

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**AGENDA**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021 at 10:30AM**  
**Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345**  
*(Revised: July 13, 2021 at 9:52AM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for June 9, 2021 meeting
- V. Retirement Recognition for Maintenance Superintendent Frank Terrebonne
- VI. Retirement Recognition for Human Resources Analyst Cindy Dufrene
- VII. 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*)
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the request from the Lafourche Drainage District No. 1 to extend the Port Complex office lease
    - 2. Consider approving the request from Weeks Marine for a short term parking lease at the Airport
    - 3. Consider approving the request from Odyssey Marine to lease mooring dolphins #46 to #48
    - 4. Consider approving the request from Chouest Shorebase Services for site GLF621-2
    - 5. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South Central Planning & Development Commission for property on LA 3235
    - 6. Consider approving the request from Martin Operating Partners to Sublease to Tetra site GLF301-15
    - 7. Consider approving the revisions to the COVID-19 Policy
    - 8. Consider approving the request from LOOP to sublease the Buffer Zone at the Airport to Butter Fat Cattle Co.
    - 9. Consider approving the Right of Way to South Coast Gas along LA 1 at the Airport Connector Road
    - 10. Consider adopting a resolution in support of resuming federal offshore leasing in the Gulf of Mexico
    - 11. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Nicholls regarding the camp in Fourchon
    - 12. Consider approving the State Lands Water Bottom Lease at the vessel relocation site in Galliano
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1. Review permit from Cantium
  - C. Construction & Development Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the Change Order No. 1 from Magnolia Dredge & Dock for the Slip C 1500' East Sweep Dredge
    - 2. Consider approving the Clear Lien Certificate from Low Land Construction Co. for the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements
    - 3. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Picciola Construction Co. for the Front Commercial Marina Boat Lift
    - 4. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for the Bayou Lafourche Mooring Dolphins
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of June 2021 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2. Consider approving the out of state travel requests
- X. Any Other Business
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment

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# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

July 14, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, July 14, 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, Curtis Pierce, Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jr., Mike Callais, and Kris Callais

ABSENT: Rodney J. Gisclair Sr.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for June 9, 2021 meeting.

Executive Director Chett Chiasson announced the retirement of Frank Terrebonne Maintenance Superintendent for his 31 years of service. We appreciate all the work he has done over the years. We wish him good health, happiness, and continued success in his life after retirement. Chiasson announced the retirement of Cindy Dufrene Human Resources Analyst for her 32 years and 10 months of service. We wish her good health, happiness, and continued success in her life after retirement.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Magnolia Dredge & Dock completed dredging on June 8<sup>th</sup> for the Slip C 1500' East Sweep Dredging project. There is a balancing change order a deduct of \$7,171.60. Engineer Joe Picciola reported the Slip C & Flotation Canal 1500' Bulkhead project is being advertised with bid opening scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. Engineer John Plaisance reported Crosby Dredging is currently dredging in Slip D for the Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge project. They continue to pump spoil in the mitigation area. Melancon questioned if they are on schedule, which Plaisance replied they are lagging a few weeks behind. Engineer Sandy Guidry reported the notice to proceed was issued June 8<sup>th</sup> to Onshore Materials for the GLF626 Site Improvements project. The contractor has about 75% of the sand in place and is currently offloading limestone from the barge and should be done by Sunday. Afterward they will haul the remaining stone in by truck. We anticipate the project to be complete by the end of the month.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported the airport operations for June were 1790 operations, 9535 passengers, and 16,080 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. The conditional notice to proceed was issued to Sealevel Construction on May 10<sup>th</sup> to order materials and submit shop drawings. The formal notice to proceed will be issued August 8, 2021. At that time, they will start demolition and pile driving in the bayou. They plan to start the drainage work on LA 3235 first, then drainage on LA 1 and embankment work. Currently, we have utility contractors on site relocating waterline which should be finished this week. A contractor is also working to relocate the gas line. We are working with Entergy to relocate a few power poles at the LA 1 intersection. Eatel also has to relocate their lines. Chiasson questioned the status of Sealevel and the homeowners, which Picciola replied Sealevel is doing a survey of all the properties along LA 1, LA 308, and LA 3235. They will do a preconstruction video and ask permission to video inside homes if allowed by homeowner. This will be the record of what was there before construction. If there is any damage during construction this will protect both parties. Melancon stated Sealevel did this when they did the floodgate, which Picciola replied yes Sealevel did the same thing in Larose and the homeowners allowed them into their homes to video.

Other Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Low Land Construction is complete and the clear lien certificate was received for approval and payment of retainage for the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert

Improvements. Chiasson stated we are working on signage for the kayak launch location, cameras, and checking the lighting situation. We will then decide the date to open. Engineer John Plaisance reported Picciola Construction is complete and in the lien period for the Front Marina Boat Shed & Lift project. There is a change order to add 4 days to the contract time. Engineer Sandy Guidry reported bids were received June 21<sup>st</sup> for the Bayou Lafourche Mooring Dolphins Removal. We recommend awarding the base bid to Bo-Mac Contractors in the amount of \$203,000. Engineer Sandy Guidry reported they are working on the permit and project design for the Fourchon Beach Restoration and Protection project.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. Chiasson stated DOTD announced the LA 1 Elevated Highway Phase II project will open bids October 6, 2021. Chiasson stated we are participating in the Pack the Bus School Supply campaign partnership between Synergy Bank and United Way so please come donate school supplies to benefit Terrebonne and Lafourche Parish Schools.

Melancon recognized Lori LeBlanc. LeBlanc Vice President of Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association (LMOGA) updated the board on the President's January Executive Order issuing a moratorium on leasing federal lands and the Gulf of Mexico. No offshore lease sales. The Department of Interior is scheduled to issue a report possibly this week. We are hoping the report will lift the ban in the Gulf of Mexico. This leasing ban cancelled the March lease sale. There is supposed to be an August lease sale which may not happen either. These cancellations will have long term impacts however the immediate impacts are estimated to be \$20 million to \$40 million to Louisiana which we would have received from the bonus bids that go toward coastal restoration and hurricane protection projects. We continue to be an advocate to get this ban lifted. She reported on June 17<sup>th</sup> Tommy Beaudreau was confirmed as the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior. He is someone we worked with before and we believe we can work with him through these issues. Roland Guidry addressed the board to acknowledge the death of Governor Edwin Edwards this week he was helpful to the Port and the State of Louisiana.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met June 23<sup>rd</sup> present were Cheramie, R. Gisclair Sr., Melancon, and M. Callais. They also met July 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut off with Cheramie absent.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Lafont, the board unanimously approved the request from the Lafourche Drainage District No. 1 to extend the office lease at the Port Complex for an additional year.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Weeks Marine for a short term parking lease at the Airport during storm events.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Odyssea Marine to lease mooring dolphins #46 to #48 for a 6 month term.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Chouest Shorebase Services for site GLF621-2 to extend the provision to stabilize the shoreline by 3 additional years with depth surveys required twice a year.

Upon motion by Ordonne second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South Central Planning & Development Commission (SCPDC) accepting the donation of property along LA 3235 and providing for the donation of property back to SCPDC in the event the property is no longer needed.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Martin Operating Partners to Sublease to Tetra Technologies site GLF301-15. Chiasson thanked Brad Justice and Robbie Plaisance for attending the meeting.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the revisions to the COVID-19 Policy which added the reference to the CDC guidelines that are not covered in the current policy.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Pierce, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from LOOP to Sublease the Buffer Zone to Butter Fat Cattle Co. to harvest hay.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Right of Way to South Coast Gas along LA 1 at the Airport Connector Road.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Ordonne, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted the resolution in support of resuming federal offshore leasing in the Gulf of Mexico.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Nicholls State University for grass maintenance of property and utilization of the building from time to time at 800 Lumcon Road in Port Fourchon.

Upon motion by Pierce second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the State Lands Water Bottom Lease at the vessel relocation site in Galliano.

Griffin stated regarding the revised COVID-19 policy, he urged people to get vaccinated since there are new hot spots in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Lafont, Ordonne, Cheramie, and Pierce. They also met July 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut off with Cheramie absent.

Pierce presented for the board's review the permit from Cantium.

Construction and Development Committee - The committee met June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Griffin, K. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie. They also met July 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut off with Cheramie absent.

Upon motion by Griffin second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Magnolia Dredge & Dock for the Slip C 1500' East Sweep Dredging to decrease the contract price by \$7,171.60.

Upon motion by Pierce second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate from Low Land Construction Co. for the Tidal Creek Bridge & Culvert Improvements.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Picciola Construction Co. for the Front Commercial Marina Boat Lift to add 4 days to the contract time.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the lowest responsive base bid from Bo-Mac Contractors in the amount of \$203,000 for the Bayou Lafourche Mooring Dolphins Removal.

Finance Committee - The committee met June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, M. Callais, R. Gisclair, and Cheramie. They also met July 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut off with Cheramie absent.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of June 2021 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000 which totals \$2,875,239.48.

Upon motion by Melancon second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Chett Chiasson and Thad Angeloz to attend the Offshore Technology Conference in Texas August 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>; Joseph Colson to attend the DEFCON Security Conference in Nevada August 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>; Chett Chiasson and Thad Angeloz to attend the Deepwater Operations/Topside Platforms & Hull Conference in Texas October 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>; and ratify the emergency request from Chett Chiasson to testify for U.S. Senate Environment & Public Works Committee in DC June 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 25<sup>th</sup>.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. Billy Brunet addressed the board stating that he met with Mayor Joey Bouziga today regarding helicopters flying low over his house enough that you can see the numbers. He thought there was an agreement in place for this. He stated he has the support of the Mayor and a couple of Councilmen. He knows the Port has some power when it comes to safety as you do in Fourchon; took prime fishing grounds away for safety, can't pull bottom trawl from Flotation Canal to the rocks, and you can't hunt ducks which is all for safety. The Port has some responsibility to draw something up that has teeth. It has been talked about countless of times but falls on deaf ears. All it will take is one crash. Can you do anything? Chiasson responded we contacted this morning the 2 helicopter companies operating out of the Airport stating we have issues. He stated if you can read the tail numbers, they are too low. If you can record those tail numbers and give them to us and the colors of the helicopters, then we can address the company directly. There is DOTD Aviation and FAA that we can contact. We as an Airport can talk to our customers however, we don't control air space. We will advocate for our community and jurisdiction to stop that from happening. Brunet stated he met with Joey Bouziga this morning and his exact words were he has come here with pictures and it still falls on deaf ears. Brunet stated it will only take one accident. President Cheramie stated Mr. Bouziga nor the Town Council has

ever spoken to him about it. He stated before you come to throw them into this, tell them to contact us directly. Cherie stated he talked to Bouziga Friday night and he never once spoke about this. He also attends the Council meetings, and it was not mentioned. If they have a problem, tell them to come talk to us. Brunet stated as a resident he has the right to address this board and he has the support of the Mayor. Brunet requested to get a promise from 2 Commissioners to discuss this at the next meeting. Cherie stated this will not happen and he is not putting it on the agenda until Joey or the Town Council comes to us. Brunet stated for safety reasons he is requesting a way point over Tidewater Dock and no residential areas. Melancon stated while you are talking to the Mayor, please have him send us a letter. Brunet stated he talked to Mr. Willis earlier and if he attends the next Town Council meeting, he will get a letter. Chiasson stated he will discuss this issue with DOTD and FAA immediately. Again, we have control over the facility at our site, but we have no control over air space. Roland Guidry stated during the BP Oil Spill he flew over the area a lot in helicopters and FAA regulations were 500 feet above anywhere, however State Police can fly at any distance above the area.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Lafont, the board adjourned at 11:13AM.

ATTEST:



Rodney J. Gisclair, Sr., President



Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary