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Did You Know?

PORT FOURCHON ANNOUNCES FIRST IN THE WORLD EMISSIONS MONITORING USING SAILPLAN'S TECHNOLOGY

THE GREATER LAFORCHE PORT COMMISSION IS FURTHERING ITS COMMITMENT TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY WITH NEW PARTNERSHIP

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission (GLPC) has partnered with SailPlan to deploy emissions measurement technology throughout Port Fourchon. This work will make Port Fourchon the **first port in the world** to have a precise 360-degree view of its emissions.

GLPC prides itself on playing a role in providing energy throughout the U.S. while working to enhance the environment and fulfill Louisiana's Climate Action Plan. GLPC's new partnership with SailPlan, a platform for real-time, highly accurate emissions and air quality monitoring, is a further example of its commitment to be a progressive Port that

follows the lead established by its many tenants and users.

"We're really excited to partner with SailPlan to get a full view of the Port's emissions footprint using their innovative technology," said GLPC Executive Director **Chett Chiasson**. "With SailPlan's precise measurements, data monitoring, and advanced platform, we've been able to understand the Port's emissions levels and locations in real-time and we're working to do our part to curb those emissions. In all honesty, many of our tenants and users have already demonstrated a desire to work hard in this sector having implemented changes such as shore power initiatives and cleaner burning fueled vessels that reflect a more environmentally-conscious approach to how they operate their companies."

Following the rollout of the technology, SailPlan precisely measured the Port's direct and indirect emissions and air quality data in real-time.

"Accurate emissions data is such an important aspect of understanding how to optimize maritime infrastructure," said Jacob Ruytenbeek, SailPlan's Founder and CEO. "Port Fourchon is an example for other ports around the globe that are seeking to understand

exactly where their emissions are coming from. Our technology empowers ports and terminals to take steps to reduce their emissions."

Fortunately, the Port's air quality is quite good, a fact that can only be learned through actual measurements. In the rare instances when air quality departed from the baseline, SailPlan sent alerts to the Port and the Port was able to use SailPlan's technology to pinpoint the sources causing the changes in air quality. Armed with this information, the Port understands and can take steps to mitigate these emissions by upgrading its vessels to include shore power and focusing its decarbonization strategy on specific areas of concern.

The Port plans to expand its partnership with SailPlan, adding more sensors to monitor the emissions of the full port, exposure of port emissions to nearby residents in the community, and emissions from terminal to terminal. In instances of unhealthy air quality, the port will receive alerts and recommendations for immediate action to improve the air quality, benefitting nearby communities.



STATE OF THE PORT

CLOSING OUT 2022, WHILE FOCUSED ON A SOLID 2023

BY CHETT CHIASSON, GLPC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Wow, it seems impossible to believe we are nearing the end of 2022.

Before I give you an update on what has been happening here at the Greater Lafourche Port



Commission and Port Fourchon, I would like to first wish everyone a joyous holiday season on behalf of our Board of Commissioners, staff, and myself. Summing up 2022 is far from easy, as it has proven busy, challenging, while at the same time extremely rewarding.

On the heels of last year's hurricane, we bounced back quicker than anyone could have ever imagined. Indeed, the only people that thought we could do what we did were our valued tenants, our dedicated Board of Commissioners, and our amazing staff. Lafourche Parish Government, led by our Parish President Archie Chaisson, along with a host of public safety agencies, sought to it that we would not sit on the sidelines looking for assistance, but rather play a proactive and aggressive role in the process of getting the ball moving as swiftly as possible.

While our expedited recovery is and was impressive, it hasn't been without its fair share of difficulties in the form of making repairs to our many facilities that were damaged and/or destroyed during Ida.

However, I am happy to report that as I write this, significant strides have been made to make us whole again. Numerous jobs have been completed with others set to begin soon, such as our administration building, which we hope to move back in to by April or May of next year. We have worked closely with our consultants to have FEMA reimburse us for our losses to the greatest extent possible. This lengthy process is never easy, but through persistence and dotting our I's and crossing our T's we believe we will be successful in recouping the majority of dollars we spent in the immediate aftermath as well as those we continue to

spend today on rebuilds and repairs.

What's truly remarkable is throughout Covid and being affected by several named storms we have remained busier than at any time I can recall as Executive Director.

We continue to see progress being made at our South Lafourche Leonard Miller, Jr. Airport thanks to a seal coat, obstruction removal, and Airport Bridge & Connector Road project, which is well underway.

Further work includes construction of the final leg of the elevated portion of LA 1 from Golden Meadow all the way down to Port Fourchon.

At the same time, we continue to press forward with planned projects to enhance our existing Coastal Wetlands Park and Recreation Area in the Port as well as developing plans to build a new bridge and access corridor to Fourchon Island.

When completed, this project (Fourchon Island) will bring about much in the way of opportunities as we seek to bring rig refurbishment, decommissioning, and a project cargo area to the Port for loading and unloading materials such as items to help construct offshore wind installations in the Gulf of Mexico.

Engagement with and interest in Port Fourchon has never been more robust than now as we stake our claim on being a leader for all offshore energy activity in the Gulf of Mexico whether it be offshore wind or otherwise. Yes, you heard me right, we seek to be a hub for ALL offshore energy activity in the Gulf of Mexico because we have the know-how and people to accomplish any and every goal put in front of us today and in to the future.

My weekly and monthly calendar has had to have fields added to it to accommodate the appointments, conferences, visits, and other activities that have consumed my waking hours. Let me make it clear that this is what I consider a "good busy," as it means our Board of Commissioners and staff are doing its job to make us shine as an organization people want to be involved with.

As we push into 2023, I feel confident several announcements will be made that demonstrate how Port Fourchon is far from done, but rather prove we have simply begun writing a new chapter in the evolution of **YOUR Gulf's Energy Port!**

COMMISSIONER SPOTLIGHT: JIMMY "T-JIM" LAFONT

Jimmy "T-Jim" Lafont has served with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission for 12 years and currently serves on Seat C on the Board of Directors for a 6-year term. When it comes to serving on the board, it's important to him because he views the port as the community's lifeline. He has worked in the industry his whole life, first as an oysterman, working his way up the ranks to later become captain. "I've always been on the water," he said, "Then I decided to run for the Port and I love it." He glowed with pride about the people that serve alongside him and said there's not a better crew out there.

One of the things Mr. Lafont loves most about being on the board is advocating for the oil and gas industry, especially now that our state is feeling the repercussions of policies that were put in place that hurt the industry. One of his proudest moments was going to the legislature, "When they found out the Port of Commission was there, they put us on the floor, and they recognized us," he said.

Mr. Lafont is most proud of the growth of the port over the years. Since he started serving on the board, the budget has more than doubled which he says reflects the growth of not only the port, but the community as a whole, "I wouldn't serve anywhere else," he said.



TENANT HIGHLIGHT:



RLC is the leading privately owned independent provider of helicopter transportation services for offshore energy platforms and rigs in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico. The company operates a fleet of 40 plus aircraft.

The Galliano base is RLC's largest (of six) support facilities across the GoM and has been rebuilt/expanded after hurricane Ida caused significant damage to its operations building. The 'new' Galliano facility has 24 helipads, an 8,000 sq ft passenger terminal, a mobile home park, and parking for approximately 700 vehicles.

Increased activity in the energy sector, driven by higher prices for

hydrocarbons, has resulted in high activity rates from our GAO facility. In September, RLC processed nearly 4,000 passengers and over 1,500 flights to/from the new and improved Galliano Heliport facility.

Dru Milke, RLC's President said, "The support we have received from the GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION has been the key to our success in Galliano!"

We thank RLC for being such a valued tenant of Port Fourchon and are appreciative of its many contributions to the Maritime Industry over the years!

To learn more about RLC, visit rlcllc.com.

IMPORTANT VISITORS:



During a roundtable, API President and CEO Mike Sommers met with local and state leaders to discuss Port Fourchon, as the API and others continue its lobbying efforts in support of a five-year plan that would allow more drilling in the Gulf.

We appreciated Mr. Sommers and API Gulf Regional Director Gifford Briggs taking the time to visit us, and we want everyone to know we are and will continue to be steadfast in our efforts to be there for our country through servicing almost 100% of all deepwater offshore energy activity in the Gulf of Mexico. This also means positioning ourselves to be the Gulf's newest hub for offshore wind production as well. We firmly believe it will take all forms of energy to sustain our way of life as we push onward!

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission and Lafourche Parish leaders hosted the head of the American Petroleum Institute on Oct. 19th, giving him a tour of Port Fourchon, touting the port's strategic advantages and presenting united support for expanding drilling opportunities in the Gulf of Mexico.



AIRPORT PROJECTS CONTINUE — TO MOVE RIGHT ALONG — WITH MORE IN THE OFFING

Being an airport that ranks among the very best in terms of its economic impact in the entire state doesn't happen by accident.

The South Lafourche Leonard Miller, Jr. Airport continues to pursue an ambitious agenda of projects and upgrades to not only maintain itself as a state leader among general aviation facilities, but build on that success moving forward.

In recent months, the airport has seen its fair share of projects ranging from obstruction removal to a putting a brand-new seal coat on its runway and parallel taxiways.

The GLPC is also teaming up with **Lafourche Parish Government's Economic Development Director Kristi Lumpkin** to work on getting certified sites established at

the airport through a program administered by Louisiana Economic Development (LED).

An agreement is close to being reached that would certify several hundred acres for potential use by companies, as the airport seeks to have an industrial park area as well.

When combined with the pending construction of a new terminal building in the coming months and continued work on the Airport Bridge and Connector Road project that will join to Highway 3235 allowing superior access to the airport and Port Fourchon, it is clear to see the future of aviation in Lafourche Parish is on solid footing.

"What we are seeing is a convergence of a number of projects at the same time," **GLPC**

Executive Director Chett Chiasson said. "We really are trying to time things up to where you see all these efforts and milestones meet up simultaneously to show we are meeting the demands of not only our tenants, but potential users of our airport located firmly inside our flood protection system."

During the state's last commissioned study of airports, the total economic value of the South Lafourche Leonard Miller, Jr. Airport was tabbed at nearly \$98 million.

After accounting for recently completed and future projects planned at the airport, Chiasson feels strongly that this economic impact will only rise in the coming years.

TWO INTERIM COMMISSIONERS SWORN IN TO SERVICE AT THE GLPC

At the GLPC Board Meeting on October 12th, **Lafourche Parish District Attorney Kristine Russell** formally swore in Interim Board of Commissioners Appointees **Ted Savoie** and **Tom Pitre**. Savoie now serves the Commission in Seat E, while Pitre took over Seat B.

Savoie and Pitre will remain in these respective seats until a special election can be held to permanently fill these positions for the remainder of the current 2019-2024 term. Mr. Savoie is uniquely qualified to serve as a board appointee, as

he has answered the board's call to serve previously as an interim commissioner in 2015.

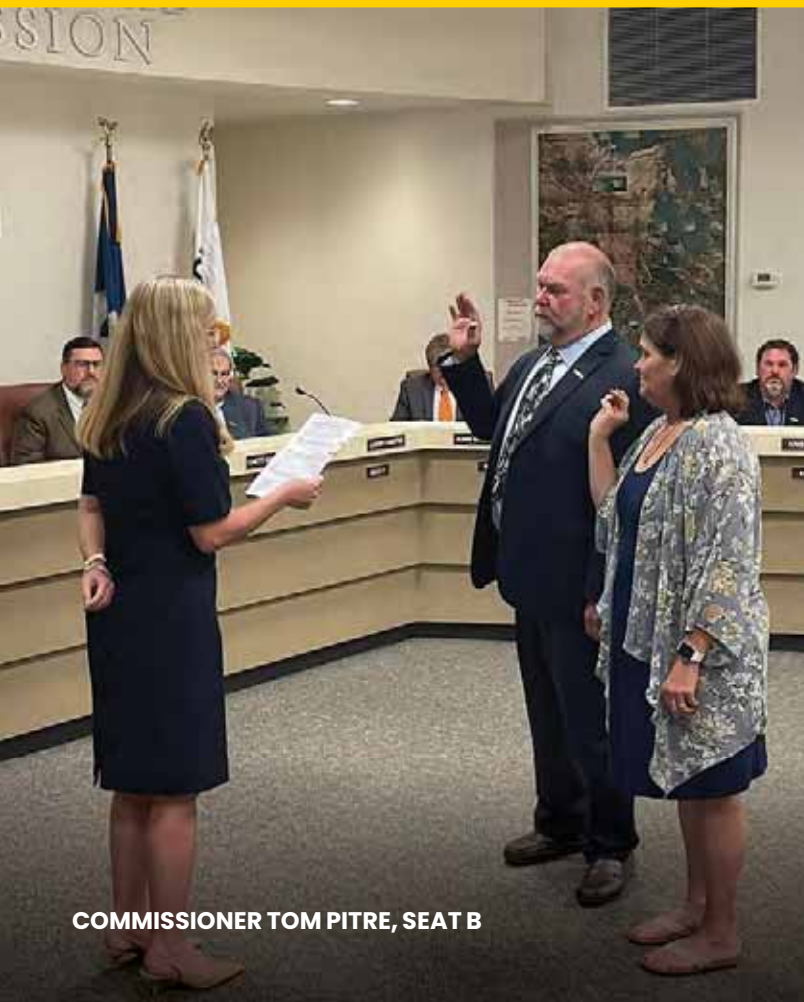
Pitre, a longtime businessman and community steward known for starting the Team Tom moniker at Tom's Texaco in Golden Meadow, is also a great fit on the board thanks to his lifelong devotion to the 10th Ward and its residents.

Both men said they are humbled and honored to serve as Board members.

GLPC Board President Chuckie Cheramie said he was happy to

again work beside Commissioner Savoie, while also adding he was very excited to have Commissioner Pitre join the ranks, as the Board continues its important work for Port Fourchon, the South Lafourche Airport, and the South Lafourche community.

Port Commissioners are elected to six-year terms and serve the community of the Tenth Ward of Lafourche Parish at large. The Tenth Ward is comprised of the area of Lafourche Parish south of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to the Gulf of Mexico.



COMMISSIONER TOM PITRE, SEAT B



COMMISSIONER TED SAVOIE, SEAT E



GLPC COLLECTS THREE AAPA COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) honored the Greater Lafourche Port Commission (Port Fourchon) with three communications awards in October as part of the trade association's 56th annual Communications Awards Program recognizing member seaports for exemplary communications projects and programs.

Here's a full list of GLPCs winning entries in the 2022 competition:

- Award of Merit – Overall Campaign: Crisis Communications – Hurricane Ida
- Award of Distinction – Miscellaneous: Rebrand
- Award of Distinction – Periodicals: The Port Messenger

GLPC HELPS GIVE BACK TO COMMUNITY THROUGH SIGNAGE-MARKETING AGREEMENT

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission recently signed a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to provide signage at the Bayou Civic Club (Larose Civic Center), Cut Off Youth Center, and Town of Golden Meadow.

This agreement entitled us to put signs up at each of these locations

with our logo on them.

The purpose of this agreement was to make our agency more visible in the community, while also giving back to those entities during a difficult time following Ida.

Each entity received \$5,000 from us in exchange for letting us put signs in and around their facilities.

We hope this spurs on further signage agreements from businesses wishing to showcase how they are giving back to these community staples!

To learn how you can get involved in these signage opportunities, email heidim@portfourchon.com.

CONSTRUCTION ON THE FINAL SEGMENT OF THE LA 1 ELEVATED HIGHWAY BETWEEN LEEVILLE AND GOLDEN MEADOW IS SET TO BEGIN IN SPRING 2022. THE \$463 MILLION PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 2027.

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ESTABLISHED IN 1972, THE PORT FOURCHON HARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS 21 OFFICERS THAT ARE TRUSTED TO PROTECT AND SERVE THE 10TH WARD OF LAFOURCHE.

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BELLE PASS IS A WELL-DEFINED PORT ENTRANCE BORDERED BY ROCK JETTIES THAT EXTEND 2,600 FEET INTO THE GULF OF MEXICO.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Port Fourchon has what is believed to be the only Coastal Wetlands Park on the globe. The nearly 100-acre site constructed from dredged materials from Slip D features a nearly one-mile long tidal creek, fishing dock and kayak launch, as well as a parking area. A bridge helps provide an ingress and egress of tidal flow from the adjacent Flotation Canal that runs parallel to the park. **To learn more about this project, visit portfourchon.com/our-environment/coastal-wetlands-park/.**

