine to extend the Short Term Mooring Agreement in Flotation Canal
    - 3. Consider approving the request from Sea Support Ventures for a Right of First Refusal on sites GLF320 and GLF321
    - 4. Consider approving the request from Entergy Louisiana to lease a site at the S.L. Industrial Park
    - 5. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with CPRA for CWPPRA West Fourchon Marsh Creation & Nourishment Project
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1. Review permits from CWPPRA – West Fourchon Marsh Creation and Nourishment, Uniti dba Hunt Telecom, LLC, and Anita Hutchinson
  - C. Construction & Development Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the DOTD Resolution Accepting the Work for Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead by Shavers- Whittle Construction
    - 2. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid and award for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project H.011915
    - 3. Consider approving the DOTD Supplement Agreement No. 1 for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project H.011915
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of February 2021 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
- VIII. Any Other Business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Adjournment

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**March 10, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, March 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 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 Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for February 11, 2021 and February 24, 2021 meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Shavers-Whittle Construction has completed the Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead project and is in the lien period. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Magnolia Dredge & Dock is the low bidder for the Slip C 1500' East Sweep Dredging. The pre-construction meeting was last week, and we issued the notice to proceed to begin work April 5, 2021. It is a 120 day contract. Engineer John Plaisance reported on Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge. The contractor Crosby Dredging has started moving material for a week and half now. They are broken down now but will start back by Friday.

Airport Projects – Joe Wheeler Airport Manager reported aircraft operations for February were 1842 with 7362 passengers and 15,845 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge. We accepted bids on February 10<sup>th</sup> and Sealevel Construction was the low bidder. We are working with DOTD and Facility Planning to issue contract documents to Sealevel which will go back to DOTD and then to the Port Commission to sign. Melancon questioned how much longer it will take to sign contracts and they could start, which Picciola replied the Port should be able to sign in the next couple of weeks. We will issue a 90 day assembly period as a conditional notice to proceed to Sealevel to order materials and drive test piles so you should see some work by June or July. Executive Director Chett Chiasson stated that we do have a conference call this afternoon with DOTD to discuss the final contract process.

Other Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Low Land Construction is the contractor for the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements. The kayak area and launch are complete with only some minor touch up work remaining. They are working on the concrete bridge. They have driven piles and are setting up some bridge decks now. Engineer John Plaisance reported Picciola Construction is the contractor for the Front Commercial Marina Boat Shed & Lift. He stated all the piles are driven and major timbers are up. They are waiting materials for the roof and boat lift and should be complete by the end of April. Chiasson reported on the Belle Pass Emergency Dredge which was done by the Corps of Engineers. The obstruction in Belle Pass has been removed and the mud and rocks have been relocated to the west side near the beginning of the west jetties.

Dustin Malbrough reported on the Port Fourchon Belle Pass Channel Deepening. He along with Chett and Phil continue to coordinate with the Corps of Engineers for the project that was authorized in the WRDA bill. He stated last week Phil had a conference call with the ASA office and OMB has directed that the project does not need a new start designation for us to move forward with a completed EIS. Some of the items that the ASA had included in the authorization which was a review of cost as well as validation of the economics was included in the report. He stated this afternoon we are contacting the Corps to determine what the path forward is since we don't need a new start designation.

The Corps needs to figure out if they have money in their discretionary budget to allocate to this job, or do they have re-programming funds from projects that were underbudget, or could we enter into an MOA like we did in the past and the Port could put up some funds to close out this last part of the EIS and move the project forward to be in compliance with NEPA. Chiasson reported on the M/V Harvey Seas Removal. They submitted to us their plan for the removal and we will be getting back with them to make sure there will do post removal surveys and the material will be filled back in once vessel is removed. Bryce Autin replied we will get an update prior to the next meeting. We will also need to approve another Access Agreement with them prior to the work being done.

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the plans and specs for the Bayou Lafourche Mooring Dolphins are close to completion and we plan to advertise in April. Chiasson stated Chouest is in the process of removing their mooring dolphins right now so we can learn from them for when we do our project to remove. Gisclair questioned if the project is just for removal, which Angelette replied it is still under discussion. We plan to include an alternate bid to install 2 or 4 mooring dolphins for the board to have numbers if the plan is to rebuild. Engineer Neil Angelette reported the LA 1 Phase 2 Leeville Construction Canal Dredge & Mitigation is under design and plans and specs should be complete in two months which will be ahead of the state permitting process. Engineer Neil Angelette reported on the Fourchon Beach Restoration and Protection project. He stated they met with CPRA last week to discuss the preliminary concept. The state through CPRA will provide \$2 million of the proposed \$6 million project. He is currently working on the design and will be preparing the permit for this project. John Crochet reported on the Belle Pass Tower Upgrade. He stated the project started advertising on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a pre-proposal meeting scheduled on March 18<sup>th</sup> and we will open proposals on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Chiasson stated Thad filled out a grant application with the Peltier Foundation out of Thibodaux and we are fortunate to receive funding of \$10,000 which will go toward the purchase of bullet proof vest for the Harbor Police officers. We would like to thank the Peltier Foundation. Chiasson then thanked State Representative Joe Orgeron for being here today. He also thanked the USCG for being here today and we look forward to continuing our successful partnership. We also have here today Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office Brennan Matherne. Matherne stated he has been the Public Information Officer for the past 10 years and recently as of January 1<sup>st</sup> was promoted to Captain and now over the South Lafourche Substation in Cut Off. He will be located in Cut Off and looks forward to continuing the partnership with the Port. Chiasson then recognized Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine good to see him back. President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment, being none, he continued with reports.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Cheramie, R. Gisclair Sr., Melancon, and M. Callais.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the lease with Central Dispatch for office space in the building located at 9039 East Avenue A.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Seacor Marine to extend the Short Term Mooring Agreement to place 2 lift boats in Flotation Canal for 1 year.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Sea Support Dockside & Logistics for a Right of First Refusal on sites GLF320 and GLF321.

Upon motion by Ordonne second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Entergy Louisiana to lease 10 acres at the S.L. Industrial Park along Apache Road.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with CPRA authorizing the Port to perform geotechnical surveys to assess the suitability for utilizing Bayou Lafourche as a source of dredge

material for the West Fourchon Marsh Creation & Nourishment Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) Project.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Pierce, Lafont, Ordonne, and Cheramie.

Pierce presented for the board's review permits from CWPPRA – West Fourchon Marsh Creation and Nourishment, Uniti dba Hunt Telecom, LLC, and Anita Hutchinson.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Griffin, K. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the DOTD Resolution Accepting the Work for Slip C 1100' East Bulkhead by Shavers-Whittle Construction.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the lowest responsive bid from Sealevel Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$30,956,316.07 for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project H.011915.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the DOTD Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project H.011915.

Finance Committee - The committee met February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off present. Present were Melancon, M. Callais, R. Gisclair, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by Melancon second M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of February 2021 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which totaled \$1,686,150.92.

President Cheramie opened the floor for public comment. Melancon thanked Josh Rotolo for attending our Monday Committee Meeting.

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

ATTEST:



Harris Cheramie Jr., President



Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary