

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023 at 10:30AM**  
**Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345**  
*(Posted: August 4, 2023 at 4:05PM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for July 12, 2023 meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion
    - 1. Northern Expansion Slip C & Flotation Canal Sweep Dredging (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 2. Northern Expansion Slip D Bulkhead (*GIS Engineering*)
  - B. Airport Projects
    - 1. Aircraft Operations
    - 2. Airport Connector Road and Bridge (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 3. PAPI LED Upgrade (*GIS Engineering*)
    - 4. Fuel System Rehabilitation (*GIS Engineering*)
  - C. Other Projects
    - 1. Fourchon Pavilion (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 2. Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina Dredge (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 3. Flotation Canal Drainage Improvements (*Picciola & Associates*)
    - 4. Leeville LA 1 Construction Canal Dredging & Mitigation (*Angelette Design*)
    - 5. Fourchon Beach (*Angelette Design*)
    - 6. Hurricane IDA Repair Projects
      - a. Administration Building (*Duplantis Design Group*)
      - b. Nerby Collins Marina Bucket Dredge (*Picciola & Associates*)
      - c. Operations Center, EOC, and Warehouse (*Ritter Maher*)
      - d. Boat Lift Roof and Wharves (*GIS Engineering*)
      - e. Flotation Canal Mooring Dolphin Repairs (*Angelette Design*)
      - f. Inland Debris Removal
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VII. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the request from Fourchon Heavy Lift to lease site GLF401
    - 2. Consider approving the sublease request from Schlumberger Technology for GLF401
    - 3. Consider approving the Hurricane Ida Funds Amendment with the Parish
    - 4. Consider approving the DOTD Funding Agreement for Fourchon Island FEED Study
  - B. Permits and Waterways Committee
    - 1. Review the permit from the South Lafourche Levee District
  - C. Construction & Development Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the substantial completion certificate from Coastal Dredging Company for the Northern Expansion Slip C Sweep Dredging
    - 2. Consider approving the DOTD Northern Expansion Slip D Replacement Agreement
    - 3. Consider approving Change Order No. 7 from Sealevel Construction for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project
    - 4. Consider accepting the clear lien certificate from Picciola Construction Co. for the Administration Building repairs
    - 5. Consider accepting the clear lien certificate from Plaisance Dragline & Dredging for the Nerby Collins Marina Dredge project
    - 6. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Sealevel Construction for the Flotation Canal Mooring Dolphin Repair project
    - 7. Consider approving the substantial completion certificate from Sealevel Construction for the Flotation Canal Mooring Dolphin Repair project
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of July 2023 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$25,000
    - 2. Consider approving the July 2023 preliminary unaudited financial statements
    - 3. Consider approving the 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**  
**August 9, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 10:30AM at 16829 East Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345.

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

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

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for July 12, 2023 meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported contractor Coastal Dredging is substantially complete as of August 4<sup>th</sup> for the Slip C Sweep Dredging project. Engineer John Plaisance reported the plans and specs for the Northern Expansion Slip D Bulkhead are ready to advertise. There is a DOTD Replacement Agreement for approval which represents funding is available.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported the aircraft operations for the month of July were 1,911 operations; 10,736 passengers; and 27,515 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. Sealevel Construction is currently working on pouring concrete on the main bridge columns in Bayou Lafourche. The road base work has been on hold due to the aggregate issues however the main point of the project is the bridge. We did receive Change Order No. 7 for ultra hazard insurance coverage which DOTD had added after the contract. We did talk to FHWA to reduce the coverage which they agreed. We will work this out and present a revised change order. Melancon questioned the height of the columns, which Picciola replied the main columns have 3 sections to be poured. LA 308 represents the highest they will be. LA 1 side has 2 more sections to be poured. The concrete beam across will be poured in place. Representative Joseph Orgeron questioned if the road will be complete after the bridge is done, which Picciola replied the critical component is the bridge and mechanical equipment to be completed. The road can be completed afterward. They could complete the road in 3 to 4 months if we needed it done. Davie Breaux added the contractor is using the road as a staging area and would not want to open the connector road before the bridge is done. Orgeron stated it was questioned due to the Golden Meadow Bridge being closed looking for another route. Orgeron announced DOTD has secured funding from last year's budget and with this year's funding approved in July they will be able to advertise for the repairs to the Golden Meadow Bridge. They plan to advertise on August 16<sup>th</sup> and open bids September 13<sup>th</sup>. Griffin questioned why they are not changing the main grill now while waiting for the other repairs, which Orgeron replied, the bridge deck was found after the original scope of work was completed. DOTD needed additional funds which were approved in July. They combined the original scope and structural repairs into one contract to start advertising next week. Engineer John Plaisance reported Preferred Electric is anticipating delivery of equipment this week for the PAPI LED Upgrades and plan to start installing next week. Engineer John Plaisance reported the Fuel System Rehabilitation project is advertising with bid opening August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Other Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported the Fourchon Pavilion is complete with the lien period. He stated we have not received the clear lien certificate yet and we are still negotiating time delays which should be resolved by the next meeting. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Coastal Dredging was issued the notice to proceed on August 7<sup>th</sup> for the Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina Dredge project. They will be down for a few weeks for mechanical repairs then will start by next month. Engineer Joe Picciola reported TD Construction Group was issued the notice to proceed on August 10<sup>th</sup> for the Flotation Canal Drainage Improvements. They have started to send in submittals for approval and plan to start soon. Engineer Neil Angelette reported Coastal Dredging was issued the notice to proceed July 17<sup>th</sup> for the Leeville LA 1 Construction Canal Dredging & Mitigation project. They have begun the construction layout and magnetometer surveys of the area. Engineer Neil Angelette reported we received the permits from DNR and Corps of Engineers for the Fourchon Beach project. We are finalizing plans and specs and hope to start advertising next month. Chiasson stated yesterday we did officially receive notification that the Hurricane Zeta project has been obligated for \$7.1 million which we will commit these funds to the Fourchon Beach project. We have reviewed the current funding sources for this project and have \$17 million to do the full beach and breakwater repairs which include some preventable measures. The sources are FEMA, Parish GOMESA, CPRA, Wisner, and possibly industry funding. Angelette reported this will be a major beach restoration project and will include enough funding to add 8 – 10 rock breakwaters.

Hurricane IDA Repair Projects – Davie Breaux reported the Administration Building repairs are complete with receipt of clear lien certificate. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Plaisance Dragline and Dredging has submitted their clear lien certificate for the Nerby Collins Marina Bucket Dredge project. They are on site today installing limestone in the parking lot. Cheramie questioned the depth in the marina, which Picciola replied -15 ft. Melancon questioned the final payment, which Autin replied we recommend accepting the clear lien certificate today and issue the check once all the rock work is complete and paid. Davie Breaux reported the contractor has completed the exterior painting on the Operations Center for the Repairs to the Operations Center, EOC, and Warehouse. They are finalizing the electrical panel and hoist for the warehouse. Engineer John Plaisance reported Tidewater Dock is making good progress replacing the wharves in Nerby Collins Marina for the Boat Lift Roof and Wharves project. Engineer Neil Angelette reported Sealevel Construction has completed the additional maintenance painting and is substantially complete as of August 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Flotation Canal Mooring Dolphin Repairs. Breaux reported Low Land Construction has signed contracts for the Inland Debris Removal project. The preconstruction meeting is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>.

President Cheramie opened the floor for public comment. Wendy Thibodeaux announced her candidacy for re-election for the Lafourche Parish Assessor. She also thanked the board for making available the office building to allow her staff to be there 5 days a week for the South Lafourche area, which Chiasson replied we are happy to work with the Assessor and other Parish agencies to serve this community. Representative Joseph Orgeron announced his candidacy for a second term as State Representative for District 54. Chiasson thanked Orgeron for the hard work he has done for the last 3 ½ years.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Cheramie, Gisclair, Griffin, and Lafont.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board approved the request from Fourchon Heavy Lift to lease site GLF401. The vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 abstain by Ledet.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board approved the Sublease request from Schlumberger Technology for 5 acres on site GLF401. The vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 abstain by Ledet.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Ledet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Amendment and Supplement Letter Agreement for Hurricane Ida Recovery Funds through the Parish with the LA Treasury Department to revise dates for \$1 million of funding for expenses not covered by FEMA or insurance claims.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Ledet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the DOTD Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the Port Fourchon FEED (Front End Engineering Design) Study for Fourchon Island funding of \$2.5 million.

Permits and Waterways Committee - The committee met July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Gisclair, Pitre, Cheramie, and Ledet. Chairman Gisclair presented for the board's review the permit from the South Lafourche Levee District.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were K. Callais, M. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated August 4, 2023 from Coastal Dredging Company for the Northern Expansion Slip C Sweep Dredging.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the DOTD Northern Expansion Slip D Replacement Agreement for H.014903.

Chairman K. Callais presented for the board to consider Change Order No. 7 from Sealevel Construction for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. No action was taken.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate from Picciola Construction Co. for the Administration Building Repairs.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate from Plaisance Dragline & Dredging for the Nerby Collins Marina Dredge project.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Sealevel Construction for the Flotation Canal Mooring Dolphin Repair project an increase of \$243,600 to the contract price and 20 additional days to sandblast and recoat 24 dolphins.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated August 2, 2023 from Sealevel Construction for the Flotation Canal Mooring Dolphin Repair project.

Finance Committee - The committee met on July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, Griffin, Cheramie, and K. Callais.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Griffin, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved payment of July 2023 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$25,000 which total \$2,399,476.32.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the July 2023 unaudited financial statements.

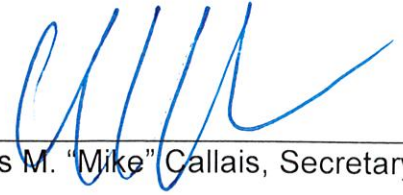
Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Chett Chiasson to attend the Danish Energy Transition Visit in Denmark October 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, and Chett Chiasson and Rodney Gisclair to attend the GPA Fall Meeting in Alabama October 31<sup>st</sup> - November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chiasson further explained the trip to Denmark will be funded by the Danish Government. It was by invitation along with other state officials. Chiasson stated he is interested in the hydrogen projects along with visiting the Port of Esbjerg which was once an oil and gas port and transitioned to an offshore wind port.

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