

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 at 10:30AM
Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345
(Posted: November 8, 2024 at 4:50PM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for October 9, 2024 meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion
 - 1. Northern Expansion Slip D Bulkhead (*GIS Engineering*)
 - B. Airport Projects
 - 1. Aircraft Operations
 - 2. Airport Connector Road and Bridge (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 3. FBO Terminal (*GIS Engineering*)
 - 4. Fuel System Rehabilitation (*GIS Engineering*)
 - C. Other Projects
 - 1. Hurricane IDA Repair Projects
 - a. Breakwater Repairs (*Angelette Design*)
 - b. Fourchon Beach (*Angelette Design*)
 - c. Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina Dredge (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - d. Airport Hangar Replacement (*GIS Engineering*)
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the Odyssey Marine amendment of mooring dolphin lease
 - 2. Consider approving the request from H&A Seafood for site GLF106
 - 3. Consider declaring that items are surplus and no longer needed for public purpose and ready to advertise for sale
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1. Review permits from Chevron Environmental Management Company and Texas Petroleum Investment Co.
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from Huey P. Stockstill for the Airport Road Bridge leveling
 - 2. Consider approving the Change Order No. 9 from Sealevel Construction for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project
 - 3. Consider approving the LA DOTD Sponsorship Agreement for the Airport Fuel System Rehabilitation project
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of October 2024 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$25,000
 - 2. Consider approving the October 2024 unaudited financial statements
 - 3. Consider approving out of state travel requests
- VIII. Any Other Business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
November 14, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 10:30AM at the Administration Office 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, Ted Savoie, John Melancon, Jr., Mike Callais, and Kris Callais

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for October 9, 2024 meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer John Plaisance reported Dynamic Group is on site working on the access road and preparing the site for Slip D Bulkhead project. The test pile program should be complete in the next few weeks.

Airport Projects – Deputy Port Director Davie Breaux reported the aircraft operations for the month of October were 1754, with 11,311 passengers, and 21,156 vehicles. Engineer Ben Hodson reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. Sealevel Construction is currently welding the lift span grating. They are working on the electrical for the control house and streetlights. The asphalt roadway and driveways are complete. Engineer John Plaisance reported B.E.T. Construction has mobilized on site and is driving timber piles for the FBO Terminal. They are currently forming up to pour the slab. Engineer John Plaisance reported the fuel tanks should be delivered in December for the Fuel System Rehabilitation project. There is one valve that is on backorder.

Other Projects - Hurricane IDA Repairs – Engineer Sandy Guidry reported Rigid Constructors is currently getting materials ready to be on site in December for the Breakwater Repairs project. Engineer Sandy Guidry reported the Fourchon Beach plans and specs are being developed to present to the Port next week. Engineer Ben Hodson reported Coastal Dredging continues to dredge for the Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina project. Engineer John Plaisance reported Freetown continues to work with subs to design the door for the Airport Hangar Replacement project.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. Executive Director Chett Chiasson stated the Port received the Lighthouse Award from AAPA for excellence in environmental practices. This recognized the Coastal Wetlands Park for the environmental work done. President Cheramie congratulated Chett Chiasson for being the AAPA Chairman of the Board. The board is extremely proud of you. Melancon stated Chiasson will be making decisions with our new Administration on how America moves forward on Ports. Chiasson appreciates the board allowing him to take leadership roles on numerous boards he serves on. This will be a two-year term. It is important for us to be involved and have a voice and speak up for our Port and community on a local, state, and national level. We want to continue to enhance our capabilities in the port and maritime industry for our country and for ourselves in our community. It takes time away from the office without a staff that we have we couldn't do it. He thanked the staff for filling in and appreciates all the support. M. Callais stated the exposure we get can only help our Port therefore it is a good thing all around.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met October 23rd and November 12th in Cut Off. Present were Gisclair, Lafont, Pitre, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Odyssey Marine to extend the mooring dolphin lease for 3 years.

Upon motion Savoie second by Ledet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from H&A Seafood due to the depressed shrimp industry and uncertain market conditions the Port recommends a 12-month reduction in basic rent equivalent to 3 months' rent. H&A Seafood would agree to extend the 90-day termination clause to 180 days and add 90 days to the overall lease term, pending approval from LL&E.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Savoie, with no public comment, the board unanimously declared that the Chevy Tahoe and generator are surplus and no longer needed for public purpose and ready to advertise for sale.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met October 23rd and November 12th in Cut Off. Present were Gisclair, Pitre, Savoie, and Cheramie.

Chairman Gisclair presented for the board's review permits from Chevron Environmental Management Company and Texas Petroleum Investment Co.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met October 23rd in Cut Off. Present were K. Callais, M. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie. They also met November 12th in Cut Off with K. Callais absent.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated November 8, 2024 from Huey P. Stockstill for the Airport Road Bridge leveling.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Ledet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 9 from Sealevel Construction for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project to increase the contract price by \$12,233.34 for safety gates.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the LA DOTD Sponsorship Agreement for the Airport Fuel System Rehabilitation project for grant funding of \$220,000.

Finance Committee - The committee met October 23rd in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, K. Callais, Ledet, and Cheramie. They also met November 12th with K. Callais absent.

Upon motion by Melancon second M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the payment of October 2024 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$25,000 which totals \$6,329,740.40.

Upon motion by Melancon second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the October 2024 unaudited financial statements.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from John Crochet to attend the Maritime Cybersecurity Summit in Texas November 18th – 22nd, Brook Angelette to attend the Tactical Leadership Course in Alabama January 5th – 6th, Bryce Autin and Thad Angelloz to attend the AAPA Powers Summit & Expo in Florida January 20th – 23rd, and Scott Bynum and John Crochet to attend the ENGAGE CentralSquare User Conference in Florida April 27th – 30th.

President Cheramie welcomed newly elected commissioner Chad Callais. Davie Breaux reported the Workboat Show is going on in New Orleans and tomorrow we have a group of international visitors and US Customs coming tour Port Fourchon.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Pitre, the board adjourned at 10:53AM.

ATTEST:



Harris J. Cheramie, Jr., President



Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary