

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024 at 10:30AM
Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345
(Revised: December 10, 2024 at 9:55AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for November 14, 2024 meeting
- V. Presentation honoring Mr. Larry Griffin
- VI. 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*)
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the LWIN agreement with LOOP
 - 2. Consider approving the cooperative endeavor agreement with Shell Exploration for the Fourchon Beach project
 - 3. Consider approving the cooperative endeavor agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government for the Fourchon Beach project
 - 4. Consider approving the surplus sale bids
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1. Review permit from Gulf South Pipeline Company
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Volute for the Fuel System Rehabilitation project
 - 2. Consider approving the Clear Lien Certificate from Grand Isle Shipyard for the Leeville Bucket Dredge project
 - 3. Consider approving Change Order No. 3 from Coastal Dredging for the Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina Dredge project
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of November 2024 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$25,000
 - 2. Consider approving the November 2024 unaudited financial statements
 - 3. Consider approving out of state travel requests
 - 4. Consider approving the 2025 Budget
- IX. Mr. Ted Savoie's outgoing commission statement
- X. Any Other Business
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
DECEMBER 11, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, December 11, 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 M. Callais second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for November 14, 2024 meeting.

Presentation honoring Mr. Larry Griffin. Executive Director Chett Chiasson read the resolution adopted October 17th in memory of Mr. Larry Griffin to express our condolences to his family and for his service to this commission and our business community in the boat and restaurant industries. He was our longest serving commissioner and will be missed. The Commissioners expressed to his family fond memories of serving with Mr. Larry. Chiasson then presented the frame to the Griffin family.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer John Plaisance reported Dynamic Group has completed the test pile program for Slip D Bulkhead project.

Airport Projects – Deputy Port Director Davie Breaux reported the aircraft operations for the month of November were 1567, with 10,580 passengers, and 23,044 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola 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 on the bridge. Engineer John Plaisance reported B.E.T. Construction has completed driving timber piles and is currently setting up forms for the concrete pour for the FBO Terminal. Engineer John Plaisance reported the fuel tanks should be delivered soon for the Fuel System Rehabilitation project. There is a change order for valves on this project.

Other Projects - Hurricane IDA Repairs – Engineer Neil Angelette reported Rigid Constructors is currently sourcing materials to be on site in January and end in March 2025 for the Breakwater Repairs project. The time delays are a concern, and they understand liquidated damages will be assessed. Engineer Neil Angelette reported the Fourchon Beach plans and specs are being developed to advertise after the holidays. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Coastal Dredging continues to dredge for the Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina project. The oyster shells in Flotation Canal have slowed down progress. There is a change order for an excavator to create more levees for spoil placement an increase of \$24,500. Engineer John Plaisance reported Freetown Builders continues to work with subcontractors to design the door for the Airport Hangar Replacement project.

Executive Director Chiasson passed around the narrative of our master plan for the board to review which will be submitted to the Louisiana Ports and Waterways Investment Commission.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. State Representative Joe Orgeron addressed the board. He reported on the tax reform bill for Louisiana which will be on the March 2025 ballot. The gear box is being repaired and tested for the Golden Meadow bridge. This past weekend Restore or Retreat along with volunteers planted 10,000 mangroves on

terraces on the outskirts of Port Fourchon. They are planning to schedule another day to plant mangroves on the smaller terraces near the Caminada Headland Back Barrier Marsh project. Lastly, the mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion, a project currently in legal litigation is part of the master plan for coastal protection. Rep. Orgeron stated this project is important to reconnect the river to the estuary and would like the board to consider a letter of support.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met November 26th and December 9th in Cut Off. Present were Gisclair, Lafont, Pitre, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Ledet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the LWIN agreement with LOOP.

Upon motion by Savoie second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Shell Exploration for the Fourchon Beach project a contribution of \$250,000 for 4 years.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government for the Fourchon Beach project a contribution of \$2,000,000 of GOMESA funds.

Upon motion by Melancon second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the bid for the surplus sale of the Chevy Tahoe for \$1,500 and Generac generator for \$2,500.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met November 26th and December 9th in Cut Off. Present were Gisclair, Pitre, Savoie, and Cheramie.

Chairman Gisclair presented for the board's review the permit from Gulf South Pipeline Company.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met November 26th in Cut Off. Present were M. Callais, Lafont, Cheramie, with K. Callais absent. They also met December 9th in Cut Off with all present.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Volute for the Fuel System Rehabilitation project an increase in contract price of \$9,658 and adding 100 additional calendar days.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Clear Lien Certificate from Grand Isle Shipyard for the Leeville Bucket Dredge project.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Savoie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 3 from Coastal Dredging for the Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina Dredge project to increase the contract price by \$24,500.

Finance Committee - The committee met November 26th in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, Ledet, Cheramie, with K. Callais absent. They also met December 9th with all present.

Upon motion by Melancon second Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the payment of November 2024 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$25,000 which totals \$6,994,628.03.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the November 2024 unaudited financial statements.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Luke Adams to attend ALERTT Annual Conference in Texas December 1st – 5th, and Chett Chiasson to attend the AAPA Legislative Summit in DC March 17th – 21st.

Chairman Melancon presented for the board's consideration the 2025 Budget. Miranda Parker presented the highlights as follows: Port anticipates revenues of \$32.37M. From there we deduct the direct cost of \$12.12M for landowner and depreciation. Gross profit of \$20.24M less expenses of \$22.27M, equals \$2.03M operating loss, plus \$19.79M of non-operating revenue, equals a net income of \$17.75M.

Parker then explained the \$19.79M of non-operating revenues includes ad valorem of \$2.4M, grants-capital construction projects of \$29M, interest earned of \$3.5M, a deduct of emergency disaster contingency of 5%, extraordinary items and special items such as the LA 1 Phase 2 contribution of \$5M, insurance captive of \$5.2M, and Port Fourchon Marsh Creation and dredge projects.

Chiasson then presented some major projects are as follows: Fourchon Beach and Breakwaters \$17M and the Slip D Bulkhead of \$16M, Sweep Dredging of \$1.8M, and the Bayou Lafourche Bulkhead design of \$1.5M. The Coastal Wetlands Park of \$1.8M, the Fourchon Bridge Connector Road and Bridge of \$2M, Fourchon Island Bucket Dredge of \$1M, and the Flotation Canal Shoreline Protection of \$5M. Airport Hangar Replacement of \$750,000. Airport Terminal of \$4.37M, Airport Connector Road and Bridge of \$6M, Fuel System Replacement of \$832,000, and ILS Replacement of \$1M.

Parker then continued with the 2025 beginning cash of \$92.4M, plus net income of \$17.75M, plus depreciation expense of \$8.95M, less capital assets of \$1.7M, less capital projects of \$47M, plus a decrease in unearned deferred revenues of \$319,843 equals ending cash of \$69.49M, less retained earnings in future capital of \$48.1M for Fourchon Island equals ending cash of \$21.39M. Parker stated the overall operating budget is \$34,407,598, capital budget is \$49,366,948 and Non-Operating budget is \$32,268,727 which totals the 2025 Budget of \$116,043,273. Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the 2025 Budget of \$116,043,273.

Mr. Ted Savoie's outgoing commission statement expressed it was an honor to finish Mr. Larry Griffin's term and an honor to serve with other commissioners. He congratulated Executive Director Chiasson on his leadership and appreciated the work of the staff and all employees of GLPC. He congratulated the newly elected commissioners. Chiasson presented a certificate to Mr. Savoie and thanked him for his service to the Port Commission.

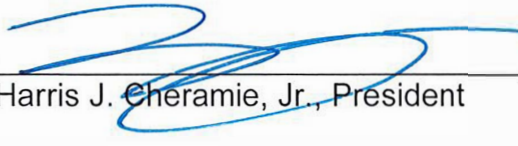
President Cheramie opened the floor for any other business. Chiasson announced that on December 18th at 3:00p.m. here at our Administration Office the Fourchon Energy Association will be having their grant awards presentation to give back to local organizations.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. Representative Joe Orgeron questioned if there is a rental car service at the airport, which Chiasson stated there used to be a car service at Golden Motors but none at this time. Chiasson stated we do have a courtesy car that can be used in the area.


Each board member and Director Chiasson wished the public a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Chiasson announced the Harbor Police are participating in the Safe Ride Home Program this holiday season. Please call 985-396-3911 for a free ride home with no questions asked in the 10th Ward.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Pitre, the board adjourned at 11:14AM.

ATTEST:



Harris J. Cheramie, Jr., President



Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary