

**GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024 at 10:30AM**  
**Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345**  
*(Revision Posted: August 13, 2024 at 10:08AM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approve minutes for July 10, 2024 meeting
- V. Nomination and roll call election to fill vacancy in Seat F
- 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. PAPI LED Upgrade (*GIS Engineering*)
    - 4. FBO Terminal (*GIS Engineering*)
  - C. Other Projects
    - 1. Leeville LA 1 Construction Canal Dredging & Mitigation (*Angelette Design*)
    - 2. Fourchon Island Resiliency Study (*GIS Engineering*)
    - 3. LA 1 Elevated Highway Golden Meadow to Leeville
    - 4. 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 Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the PNC Bank Access Agreement for sites GLF302, GLF344, and GLF404
    - 2. Consider approving request to lease sites GLF302, GLF344, and GLF404
    - 3. Consider approving the Chouest Shorebase lease amendment for site GLF621-2
    - 4. Consider approving the request from Fourchon Heavy Lift to extend lease GLF402-2
    - 5. Consider approving the lease request from Express Weld
    - 6. Consider approving the lease request from Dawn Offshore
    - 7. Consider approving the Amendment and Supplement Letter of Agreement for Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund Grants
    - 8. Consider adopting the resolution to sponsor Fourchon Marina, LLC for the LA Wildlife and Fisheries Boating Infrastructure Grant Tier I and Tier II Program
    - 9. Consider approving the Conservation Servitude with Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Foundation for the Port Fourchon Mitigation Bank
    - 10. Consider declaring that the equipment and items are surplus and no longer needed for public purpose and ready to advertise for sale
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1. Review permits from GLPC, Lafourche Parish Government, Tulane University, LA DOTD, Down the Bayou Charters, and Cantium
  - C. Construction & Development Committee
    - 1. Consider approving Change Order No. 2 from Preferred Electric for the PAPI LED Upgrades
    - 2. Consider approving the FAA Grant Agreements for the Airport Terminal and Parking Lot
    - 3. Consider accepting the clear lien certificate from Coastal Dredging Company for the Leeville Construction Canal Dredging and Mitigation project
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of July 2024 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$25,000
    - 2. Consider approving the July 2024 unaudited financial statements
    - 3. Consider approving out of state travel requests
- VIII. Possible Executive Session
  - A. Discuss pending litigation defined as "*ALL COAST, LLC VERSUS SHORE OFFSHORE SERVICES, LLC; MODERN AMERICAN RAILROAD SERVICES, LLC; and MARTIN ENERGY SERVICES, LLC*"; Civil Action No. 2:21-cv-00258; United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the mooring dolphins
  - B. Consider approving the settlement agreement for the mooring dolphin litigation
- IX. Any Other Business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
**August 14, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, August 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: Thomas Pitre III, Harris Cheramie Jr., Jimmy Lafont, Rodney Gisclair Sr., John Melancon, Jr., Mike Callais, and Kris Callais

ABSENT: Reggie Ledet and Larry Griffin

President Cheramie stated Mr. Larry was a board member for 32 years and wants us to keep him and his family in our prayers. Executive Director Chett Chiasson stated that we will honor him and present to his family a plaque at an upcoming meeting in appreciation of his guidance throughout the many years he served the Port. May he rest in peace.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for July 10, 2024 meeting.

President Cheramie opened the floor for nominations to fill the vacancy in Seat F. Gisclair nominated Ted Savoie, Pitre seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, a roll call ballot resulted in 7 votes for Ted J. Savoie and 2 absent. Bryce Autin conducted the ceremonial swearing in of Ted J. Savoie.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Engineer Will Evans reported the preconstruction meeting was held and a partial notice to proceed was issued on July 22<sup>nd</sup> for the procurement and test piles for Slip D Bulkhead project.

Airport Projects – Deputy Port Director Davie Breaux reported the aircraft operations for the month of July were 1877, with 11,757 passengers, and 18,927 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. Sealevel Construction has poured the concrete for the counterweights and aprons on both sides of the bridge. They are installing light poles along the corridor. They continue to work on the machinery offsite. They plan on moving in later this month to complete the asphalt work. The current completion is January 2025. Engineer Will Evans reported the change order for the additional days due to the regulator replacement is on the agenda for the PAPI LED Upgrades. The project is in the lien period which ends August 29<sup>th</sup>. Engineer Will Evans reported the notice to proceed for the Airport Terminal was issued on August 11<sup>th</sup> to B.E.T. Construction. Chiasson stated we also have today to approve the FAA grant agreements. Engineer Neil Angelette reported we received the clear lien certificate from Coastal Dredging for the Leeville LA 1 Construction Canal Dredging & Mitigation project. Chiasson reported on the Fourchon Island Resiliency Study. He reported in addition to the \$1,500,000 received from CPRA there is another \$600,000 available to study the impacts of more breakwaters and the associated beach renourishment work. This study will begin soon with the main consultants being GIS Engineering, Angelette Design, and Royal Engineering for the modeling work. Chiasson presented updated photos of the LA 1 Elevated Highway from Golden Meadow to Leeville. The project is moving along well. They expect to be complete in 2027. We will be having conversations with DOTD to discuss the intersections in Golden Meadow and Leeville to get answers to the many questions. Engineer Neil Angelette reported the Breakwater

Repair was awarded to Rigid Constructors and the notice to proceed was issued for today with an expected completion of January 2025. Engineer Neil Angelette reported the Fourchon Beach project is being advertised with bid opening scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Coastal Dredging Co. continues to dredge the Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina Dredge project. They have a few more months of dredging in the canal then will move to complete the marina area. Engineer Will Evans reported the Airport Hangar Replacement project was awarded to Freetown Builders and the preconstruction meeting is scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any public comment. Doug Cheramie with Governor Landry's office announced and congratulated Chett Chiasson as being a member of the newly created Louisiana Ports and Waterways Investment Commission.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The committee met July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Cheramie, Gisclair, Lafont with Griffin absent.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the PNC Bank Access Agreement for sites GLF302, GLF344, and GLF404. This grants the bank 30 days access to conduct an asset sale on sites GLF344 and GLF404. PNC would leave the stationary tanks on site GLF404 and living quarters on GLF302.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved to continue negotiations with PMI and Hudson Services to lease sites GLF302, GLF344, and GLF404.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Pitre, the board unanimously approved to amend the Chouest Shorebase Services lease site GLF621-2 to remove the milestone to stabilize the waterfront pending results in the semi-annual surveys show that material from the mooring zone has moved into the navigational channel of Slip C.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Fourchon Heavy Lift to extend lease GLF402-2 with an additional 10 year primary term and extensions to end lease May 31, 2042.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the lease request from Express Weld for 400 LF along site GLF624.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the lease request from Dawn Offshore to lease 400 LF along site GLF630.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Amendment and Supplement Letter of Agreement for Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund Grants.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously adopted resolutions to support and sponsor Fourchon Marina, LLC for the LA Wildlife and Fisheries Boating Infrastructure Grant Tier I for up to \$300,000 of funding and Tier II Program for up to \$1,500,000 of funding to do repairs to facility.

Upon motion by Pitre second by Melancon, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Conservation Servitude with Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary Foundation for the Port Fourchon Mitigation Bank.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved declaring that the equipment and items are surplus and no longer needed for public purpose and ready to advertise for sale.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Gisclair, Pitre, Cheramie, and Ledet.

Chairman Gisclair presented for the board's review the permits from GLPC, Lafourche Parish Government, Tulane University, LA DOTD, Down the Bayou Charters, and Cantium.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were K. Callais, M. Callais, Lafont, and Cheramie.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 from Preferred Electric for the PAPI LED Upgrades to add an additional 123 days to the contract time.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the FAA Grant Agreements for the Airport Terminal Construction of \$1,500,000 and Parking Lot Facility of \$881,000.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the clear lien certificate from Coastal Dredging Company for the Leeville Construction Canal Dredging and Mitigation project.

Finance Committee - The committee met on July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup> in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, K. Callais, Cheramie, with Griffin absent.

Upon motion by Melancon second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the payment of July 2024 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$25,000 which total \$2,486,534.62.

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

Upon motion by Melancon second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Chett Chiasson to attend the Gastech Exhibition & Conference in Texas September 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>; Chett Chiasson to attend the Gulf Ports Association Fall Meeting in Texas October 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Chett Chiasson to attend the Consumer Energy Alliance Board Meeting in Texas October 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>; Chett Chiasson and board members: Cheramie, Gisclair, M. Callais, Melancon, Pitre, and Ledet to attend the AAPA Annual Convention in Massachusetts October 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>; Chett Chiasson and board members: Cheramie, Gisclair, M. Callais, Melancon, Pitre, Ledet, K. Callais, and elected member to attend the Louisiana Alive Event and Washington Meetings in DC January 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.

President Cheramie presented to the board to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation defined as "ALL COAST, LLC VERSUS SHORE OFFSHORE SERVICES, LLC; MODERN AMERICAN RAILROAD SERVICES, LLC; and MARTIN ENERGY SERVICES, LLC"; Civil Action No. 2:21-cv-00258; United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the mooring dolphins. Upon motion by Gisclair second by Melancon, with no public comment, a roll call vote resulted in 7 yeas and 2 absent. The board exited the room, then returned.

Upon motion by Melancon second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the settlement agreement for the mooring dolphin litigation.

President Cheramie opened the floor for any other business. R. Gisclair stated that he attended on Monday the Bayou Industrial Group luncheon which featured Chett Chiasson as speaker and he enjoyed the video that was prepared of a waterside tour of the port. He thanked the staff for putting this together.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Pitre, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:09AM.

ATTEST:

  
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Harris J. Cheramie, Jr., President

  
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Charles M. "Mike" Callais, Secretary