

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022 at 10:30AM
Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345
(Posted: November 4, 2022 at 2:00PM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for October 12, 2022 meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion
 - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C & Flotation Canal Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 2. Northern Expansion Slip C & Flotation Canal Sweep Dredging (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - B. Airport Projects
 - 1. Aircraft Operations
 - 2. Airport Connector Road and Bridge (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 3. Seal Coat & Pavement Markings (*GIS Engineering*)
 - 4. Airport Terminal Surcharge Project (*GIS Engineering*)
 - 5. Approach Obstruction Removal (*ICE*)
 - C. Other Projects
 - 1. Fourchon Pavilion (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 2. Port Security LWIN System
 - 3. Corps of Engineers Maintenance Dredge Project in Belle Pass
 - 4. Hurricane IDA
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the Agreement with the Corps of Engineers for the Belle Pass Channel Deepening project
 - 2. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding with LED and SLEC for the Airport Certified Sites program
 - 3. Consider approving the BRIC Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government and Entergy
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1. Review permits from Harvest Midstream, Lafourche Parish Government, GLPC, Fourchon Shorebase, Rosefield Pipeline, GLPC, and Lafourche Parish Government
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving to award the lowest responsive bid for the Slip C Sweep Dredging
 - 2. Consider approving to award the lowest responsive bid for the GAO Terminal Surcharge
 - 3. Consider approving to award the lowest responsive bid for the Airport Terminal Repairs
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of October 2022 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$25,000
 - 2. Consider approving the October 2022 unaudited financial statements
 - 3. Consider approving out of state travel request
- VIII. Possible Executive Session
 - A. Discuss Port economic development and retention negotiations
- IX. Any Other Business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
November 9, 2022

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 10:30AM at the Administration Office 16829 East Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345.

President Harris Cheramie Jr. called the meeting to order. Secretary M. Callais then called roll.

ATTENDED: Harris Cheramie, Jr., Thomas Pitre III, Jimmy Lafont, Rodney J. Gisclair Sr., Ted Savoie, Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jr., Mike Callais and Kris Callais

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Griffin second by Melancon with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for October 12, 2022 meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported the contractor APC Construction has completed driving the steel sheets, concrete deadman, and installing the tie rods for Slip C Bulkhead project. They will start blasting and painting next week. The contractor is having trouble getting aggregate due to the low tide in the river. Engineer Joe Picciola reported the bid opening for the Slip C & Flotation Canal Sweep Dredging was held November 2nd and we recommend the low bid by Coastal Dredging Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,659,878.40. We will also coordinate the start of the dredging once the bulkhead project is complete.

Airport Projects – Executive Director Chett Chiasson reported the aircraft operations for October were 1649, with 10,183 passengers, and 23,424 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. Sealevel Construction is currently working on drainage on LA 308 and pouring concrete for the bridge in Bayou Lafourche. Next week they will start to pour the bridge columns. Melancon questioned if the time of completion is in 2 years, which Picciola replied it is scheduled to be complete in the spring of 2024. Engineer John Plaisance reported the lien period for the Seal Coat & Pavement Markings is over however we have not received the clear lien certificate. We are waiting on Gee Asphalt Systems to do a final inspection then we will request retainage. Engineer John Plaisance reported the bids were open on October 19th for the Airport Terminal Surcharge Project. The lowest bid is from Onshore Materials in the amount of \$216,226. Director Chiasson reported the Approach Obstruction Removal project is in the lien period. Today we received a change order request from LMB Services. We will review prior to presenting to the board.

Other Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported Onshore Construction finished pouring the concrete this morning for the Fourchon Pavilion. Once settled, they will start to erect the building and then work on the drainage and parking lot. John Crochet updated the board on the Port Security LWIN System. The call with LOOP went well and they will be preparing another structural analysis of the tower. Director Chiasson reported the Corps of Engineers is complete with the Maintenance Dredge Project in Belle Pass.

Hurricane IDA – Executive Director reported for the Airport Terminal Repairs there were 4 bidders with the low bid from Freetown Builders in the amount of \$286,408 for approval today. The Flotation Canal Mooring Dolphins Repair project is being advertised with bid opening November 29th. The Nerby Collins Marina Bucket Dredge project is being advertised with the bid opening December 6th. Grand Isle Shipyard is complete with the access ramp for the Public Boat Launch Bathhouse Repairs. They are working on the lights. Picciola Construction has been working on sealing and caulking the joints and will demo the conference room in the Administration Building after this meeting. Next week they plan to start on the roof on the cement section of the building. Tasch has started October 31st on the EOC building repairs and then will work on the Operations and Warehouse. Tidewater Dock will begin December 5th on the Front Marina Boatlift electrical.

President Cheramie opened the floor for public comment. Chiasson recognized Cary Davis, Vice President of Governmental Relations and General Counsel for the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA). Davis stated at AAPA we live, breathe, and eat to try to get support and funding from Washington DC for Port Authorities throughout the country. He is proud to report from Congress the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law was passed for \$5.5 billion for Port Authorities across the country which is great news. Looking forward, Chett was instrumental in standing on a new program for Port Opportunities with Energy Resilience and Sustainability which we will be pushing for with the next Congress for Made in America energy exports such as oil and gas, LNG, offshore wind development, and coastal resiliency. Chiasson stated we fit the mold of that group we will be working on.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – The Committee met October 26th and November 7th in Cut Off. Present were Cheramie, Gisclair, Griffin, and Lafont.

Upon motion by Pitre second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Federal Cost Share Agreement with the U.S. Corps of Engineers for the Belle Pass Channel Deepening project. The estimated cost to perform the work is \$1,256,000 with a 50/50 cost share of \$628,000 and the work is estimated to take 17 months for completion.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding with LA Economic Development (LED) and South LA Economic Council (SLEC) for inclusion of 343 acres of the S.L. Industrial Park into LED's LA Industrial Sites Certified Sites Program.

Upon motion by Savoie second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government and Entergy to harden the distribution lines from Golden Meadow to the Port and the footprint of Fourchon.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met October 26th and November 7th in Cut Off. Present were Gisclair, Savoie, Pitre, and Cheramie.

Chairman Gisclair presented for the board's review the permits from Harvest Midstream, Lafourche Parish Government, GLPC, Fourchon Shorebase, Rosefield Pipeline, GLPC, and Lafourche Parish Government.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met October 26th and November 7th in Cut Off. Present were K. Callais, M. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved to award to the lowest responsive bid from Coastal Dredging Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,659,878.40 for the Slip C Sweep Dredging Project.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved to award the lowest responsive bid from Onshore Materials, LLC in the amount of \$216,226 for the GAO Terminal Surcharge Project.

Upon motion by Savoie second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved to award the lowest responsive Base Bid and Alternates 1 & 2 from Freetown Builders, LLC a total amount of \$286,408 for the Airport Terminal Repairs.

Finance Committee - The committee met on October 26th and November 7th in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, K. Callais, Griffin, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the payment of October 2022 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$25,000 which total \$3,322,550.72.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the October 2022 unaudited financial statements.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Savoie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel request from Tom Pitre to attend the LA Alive Event and Washington Meetings in DC January 24th – 27th.

Possible Executive Session – President Cheramie presented for the board to enter an executive session to discuss Port economic development and retention negotiations. Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, a roll call vote resulted in all 9 yeas to enter the executive session. Board returned from session with no action taken.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. Paula Rome with Entergy Customer Service thanked the board for partnering with Entergy and the Parish for the BRIC grant. The grant will be close to \$30 million and Entergy will match the funds to harden the grid in the Port and from Golden Meadow to Leeville.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Pitre, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:08AM.

ATTEST:



Harris J. Cheramie, Jr., President



Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary