

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**AGENDA**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022 at 10:30AM**  
**Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345**  
*(Revised: June 7, 2022 at 9:48AM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for May 11, 2022 meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion
    - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C & Flotation Canal 1500' Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 2. Northern Expansion Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge (*GIS Engineering*)
  - B. Airport Projects
    - 1. Aircraft Operations
    - 2. Airport Connector Road and Bridge (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 3. Seal Coat & Pavement Markings (*GIS Engineering*)
    - 4. Approach Obstruction Removal (*ICE*)
    - 5. S.L. Industrial Mobile Home Park (*Picciola & Associates*)
  - C. Other Projects
    - 1. Fourchon Pavilion (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 2. Pre-Storm Emergency Debris Removal
    - 3. Hurricane IDA
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VII. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the agreements for marketing opportunities
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1. Review permits from White Marlin Operating Company, LLC
  - C. Construction & Development Committee
    - 1. Consider approving Change Order No. 2 from Crosby Dredging, LLC for the Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge project
    - 2. Consider approving the FAA Grant Agreement for the Approach Obstruction Removal project
    - 3. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from TBT Contracting for the Maintenance Shop Repairs
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of May 2022 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$25,000
    - 2. Consider approving the 2021 audited financial statements
    - 3. Consider approving out of state travel request
- VIII. Any Other Business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Adjournment

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**June 8, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, June 8, 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: John D. Ordonne, Harris Cheramie, Jr., Jimmy Lafont, Rodney J. Gisclair Sr., Curtis Pierce, 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 May 11, 2022 meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported the contractor APC Construction is currently driving concrete deadman piles and steel sheet piles for the Slip C & Flotation Canal Bulkhead project. They attempted to pour concrete for the deadman however they had issues with the concrete. They are working through that process. Engineer John Plaisance reported Crosby Dredging is nearing completion for the Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge project. The test plan at low tide was unsuccessful. The fill area is expected to reach capacity within the next week.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported the aircraft operations for the month of April were 1032, with 6,213 passengers, and 18,811 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. Sealevel Construction is currently driving concrete piles in Bayou Lafourche along LA 308. On LA 3235 installing drainage, cross overs, and turn arounds and laying asphalt today. On LA 1 they started drainage work. Engineer John Plaisance reported Gee Asphalt Systems is on site removing existing pavement markings on the runway and they plan to apply the seal coat on Saturday for the Seal Coat & Pavement Markings project. The runway is closed. Davie Breaux reported we had an arborise go on site to inspect trees that were identified by the landowner to keep and stack for the Approach Obstruction Removal. Executive Director Chiasson stated many of the trees marked are the sweet gum trees and not marketable, therefore we need further discussions with the landowner. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Onshore Materials is nearing completion for the S.L. Industrial Mobile Home Park. The lighting, fire hydrants and sewer system has been installed and we are waiting permit approvals for electrical service. Rotorcraft is currently setting up all their mobile homes.

Other Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported the contractor Onshore Construction is complete with forming up the concrete foundation with rebar and the building was delivered for the Fourchon Pavilion. We are awaiting concrete but since it is a large pour of over 700 yards, we don't want to get it from a long distance like Houma in case there are issues during transport. We are hoping to get it from the nearby Terrebonne Concrete plant wants it gets up and running. Chiasson questioned the timeframe from Terrebonne Concrete, which Picciola replied they did test batches last week with some success and some problems. They plan to do another test pour later this week. Chiasson reported the Pre-Storm Emergency Debris Removal bid proposals were received on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We are in the process of rating the proposals and will plan to award at the next meeting.

Hurricane IDA – Chiasson stated we are working through the process of prioritizing the projects with CSRS. The Administration Building is set to go out for bid June 21<sup>st</sup>, the Ops, EOC, and Maintenance Shop plan to go out for bid June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Public Boat Launch Bathhouse will start advertising June 9<sup>th</sup>, the wharves at the Front Marina, Storm Harbor and Nerby Collins Marina are set to go out for bid June 30<sup>th</sup>; Airport Terminal & Hangar is set to go out for bid July 29<sup>th</sup>. The other projects: Galliano Office materials are on order and should begin in a week. Cinderblock Building the cement blocks were installed, and they are pressure washing the building today to prep for painting. The materials have been ordered for the Airport Electrical Buildings, T-Hangar and Maintenance Shop.

Chiasson reported the outgoing USCG Captain of Port J. Wade Russell was here yesterday to present the Port with a commendation award. His change of command ceremony will be next week. He then read a portion of the award, "Suffering a direct hit themselves, the efforts of Chett Chiasson and the GLPC as true emergency management partner resulted in an incredibly swift recover of the nationally significant Marine Transportation System and the reconstitution of the cornerstone of the Nation's offshore oil and gas industry. The Coast Guard is prepared to meet the challenges presented by natural disasters because of those strong local partners. On behalf of a grateful Coast Guard, I thank our partners like GLPC and team for their valuable, selfless service." Chiasson then thanked Captain Russell and the USCG. It is good to be recognized for our hard work in preparing and responding to storms.

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

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met May 25<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Cheramie, Griffin, Lafont, and Gisclair. They also met June 6<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with Gisclair absent.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with the Town of Golden Meadow, Bayou Civic Club, and the Cut Off Youth Center for sign placement at facilities promoting Port Fourchon in return for the Port's payment of \$5,000 to each entity.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met May 25<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Cheramie and Gisclair, Pierce and Ordonne were absent. They also met June 6<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off with Gisclair absent.

Chairman Gisclair presented for the board's review the permit from White Marlin Operating Company, LLC.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met May 25<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were K. Callais, M. Callais, Cheramie, with Pierce absent. They also met June 6<sup>th</sup> all were present.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 from Crosby Dredging, LLC for the Slip D & Bayou Lafourche Dredge project to add 66 additional days to the contract time.

Upon motion by Pierce second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the FAA Grant Agreement for the Approach Obstruction Removal project for grant funding of \$293,658.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated May 25, 2022 from TBT Contracting for the Maintenance Shop Repairs.

Finance Committee - The committee met May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, Griffin, K. Callais, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of May 2022 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$25,000 which total \$4,427,325.02.

Upon motion by Melancon to approve the 2021 audited financial statements, which was second by Ordonne, the floor was open for discussion. Mr. Mark Felger with LaPorte presented the highlights of the audit. 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. There were no obligations from FEMA for hurricane damages however we do expect a single audit next year for the bridge work.

The financial highlights are as follows: cash and investments \$127.1 million (2.6% increase), capital assets \$220.4 million (4.9% increase), unearned lease revenue \$4.6 million (18.0% decrease) this is prepaid rentals that will continue to decrease, net pension & OPEB Liabilities \$20.8 million (12.3% decrease), and net position \$331.4 million (3.5% increase). The Port had annual operating revenues of \$24.2 million (12.7% increase), operating income \$0.5 million (vs. 2020 loss of \$2.3M), net income before capital grants \$0.8 million (51.9% decrease), and capital grants \$14.3 million (88.9% increase). The graph for total revenues by source were 57% self-generated fees, 34% state and federal capital construction grants, 5% ad valorem taxes, and 4% state and federal operating & maintenance grants. The graph for operating

expenses were 35% depreciation and sale of assets, 30% salaries and benefits, 18% lease expense, 10% maintenance supplies and operation of facilities, 6% other operating expenses, and 1% fuel, oil, and retail items. The last graph showed the comparison of capital grants and construction expenditures for the past 6 years. Felger stated effective 2021 GASB Statement No. 89 accounting interest cost incurred before the end of the period if the Port would borrow money. This does not affect the Port. Felger reported the future accounting changes to note are GASB Statement No. 87 regarding leases which will change how leases are reported in 2022. It will report lease receivables, lease payables, and land lease liabilities with offsetting assets which will increase the balance sheet. These assets and liabilities never recorded before, and you will see a huge increase in receivables for long term leases. Leases will be recognized as assets for total term and amortized over the lease term. Also, GASB Statement No. 96 will change how subscription-based IT arrangements are reported in 2023. The legislative auditor reinstated the statewide agreed upon procedures with 14 categories in addition to the audit, there were no exceptions identified. LaPorte issued a letter to the Port commenting on accounting policies and standards with only one matter of note a misstatement of impairment for fixed assets for the damaged Port buildings of \$1.2 million as estimated loss. Since these were estimates and the repair cost will be much higher, we did not make an entry but will make an entry in 2022 with final cost. Felger then thanked Miranda and staff for their cooperation, and it is always a pleasure working for the Port. Melancon thanked Mr. Felger and LaPorte staff, as well as Ms. Parker and staff for preparing the audited financial statements. President Cheramie opened for any other discussions, with no public comment, the board voted which resulted in all yeas.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel request from Chett Chiasson to attend the GNO, Inc. Wind Alliance Block Island Wind Farm Visit in Rhode Island June 20<sup>th</sup> – June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Pierce, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:05AM.

ATTEST:



Harris J. Cheramie, Jr., President



Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary