

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, June 9, 2021 at 10:30AM
Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345
(Revised: June 8, 2021 at 9:10AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for May 12, 2021 and May 26, 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 & Flotation 1500' 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. Monitoring of Debris Removal
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the request from Donjon-SMIT, LLC for a short term lease on site GLF624
 - 2. Consider approving the request from Entergy Louisiana to lease along Airport Road
 - 3. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Parish for Pictometry
 - 4. Consider approving the Coastal Wetlands Park Port Ordinance
 - 5. Consider approving the request from OceanAg, LLC
 - 6. Consider approving the revised Port Policies on Use of Port Vehicles, Accident Reporting, and Outside Employment
 - B. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from Magnolia Dredge & Dock for the Slip C 1500' East Sweep Dredging Project
 - 2. Consider approving the FAA Grant Agreement for the Wildlife Hazard Management Plan
 - 3. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from Picciola Construction Co. for the Front Commercial Marina Boat Lift
 - 4. Consider approving the proposal for the Monitoring of Emergency Storm Debris Removal
 - C. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of May 2021 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2. Consider approving the 2020 audited financial statements
- VIII. Any Other Business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
June 9, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, June 9, 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 Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for May 12, 2021 and May 26, 2021 meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Magnolia Dredge & Dock is on site dredging and approximately 92% complete for Slip C 1500' East Sweep Dredging project. We expect them to be complete by this weekend and will issue them the substantial completion. Engineer Joe Picciola reported the plans and specs were approved by DOTD for Slip C & Flotation Canal 1500' Bulkhead. We plan to advertise in June and open bids July 28th. Engineer John Plaisance reported Crosby Dredging has completed dredging in Bayou Lafourche and has moved in Flotation Canal for the Northern Expansion Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge project. The spoil placement in the mitigation is looking good. Engineer Sandy Guidry reported the contract for the Northern Expansion GLF626 Site Improvements was awarded to Onshore Materials. The notice to proceed was issued June 8th and they plan to mobilize on site this week.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported the airport operations for May were 1814 operations, 9234 passengers, and 18,158 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. The contractor Sealevel Construction was issued the conditional notice to proceed on May 10th. They are ordering materials and processing material submittals. They plan to move on site in July to start demolition work. Construction of the bridge will begin in August. The Lafourche Parish Water District is currently working on site to relocate the waterline. They have bored under the bayou and are doing the tie ends. He stated in the next few weeks South Coast Gas and Vision/Eatel will begin moving the lines. This will be ongoing for the next few months. Ordonne questioned the build time, which Picciola replied 3 years to be complete in 2024.

Other Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Low Land Construction Co. has completed the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements project and are currently in the lien period. Engineer John Plaisance reported Picciola Construction Co. has completed the Front Marina Boat Shed & Lift project and are substantially complete. Engineer Sandy Guidry reported we are advertising for bids on the Bayou Lafourche Mooring Dolphins project with bid opening June 21st. The project will remove the 14 dolphins with an alternate to rebuild 2 dolphins. The base bid is estimated at \$398,000 with the alternate at \$130,000. Engineer Guidry reported they are preparing the permit and proceeding with the project design for the Fourchon Beach Restoration and Protection project. Davie Breaux stated we received 3 proposals for the Monitoring of Debris Removal and the evaluation team highest score was with Witt O'Brien's to be approved today.

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

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met May 26th and June 7th in Cut off. Present were Cheramie, R. Gisclair Sr., Melancon, and M. Callais.

Upon motion by Pierce second by R. Gisclair Sr., with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Donjon-SMIT, LLC to lease 3.12 acres of waterfront property on site GLF624 for a short term of 2 months.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Entergy Louisiana to lease 18,900 square feet of property on the north side of Airport Road in Galliano.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Parish Government, Assessor, and Communication's District to share the cost associated with Pictometry imagery.

Upon motion by R. Gisclair second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Coastal Wetlands Park Port Ordinance No. 75: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING USE OF THE PORT FOURCHON COASTAL WETLANDS PARK AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE. Be it ordained, by the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission that:

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall apply to that area generally situated west of La. Hwy. 3090, South of Flotation Canal Road and east of the waterway known as "Slip D" in Port Fourchon, Louisiana and commonly known as the "Port Fourchon Coastal Wetlands Park." The Port Fourchon Coastal Wetlands Park generally consists of marsh, tidal creeks, kayak launch, fishing pier and vehicular parking area.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to use the Port Fourchon Coastal Wetlands Park (the "Park") for purposes other than those generally associated with recreational fishing, bird and wildlife watching, self-propelled boating and other such recreational activities.

SECTION 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct the following activities in the Park: hunting or trapping of wildlife, commercial fishing, bow-fishing, gigging or spearing fish, fishing for crabs with crab traps or hoop nets.

SECTION 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to use any motor or engine propelled vessel in the Park.

SECTION 5. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, drop, deposit, discard, permit the intentional or accidental ejection, emission, or escape of, or otherwise dispose of litter, trash, refuse, debris or garbage in the Park unless such is placed entirely in a receptacle properly marked for the purpose of garbage collection.

SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess glass containers or bottles in the Park.

SECTION 7. It shall be unlawful for any person to walk, hike or otherwise traverse upon the marsh or wetland area.

SECTION 8. It shall be unlawful for any person to swim in the Park.

SECTION 9. The waterways within the Park shall be open from sunrise to sunset.

SECTION 10. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months in jail, or both, in the discretion of the court having jurisdiction. The Ordinance was declared adopted on this 9th day of June 2021.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from OceanAg, LLC to negotiate a lease for test sites in Port Fourchon for farming sargassum seaweed.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Port Policy Manual revisions to the Use of Port Vehicles, Accident Reporting, and Outside Employment.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met May 26th and June 7th in Cut Off. Present were Griffin, K. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated June 8, 2021 from Magnolia Dredge & Dock for the Slip C 1500 LF East Sweep Dredging Project.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by R. Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved FAA Grant Agreement in the amount of \$36,000 for the Airport Wildlife Hazard Management Plan. Breaux stated Kutchins & Groh will be preparing the plan.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated May 25, 2021 from Picciola Construction Co. for the Front Commercial Marina Boat Lift.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the proposal from Witt O'Brien's for the Pre-Disaster Monitoring of Emergency Storm Debris Removal.

Finance Committee - The committee met May 26th and June 7th in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, M. Callais, R. Gisclair, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of May 2021 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which total \$2,128,622.97.

Melancon presented for the board's consideration approving the 2020 audited financial statements. Mickey Simon with LaPorte presented the highlights of the financial statements. The first report is the independent auditor's report which resulted in an unmodified opinion. This opinion states that the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects to general accounting principles. The second report is the governmental auditing standards which resulted in no compliance findings and no deficiencies in internal controls. The third report is the Single Audit Report which was not required due to the federal expenditures below the \$750,000 threshold.

Some financial highlights are as follows: cash and investments \$123.8 million (1.8% increase), capital assets \$210.1 million (1.5% increase), unearned lease revenue \$5.6 million (34.6% decrease) this is due to the lease rent deferrals in 2020, net pension \$23.7 million (49.1% increase), and net position \$320 million (2.3% increase). The Port had annual operating revenues of \$21.5 million (26.5% decrease), operating loss \$2.3 million (137.9% decrease), net income before capital grants \$1.6 million (86.9% decrease), and capital grants \$7.6 million (89.2% increase). The total revenues by source were identified on a graph as 65% self-generated fees, 23% state and federal capital construction grants, 11% ad valorem taxes, and 1% other. He then showed a graph of operating income by source of airport revenues and seaport revenues for the past 6 years. The total expenses and other uses of funds are identified on a graph as 29% of capital construction and purchased equipment, 24% of salaries and benefits, 23% of depreciation and sale of assets, 12% lease expense, 6% maintenance supplies and operation of facilities, 5% other operating expenses, and 1% fuel, oil, and retail items. The last graph showed the comparison of grants vs. construction expenditures. Simon stated future accounting changes to note are GASB Statement No. 87 regarding leases which will change how leases are reported in 2022, GASB Statement No. 89 accounting interest cost incurred before the end of the period if the Port would borrow money, and GASB Statement No. 96 will change how IT arrangements are reported in 2023. Melancon thanked Mickey for working well with our staff and he then thanked the staff and all the workers involved in getting this done. He stated the revenue decrease was due to the discount in lease rental a loss of approximately \$9 million. We do have commitments to finish the LA 1 elevated highway and we are also using tax dollars to complete the bridge and roadway to our Airport. Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the 2021 Audited Financial Statements.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any other business. Melancon state July 1st to July 3rd is the Golden Meadow – Fourchon Tarpon Rodeo at Moran's Marina. He congratulated his brother Mike Melancon on being the Admiral this year. He stated on Friday, July 2nd there will be King of the Catch cook off along with music by the Phunky Monkeys. Saturday, July 3rd awards and live music by the local band Orange. They offer \$22,000 in scholarships this year. Davie Breaux stated July 8th to July 10th will be the Fourchon Oilman's Rodeo which also gives back to the community in scholarships. He stated the following weekend will be the Cheerleader rodeo. Breaux announced on Tuesday, June 22nd we will be having a blood drive in Fourchon at the EOC. President Cheramie wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July weekend.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Griffin, the board adjourned at 10:59AM.

ATTEST:



Harris Cheramie Jr., President



Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary