

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2021 at 10:30AM

Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345

(Posted: May 7, 2021 at 3:10PM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for April 14, 2021 meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion
 - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C 1500' East Sweep Dredging (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 2. Northern Expansion Slip C 1500' East Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 3. Northern Expansion Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge (*GIS Engineering*)
 - 4. Northern Expansion GLF626 Site Improvements (*Angelette-Picciola*)
 - 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 Marina Boat Shed & Lift (*GIS Engineering*)
 - 3. Bayou Lafourche Mooring Dolphins (*Angelette-Picciola*)
 - 4. Fourchon Beach Restoration and Protection (*Angelette-Picciola*)
 - 5. Belle Pass Tower Upgrade
 - 6. Pre-Storm Debris Removal & Monitoring
- VI. LA Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association (LMOGA) Update on Federal Offshore Leasing Ban
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving Amendment with Martin Holdings for site GLF307-3
 - 2. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Fourchon Oilmen's Association
 - 3. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the Golden Meadow-Fourchon Tarpon Rodeo
 - 4. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding with public agencies for the Port Security Grant
 - 5. Consider hiring summer roustabout positions
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1. Review permit from LA DOTD
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider adopting the DOTD resolution to advertise for Slip C 1500' East Bulkhead H.013648 (323)
 - 2. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for GLF626 Site Improvements
 - 3. Consider approving the substantial completion certificate from Low Land Construction Co. for the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements
 - 4. Consider approving the Change Order No. 2 from Low Land Construction Co. for the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements
 - 5. Consider rejecting the proposal for the Belle Pass Tower Upgrade to the surveillance system and platform modification
 - 6. Consider approving the proposal for the Pre-Disaster Emergency Storm Debris Removal
 - 7. Consider approving the quote for the Roof Repairs to Ave. A Office and Warehouse
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of April 2021 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Adopt the 2021 ad valorem millage rate
 - 3. Consider approving out of state travel requests
- IX. Any Other Business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
May 12, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, May 12, 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 Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for April 14, 2021 meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Magnolia Dredge & Dock is on site dredging and approximately 25% complete for Slip C 1500' East Sweep Dredging project. Engineer Joe Picciola reported the plans and specs were sent to DOTD for approval for the Slip C & Flotation Canal 1500' Bulkhead. We are waiting DOTD's comments and expect to advertise in June. Engineer John Plaisance reported on Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge project. Crosby Dredging is in Bayou Lafourche and we expect them to be complete in Bayou Lafourche by next week. They will then move into Flotation Canal and then to Slip D. The project is expected to be complete in late September or early October. The disposal site area will be creating approximately 200 acres of marsh land by this time next year. R. Gisclair questioned if there will be any planting, which Plaisance replied no. Melancon stated that we do expect vegetation to grow, which Plaisance replied yes it will grow naturally. Rappelet's Pond area only took about 6 months to start growing. Chiasson stated as part of the permit we have to monitor and make sure vegetation grows naturally. If after 2 growing seasons it does not grow, we would have to address it. Engineer Neil Angelette reported bids were received on May 10th for the GLF626 Site Improvements. We received 10 bids ranging from \$1.25 million to \$2.7 million. The estimate was \$1.55 million. He is recommending award of the base bid only to the lowest bidder, Onshore Materials, LLC in the amount of \$1,249,773.00.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported the aircraft operations for the month of April were 1,551 operations, 8140 passengers, and 19,695 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Sealevel Construction is the contractor for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. We had a pre-construction meeting last week to discuss the project and introduce all parties. We did issue a conditional notice to proceed to begin May 10th to start the 90 day assembly period to purchase materials and they are getting ready to start the project which we expect will be in July. There is also a different contract going on with the Water District which is what you see on site now. They are moving the waterline on LA 1 out of the way of the roadway and where the bridge will be. They will also be working on LA 308 and LA 3235. This work should be complete in a month. They are close to completing the work on LA 1 currently installing the casing in front of the Martin property and tie ends. They already did the boring across the bayou. They will be doing the tie end on the LA 308 side and there is also a casing that will be installed along Airport Road and LA 3235. Chiasson questioned if this will delay Sealevel moving in and starting construction, which Picciola replied no. Picciola stated we are also working with other utility companies such as Eatel to move lines, Entergy to move power poles and South Coast Gas to move gas lines on LA 1 and LA 308 side. Gisclair questioned if the low lines will be removed, which Picciola replied yes. Entergy will do a reconfiguration of the poles in the area.

Other Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Low Land Construction Co. is complete with the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements project. The substantial completion certificate and final balancing change order an increase of \$10,165.64 are ready to be approved today. Engineer John Plaisance reported Picciola Construction Co. is scheduled to install the roof this week for the Front Marina Boat Shed & Lift. The boat lift will be installed next week. Engineer Neil Angelette reported the plans and specs are complete for the Bayou Lafourche Mooring Dolphins. We will begin advertising next week to remove the 14 dolphins with an alternate to rebuild 2 dolphins. Engineer Neil Angelette reported he met with Port staff to discuss the plan for the Fourchon Beach Restoration and Protection project. He is preparing the permit and proceeding with project design. John Crochet reported the proposal received for the Belle Pass Tower Upgrade was well overbudget and we recommend rejecting the proposal. We will re-evaluate and try again next year. Executive Director Chett Chiasson reported the Pre-Storm Debris Removal proposal was advertised and the evaluation team will have a recommendation to approve today. We are advertising for the Monitoring of Emergency Storm Debris and will open June 2nd.

LA Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association (LMOGA) Update on Federal Offshore Leasing Ban – Lori Leblanc VP of LMOGA and Executive Director of Gulf Economic Survival Team (GEST) stated it has been an interesting year so far with a new administration, the presidential executive order on offshore leasing ban, and the secretarial order impacting offshore permits. The offshore leasing ban has been the focus due to the impacts on the industry thus we have been attending press conferences, forums, and hearings advocating for the oil industry. Reminder that the GEST organization was formed in 2010 at the time of the deep water moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) and it is still active with a role to advocate and support all these policy issues that LMOGA is part of. LMOGA represents the entire value stream of the oil and gas industry; upstream, midstream and downstream. The administration says the leasing ban is a pause on offshore leasing but there is no timeframe which is difficult for an industry business model. LMOGA is working with the Governor's administration to frame the messaging going out around lifting the ban which needs to continue to be pushed at the highest levels of this administration. She stated tomorrow Governor Edwards will testify at the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Hearing which is specifically on the leasing ban offshore. The leasing ban inshore hearing was held a couple of weeks ago. Good news this year is Tommy Beaudreau was nominated to serve as Deputy Secretary of the Dept. of Interior which will be voted on tomorrow. Beaudreau was the first director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) under the Obama administration during the deepwater moratorium so we have worked with him in the past. We will request a meeting with him once he is confirmed. She stated tomorrow as you all know, Chett will be testifying at a virtual hearing for the House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources called Protecting Coastal Communities and Ocean Resources from Offshore Drilling. Obviously, this is anti-oil and gas, so we wish Chett luck on his testimony. LeBlanc stated the messaging we continue to use in lifting this leasing ban is that the GOM has demonstrated by more than one study that the oil coming out of the GOM has the least carbon emissions intensity of anywhere in this country and second in the world. She stated if we really want to reduce carbon emissions on a global scale it makes sense to do it in the GOM. The environmental and safety of the GOM is by far the best in the world in terms of the amount of oil spills etc. We think Louisiana can be a leader in oil and gas production while also reducing emissions. We can have renewable resources, but we will still need oil and gas well into the future. We had Industry Day this week in Baton Rouge to energize LA and we will be at the Danos facility in Gray on June 17th. We also have a petition to sign on our website at gulfeconomicsurvival.org to lift the federal ban on leasing. The Dept. of Interior did hold a forum on federal leasing ban in March and they will issue their report in June.

Melancon questioned if the U.S. is second in reduced carbon emissions on oil and gas, who is #1, which LeBlanc replied Saudi Arabia. Chiasson stated our underlying theme is you don't shut down one side of the industry when everyone knows you have to have oil and natural gas and petroleum products for the world to move around. You can't build the renewable assets to create the renewable energy without petroleum products. It's about being smart and realistic and having a balanced portfolio for energy production in the U.S. He does not believe there is any other place outside of Louisiana that is

best suited to do all that and have energy production and be environmentally sustainable. We can walk and chew gum at the same time. LeBlanc agreed that Port Fourchon is a perfect model to do it all with the sustainability between the environment and supporting the oil and gas industry. Griffin questioned the last few months we have a shortage of gas, which LeBlanc stated it is not a shortage it was mainly the distribution of gas because of the pipeline having to shut down. Pierce questioned if there is a moratorium on inland drilling, which LeBlanc replied yes on federal land and federal offshore waters. There is not a moratorium on production it is on lease sales.

Chiasson announced with the pending retirement of one of our employees we have hired a new Human Resource Coordinator and he introduced Ashley Hebert. The board welcomed Ashley. President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. There was none.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met April 28th in Fourchon and May 10th in Cut off. Present were Cheramie, R. Gisclair Sr., Melancon, and M. Callais.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Amendment with Martin Holdings, LLC to reduce site GLF307-3 by 37,393 square feet.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Fourchon Oilmen's Association for in kind services for the yearly event.

Upon motion by M. Callais second Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the Golden Meadow-Fourchon Tarpon Rodeo for in kind service for the yearly event.

Upon motion by Pierce second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding with public agencies for the Port Security Grant.

President Cheramie presented hiring the summer roustabouts. Chiasson stated we received 3 applicants and we were only going to hire 2 however since we only received 3 we decided to hire all. The board then pulled the names in order of Trevor Lefort, Ian Bourgeois, and Kaydon Guidry. Upon motion by Griffin second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved hiring the 3 summer roustabouts.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met April 28th in Fourchon. Present were Lafont, Ordonne, Cheramie, with Pierce absent. They also met on May 10th in Cut Off with all present.

Chairman Pierce presented for the board's review the permit from LA DOTD for the extension of LA 1.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met April 28th in Fourchon and May 10th in Cut Off. Present were Griffin, K. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by Griffin second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted the DOTD resolution to advertise for Slip C 1500' East Bulkhead H.013648 (323).

Upon motion by Ordonne second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the lowest responsive bid from Onshore Materials in the amount of \$1,249,773.00 for GLF626 Site Improvements.

Upon motion by Lafont second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated April 16, 2021 from Low Land Construction Co. for the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements.

Upon motion by Pierce second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 from Low Land Construction Co. for the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements to increase the contract price by \$10,162.64.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved to reject the proposals for the Belle Pass Tower Upgrade to the surveillance system and platform modification.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the proposal from Graham County Land Company for the Pre-Disaster Emergency Storm Debris Removal. Chiasson stated there were 5 proposals received.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the quote from Picciola Construction Company in the amount of \$57,100 for the Roof Repairs to Ave. A Office and Warehouse.

Finance Committee - The committee met April 28th in Fourchon and May 10th in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, M. Callais, R. Gisclair, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by Melancon second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the payment of April 2021 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$1,777,761.90.

Chairman Melancon presented for the board to adopt the millage rate for the tax year 2021. Chiasson then read the resolution out loud: *“Be it Resolved, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission millage for Operations and Maintenance of 6.54 mills. Be it Further Resolved, that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2021, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.”* Upon motion by Griffin to adopt the millage rate of 6.54 mills for the tax year 2021, which was second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the roll call vote resulted in 9 yeas by Cheramie, Ordonne, Lafont, R. Gisclair, Pierce, Griffin, Melancon, M. Callais, and K. Callais. Chiasson stated the 6.54 mills is not the max we rolled it back. R. Gisclair stated in 1997 the mills were at 7.25 mills and since we continue to decrease over the years.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests by Chett Chiasson, Cheramie, Gisclair, M. Callais, K. Callais, Ordonne, Lafont, Melancon, and Pierce to attend the AAPA Annual Convention September 25th – 30th in Texas, and Chiasson with 9 Commissioners and Staff to be determined to attend the Louisiana Alive Event and Washington Meetings January 25th – 30th in DC.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine addressed the board to state in regards to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement the Port and the Parish have for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project the Parish had not made payments for 2020 or 2021, however he spoke with the Parish President at last night’s meeting and we will be getting 2 payments soon which is coming from Road Sales Tax District 2.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Ordonne, the board adjourned at 11:17AM.

ATTEST:



Harris Cheramie Jr., President



Charles M. “Mike” Callais, Secretary