

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024 at 10:30AM
Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345
(Posted: January 5, 2024 at 3:25PM)**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for December 13, 2023 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. PAPI LED Upgrade (*GIS Engineering*)
 - 4. Fuel System Rehabilitation (*GIS Engineering*)
 - C. Other Projects
 - 1. Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina Dredge (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 2. Leeville LA 1 Construction Canal Dredging & Mitigation (*Angelette Design*)
 - 3. Fourchon Beach (*Angelette Design*)
 - 4. Hurricane IDA Repair Projects
 - a. Airport Hangar Building Demolition (*GIS Engineering*)
 - b. Inland Debris Removal
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving 2024 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South Louisiana Economic Council, Restore or Retreat, and LA 1 Coalition
 - 2. Consider approving the request from Argent LNG to lease property in Fourchon
 - 3. Consider approving the nominations for the South Lafourche Levee District appointment
 - B. Permits and Waterways Committee
 - 1. Review the permit from Shell Pipeline Company
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the bids for the 2024 Construction Materials Supplier
 - 2. Consider approving the bid for the 2024 Fuel Supplier
 - 3. Consider approving Change Order No. 8 from Sealevel Construction for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of December 2023 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$25,000
 - 2. Consider approving the December 2023 preliminary unaudited financial statements
 - 3. Consider approving the 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
JANUARY 10, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 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 Griffin second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for December 13, 2023 meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer John Plaisance reported bids received were higher than the estimate for the Northern Expansion Slip D Bulkhead project. We are working on other options to reduce costs.

Airport Projects – Executive Director Chett Chiasson reported the aircraft operations for the month of December were 1678, with 12,831 passengers, and 18,637 vehicles. The 2023 end of year totals were 20,881 vehicles, 132,419 passengers, and 249,939 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. Sealevel Construction has begun laying asphalt on the connector road. Today they are pouring concrete for the LA 308 bridge column machinery deck. There is a change order of \$27,600 for the purchase of ultra hazardous insurance for a few months prior to cancellation in 2023. Engineer John Plaisance reported the regulator is expected to be delivered next week for the PAPI LED Upgrade project. Engineer John Plaisance reported the Fuel System Rehabilitation is being advertised with bid opening on February 7th.

Other Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported the Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina Dredge project has been suspended while Coastal Dredge is working in Leeville. Engineer Sandy Guidry reported Coastal Dredging has started to dredge for the Leeville LA 1 Construction Canal Dredging & Mitigation project. They have filled in marsh site 11. They are projected to be complete in 2 or 3 months. We are currently working with DOTD's bridge contractor to facilitate progress. Engineer Sandy Guidry reported the Fourchon Beach and Breakwater project is being advertised with the bid opening February 8th.

Hurricane IDA Repair Projects – Engineer John Plaisance reported the Airport Hangar Building Demolition is complete and in the lien period. GIS Engineering is currently working on the design of the hangar replacement. Chiasson reported the Inland Debris Removal is complete and in the lien period.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. Representative Joe Orgeron addressed the board stating he attended the Governor's inauguration. He thanked the public for allowing him to run for another 4-year term. There will be 2 special legislative sessions for redistricting and crime. He is pleased to see the news on the offshore wind turbine being finalized with Gulf Wind Technologies for the energy addition in Port and the entire region. It will be a good data and research opportunity. He also reported this week equipment has moved on site for the repairs to the Golden Meadow Bridge. It is a 4-month repair process, however within those 4 months there should be a time when vehicles will be able to use the bridge. The full refurbishment to blast and paint the bridge is on DOTD's schedule for 2026-2027. Orgeron reported he will be

working on a bill for LA Citizens to move for a Constitutional Amendment to dedicate any revenue into the State from offshore renewables to be paired with the GOMESA monies to go directly to coastal restoration and alternative oyster cultivation in Grand Isle for the reefs to be expanded. He stated if there are any other bills that the Port needs during this year just let him know.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met January 8th in Cut Off. Present were Cheramie, Griffin, Gisclair and Lafont.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Ledet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the 2024 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South Louisiana Economic Council (SLEC) to assist the Port with its economic development, infrastructure improvement plans, and coastal restoration by supporting SLEC for \$10,000, Restore or Retreat for \$12,000, and LA 1 Coalition for \$1,000.

Upon motion by Griffin second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Argent LNG to lease property in Fourchon of 142 acres along west Bayou Lafourche. Chiasson stated the current Right of First Refusal will turn into a lease with no rent for 24 months while they go through the federal regulatory issues, then they will start paying as milestones are reached with the option to terminate with no activity for 3 years.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously nominated Monty Vegas for the appointment to the South Lafourche Levee District.

Permits and Waterways Committee - The committee met January 8th in Cut Off. Present were Gisclair, Pitre, Cheramie, and Ledet.

Chairman Gisclair presented for the board to review the permit from Shell Pipeline Company.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met January 8th in Cut Off. Present were K. Callais, M. Callais, Cheramie, and Lafont.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the low bids for the 2024 Construction Materials Supplier with 11 items from Grand Isle Shipyard, 1 item from D. Hayes Enterprise, and 1 alternate item from Onshore Materials.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Gisclair with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the low bid from Waguespack Oil Company for the 2024 Fuel Supplier at the mark up rate of \$0.2295 for both gas and diesel.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 8 from Sealevel Construction for the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project to increase the contract price by \$27,600 for ultra hazardous insurance.

Finance Committee - The committee met on January 8th 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 the payment of December 2023 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$25,000 which total \$2,082,132.38.

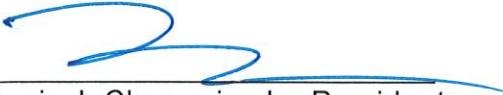
Upon motion by Melancon second by Ledet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the December 2023 preliminary unaudited financial statements.

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, John Crochet, and Scott Bynum to attend the Port of the Future Conference in Texas April 1st – 4th.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any other business. Chiasson stated this afternoon the Fourchon Oilman's Association (FOA) will be presenting to recipients' scholarships and local grants. This year FOA raised \$43,000 through the fishing and golf tournaments.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Pitre, the board adjourned the meeting at 10:52AM

ATTEST:



Harris J. Cheramie, Jr., President



Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary