

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023 at 10:30AM
Popie's Palace · 9045 East Avenue A · Cut Off, LA 70345
(Revised: February 7, 2023 at 9:00AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Ceremonial swearing in for Seat B
- V. Approve minutes for January 11, 2023 meeting
- VI. 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*)
 - 3. Northern Expansion Slip D Bulkhead (*GIS Engineering*)
 - B. Airport Projects
 - 1. Aircraft Operations
 - 2. Airport Connector Road and Bridge (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 3. Airport Terminal Surcharge Project (*GIS Engineering*)
 - 4. PAPI LED Upgrade (*GIS Engineering*)
 - 5. Approach Obstruction Removal (*ICE*)
 - C. Other Projects
 - 1. Fourchon Pavilion (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 2. Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina Dredge (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 3. Port Security LWIN System
 - 4. Leeville LA 1 Construction Canal Dredging & Mitigation (*Angelette Design*)
 - 5. Hurricane IDA Repair Projects
 - a. Administration Building (*Duplantis Design Group*)
 - b. Public Boat Launch Bathhouse (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - c. Nerby Collins Marina Bucket Dredge (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - d. Demolition of PHI Office – (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - e. Operations Center, EOC, and Ops Maintenance Warehouse (*Ritter Maher*)
 - f. Boat Lift Roof and Wharves (*GIS Engineering*)
 - g. Airport Terminal Repairs (*GIS Engineering*)
 - h. Flotation Canal Mooring Dolphin Repairs (*Angelette Design*)
- VII. Restore or Retreat Update
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the Agreement to Purchase and Sell with Caillouet Land, L.L.C. covering roughly 857 acres of property in and around Port Fourchon
 - 2. Consider adopting a resolution requesting approval from the Attorney General to hire a Title Attorney
 - 3. Consider approving the request from Chad Boudreaux Enterprises to extend lease site GLF408
 - 4. Consider approving the Right of First Refusal request with Crowley Wind Services on site GLF632
 - 5. Consider approving the revised Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity Policy
 - 6. Consider approving the revised Equal Employment Opportunity and Harassment Policy
 - 7. Consider approving the revised Purchasing and Disbursements Policy
 - 8. Consider approving the bid to purchase a Port Truck
 - B. Permits and Waterways Committee
 - 1. Review the permit from Lafourche Parish Government and GLPC
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 with LMB Services for the Obstruction Removal project
 - 2. Consider accepting the Clear Lien Certificate from Grand Isle Shipyard for the Public Boat Launch Bathhouse project
 - 3. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for Demolition of PHI Office
 - 4. Consider approving Change Orders No. 1 and 2 from Tasch for the Operations Center and Warehouse
 - 5. Consider approving Change Orders No. 1, 2, and 3 from Tidewater Dock for the Boat Lift and Wharf project
 - 6. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Freetown Builders for the Airport Terminal
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of January 2023 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$25,000
 - 2. Consider approving the January 2023 unaudited financial statements
 - 3. Consider approving the audit engagement letter agreements with LaPorte and Lewis & Ellis
 - 4. 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
February 8, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 10:30AM at Popie's Palace 9045 East Avenue A, 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, Ted Savoie, Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jr., Mike Callais and Kris Callais

ABSENT: Rodney Gisclair, Sr.

Lafourche Parish District Attorney Kristine Russell conducted the ceremonial swearing in of Thomas J. Pitre III. The board and Executive Director Chett Chiasson congratulated Mr. Pitre as the newly elected board member. Chiasson explained that Pitre was the only candidate that qualified for Seat B in the upcoming election, therefore he was unopposed and is declared elected by the people.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for January 11, 2023 meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported contractor APC Construction is installing timber cap and aggregate for Slip C Bulkhead project. They expect to be complete in the next few weeks. Engineer Joe Picciola reported contracts were signed with Coastal Dredging for the Slip C & Flotation Canal Sweep Dredging project. A preconstruction meeting was held last week and the notice to proceed will be issued for March 7th. The spoil material will be placed along Slip D for future development. Engineer John Plaisance reported the design is complete and approved by DOTD for the Slip D Bulkhead project. It can be advertised when the Port is ready.

Airport Projects - Davie Breaux reported the aircraft operations for the month of January are 1553, 8161 passengers, and 16,686 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. Sealevel Construction is working on pouring concrete for the sound barrier along the connector road. They had issues with two columns that were poured not enough rebar. The columns will be dismantled and re-poured. Engineer John Plaisance reported the contractor Onshore Materials was issued the notice to proceed on January 25th for the Airport Terminal Surcharge project. They are working on the fence and doing preliminary surveys. Engineer John Plaisance reported the PAPI Upgrade project is being advertised with bid opening on February 14th. Davie Breaux reported the Approach Obstruction Removal project is complete. There is a change order to increase the acres by 0.2 acres and removed the seeding and isolated trees a deduct of \$7,200.00.

Other Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported the contractor Onshore Construction completed erecting the building for the Fourchon Pavilion. He stated most of the concrete has been poured, drainage work is done, and they are working on electrical and installing the sewer plant. They should be complete in the next couple weeks. Engineer Joe Picciola reported the Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina Dredge project is currently being advertised with bid opening on February 28th. This project will dredge the Front Commercial Marina, along the mooring dolphins, and the area silted from Hurricane Ida between Slips B and Slip C in Flotation Canal. The spoil for this project will go into the mitigation area on the north side of Flotation Canal with remaining around Slip D for future development. John Crochet reported the amendment

letter for the location change has been submitted for the Port Security LWIN System project. He stated Motorola did a site survey to get prices for repairs to the communication building. Engineer Neil Angelette reported the plans and specs are complete and being reviewed by DOTD for the Leeville LA 1 Construction Canal Dredging & Mitigation project.

Hurricane IDA Repair Projects – Davie Breaux reported the Administration Building contractor is Picciola Construction and they are working on the interior painting, sheet rock, electrical and A/C installation. He stated next week the roof final layer will be installed. Chiasson stated we should be in the building in May. Engineer Joe Picciola reported the Public Boat Launch Bathhouse contractor is Grand Isle Shipyard and they are complete with replacing all handicap access ramps and lights. The lien period ended, and we requested the clear lien certificate but have not received the certificate yet. We recommend issuing payment pending receipt of certificate. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Nerby Collins Marina Bucket Dredge contractor is Plaisance Dragline and they are on site dredging the center of the marina and will move material to the sides. They will then cast on land to dry before trucking material to the front parking lot. Engineer Joe Picciola reported we received bids last week for the demolition of the old PHI Office. We recommend approving the low bid to Low Land Construction for \$36,563.00. Engineer/Architect Scott Ritter reported on the Operations Center, EOC, and Maintenance Warehouse repairs. He stated EOC interior is complete and the barrel roof is 95% complete. The stucco subcontractor began staging and will be complete in the next couple of weeks. The Operations Center roof replacement will start next week and then the interior work will start. The Warehouse metal building colors have been submitted and the permit is in place so that should be starting soon. There are two change orders to be considered. Change Order No. 1 is the total roof replacement for Operations Center an increase of \$172,640.88 and Change Order No. 2 is a decrease of \$2,996.84 for the Warehouse building due to removal of plumbing on the first floor and added some flood vents. Engineer John Plaisance reported the Boat Lift Roof and Wharves contractor is Tidewater Dock and they are progressing well. There will be a 60-day delay for the Nerby Collins Marina wharf work with the ongoing dredge project. There will be three change orders to be considered. Change Order No. 1 additional work requested by Port, Change Order No. 2 added 60 days for Nerby Collins Marina, and Change Order No. 3 will be balancing quantities for 2 sites completed. Engineer John Plaisance reported the Airport Terminal Repair contractor is Freetown Builders and they started February 6th with 90 days to complete. There is a change order to consider for total roof replacement an increase of \$31,705. Engineer Neil Angelette reported the Flotation Canal Mooring Dolphin Repairs contractor is Sealevel Construction. The contracts are signed and the notice to proceed is issued for February 15th with 150 days to be complete by mid-July.

Restore or Retreat (ROR) Update – Joseph Orgeron, State Representative first gave an update on Act 167 and 169 with Hurricane Ida claims being FEMA 90% and 10% local share. He stated Representative Zeringue worked to put \$33 million of excess surplus money to be distributed within 4 parishes: Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Charles, and lower Jefferson. Lafourche Parish has \$9 million with that the Port will receive \$1 million. The hospital will get \$1 million and the Parish and School Board will each get \$2 million, the remaining organizations Town of Lockport, Fire District No. 3, Town of Golden Meadow will get equal to their 10% cost share. Orgeron stated the Dept. of Treasury will provide the Lafourche Parish Government with the total \$9 million and Ms. Renita Jackson will be the point of contact for the process of receiving money. The money should be spent or obligated by June 30th.

Orgeron as Executive Director of ROR then gave an update on the history and current projects he is working on. ROR was established in 2000 by local stakeholders that recognized the importance of being active on coastal restoration and that the Barataria and Terrebonne basins are the two most rapidly eroding estuaries. ROR is a non-profit organization consisting of members and privately funded by donors. ROR focuses on aggressively looking at CPRA projects to build back our coast, community, and culture. He then went over past or inherited goals he took on: National Wildlife Federation doing marsh planting, EDF (Environmental

Defense Fund) taking part in congressional field trips, and funds from Chevron creating Coastal360 Revamp on virtual reality goggles a video on jobs and coastal restoration efforts. He then went over the standing goals going forward are to support CPRA Master Plan and annual plan; attended and promote project tours to Davis Pond Diversion, Spanish Pass, Neptune Pass, West Grant Terre, Caminada Headlands, Maurepas Diversion, and the Mississippi River Fly over; and also to support Ad-Hoc projects such as the Caillouet Land interest of donation toward developing Lafourche's first State Park in Fourchon. ROR promotes Coastal Advocacy by educational involvement by going to elementary, high school, and college level activities. ROR has annual meetings such as stakeholder meetings, coastal 101 candidates, conservation on-tap, ROR rendezvous, and Ad-Hoc presentations. ROR attends coastal conferences, festivals, sponsorships, and offshore wind conferences. He stated anyone can participate by volunteering for beach clean-ups, marsh planting, derelict crab trap rodeos, and other coastal activities. He stated make sure your local, state, and federal representatives know that coastal protection and restoration is a priority for you, your family, and community.

President opened the floor for public comment. Reggie Ledet announced candidacy for GLPC Seat E for the March 25th election. Dean Savoie announced candidacy for GLPC Seat E. Daniel Lorraine, Lafourche Parish Councilmen congratulated Pitre. He then stated for the March 25th election there are 3 Parish proposals: Road Sales Tax 2 will be half cent sales tax from powerlines south, Road Sales Tax A is one cent sales tax from powerlines north. This tax was voted on in 2007 and there are 5 years left. They want to cut it and combine it to make it Parish wide, which is ridiculous. He stated we need to just leave it alone and let it run its time. The other proposal is we currently pay 7/10 on the garbage and they want to take 4/10 from there to give to the school board and put \$16 a month on your water bill. He stated in the early 80's, we had it on our water bill, but the people didn't want it, so took it off and passed a one cent sales tax. Some people can't afford it. Everyone wants to help schoolteachers, but don't take the garbage money. He thanked the board and said go out and vote.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – The Committee met February 6th in Cut Off. Present were Cheramie, Gisclair, Griffin, and Lafont.

President Cheramie presented for the board's consideration to approve the Agreement to Purchase and Sell with Caillouet Land, L.L.C. covering roughly 857 acres of property in and around Port Fourchon. Director Chiasson stated that this is all the Caillouet property in and around the Port except for the beach area. They will donate property on the southern end to State Parks to develop a Fourchon State Park. The agreement purchase price is \$36.72 million, and we will close the Port's outstanding obligations of \$2.28 million to total \$39 million. The recommendation is to approve this purchase agreement and we will make a 5% downpayment of \$1.95 million. Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the agreement to purchase and sell with Caillouet Land. President Cheramie stated this is a big deal for our community not just for us now, but for the future. We will not have to make any more negotiations for our leases or mitigation. The property will now belong to the people of the 10th ward. He commended the staff, board, and all employees. This is a long time coming. Someone from the audience stated his concerns of the timeframe of these negotiations, the recent changes on the Caillouet board, his inheritance, and not being notified in time of this purchase agreement. President Cheramie stated we are no longer in public comment and any problems he has needs to be addressed with his family.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Savoie, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted a resolution requesting approval from the Attorney General to hire a Title Attorney.

Upon motion by Lafont second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Chad Boudreaux Enterprises for a 5-year lease extension on site GLF408.

Upon motion by Pitre second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Right of First Refusal request with Crowley Wind Services on site GLF632.

Chiasson stated this is the first proposal on property along the Gulf of Mexico for a purpose-built offshore wind facility which is a big deal as we move forward in the future.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the revised Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity Policy.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Savoie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the revised Equal Opportunity and Harassment Policy. Chiasson stated this added language on Civil Rights Act and other FEMA required language.

Upon motion by Pitre second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the revised Purchasing and Disbursements Policy. Chiasson stated this adds language for the Executive Director to approve all electronic disbursements.

Upon motion by Melancon second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the bid to purchase a Port Truck as advertised in August 2022 to the next available bidder Southland Dodge Chrysler Jeep for a 2023 RAM 2500 Crew Cab in the amount of \$52,605.00 to be delivered within 120 days.

Permits and Waterways Committee - The committee met February 6th in Cut Off. Present were Gisclair, Savoie, Pitre, and Cheramie.

President Cheramie presented for the board's review the permits from Lafourche Parish Government and GLPC.

Construction & Development Committee – The committee met February 6th in Cut Off. Present were M. Callais, Lafont, Cheramie, with K. Callais absent.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from LMB Services for the Obstruction Removal project a deduct of \$7,200.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Clear Lien Certificate from Grand Isle Shipyard for the Public Boat Launch Bathhouse project, pending receipt of certificate.

Upon motion by Savoie second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the lowest responsive bid from Low Land Construction Co. in the amount of \$36,563.00 for the Demolition of PHI Office.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 to increase the contract price by \$172,640.88 and Change Order No. 2 a deduct of contract price by \$2,996.84 from Tasch for the Operations Center, EOC, and Warehouse projects.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 to increase the contract price by \$135,964.20 and add 15 days to the contract time, Change Order No. 2 to add 60 days to the contract time, and Change Order No. 3 to increase the contract price by \$16,328.00 from Tidewater Dock for the Boat Lift and Wharf project Sites 24, 34, 35, & 36.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Freetown Builders to increase the contract price by \$31,705.00 for the Airport Terminal Building Repairs.

Finance Committee – The committee met on February 6th in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, Griffin, Cheramie, with K. Callais absent.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of January 2023 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$25,000 which totaled \$5,151,258.40.

Upon motion by Melancon second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the January 2023 unaudited financial statements.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the audit engagement letter agreements with LaPorte and Lewis & Ellis.

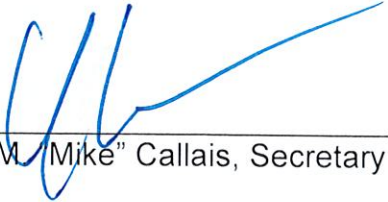
Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Thad Angelloz, Davie Breaux, and Loulan Pitre to

attend the 2023 International Offshore Wind Partnering Forum in Maryland March 27th – 31st, Chett Chiasson to attend the AAPA Legislative Summit in DC March 27th – 28th, Chett Chiasson to attend the National Ocean Industries Association in DC April 25th – 28th, John Crochet and Scott Bynum to attend the Port of the Future Conference in Texas April 3rd – 7th, and Michael Kinler to attend the AAPA Security Committee Meeting in Alabama March 1st – 3rd.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board adjourned meeting at 11:39AM.

ATTEST:


Harris J. Cheramie, Jr., President


Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary