

AGENDA
APRIL 12, 2000

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of minutes of March 15, 2000
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. E-Slip Expansion Updates
 - 1. 2nd Leg
 - 2. 3rd Leg
 - B. Northern Expansion Update
 - C. FEMA Damage Repairs
 - 1. Belle Pass Dredging
 - D. Highway Improvements
 - E. Golden Meadow Seawall
 - F. Bayou Clean Up
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - A. Executive:
 - 1. Authorize Executive Director to advertise for summer employment
 - 2. Change Order No. 3 SPN 578-29-0012 (Phase III of Leg III E-Slip Project)
 - 3. Supplemental Agreement No 1 SPN 578-29-0011
 - 4. Equilon Enterprises, LLC - cancellation of lease
 - 5. Brandt Energy Environmental, LP
 - 6. Adopt resolution to amend by laws
 - A. Article V: Regular Meeting
 - 7. Regular meetings to be held on second Wednesday of the month (not Tuesday)
 - 2. Correct address to 16819 East Main (not 5415)
 - B. Correct sequential Order of Name of Article VIII to VII and Article XIII to XII.
 - B. Legal, Permits, & Waterways:
 - 1. Letter of No Objection
 - a. Chevron, USA
 - b. Chevron, USA
 - c. Chevron , USA
 - d. Terry Serigny
 - C. Construction & Development:
 - 1. Harris Cheramie request for assistance
 - D. Finance:
 - 1. Approval of Invoices and recognize following expenditures of over \$10,000:

2. Weeks Marine, Inc.	\$1,391,425.48
3. Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$42,649.06
4. Mike Hooks, Inc.	\$900,937.93
5. Chevron Pipe Line Company	\$170,000.00
6. Low Land Construction Co., Inc.	\$409,310.69
7. Houma Tractor	\$12,834.00
8. J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc.	\$21,472.36
 - 2. Financial Report for March, 2000
 - E. Personnel:
 - 1. Introduce Addie Callais
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
APRIL 12, 2000

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session in the Conference Room of the Commission Administration Building in Galliano, Louisiana on Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at 10:30 AM pursuant to the provision of due notice in writing to each and every member thereof and duly posted in the manner prescribed by law.

President Bernard called the meeting to order and requested that Board Member Harrison Cheramie call the roll.

PRESENT: Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Rodney Terrebonne, Johnny Melancon, Ervin Bruce, Chester Cheramie, Dudley Bernard, Wilbert Collins, Sr., Donald Vizier and Larry Griffin

ABSENT: None

Also present were Ted M. Falgout, Executive Director; Davie J. Breaux, Assistant Director; Joe Picciola, Larry Picciola, and John Plaisance, Port Engineers; Loulan Pitre, Port Attorney; Gerald Guidry, Harbor Police Chief; and Cindy F. Dufrene, Port Secretary.

President Bernard led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Harrison Cheramie, Jr., seconded by Wilbert Collins, Sr. and unanimously passed, the minutes of the March 15, 2000 Board Meeting was approved.

President Bernard then called upon Executive Director Ted Falgout for his report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The report on the E-Slip Bulkhead Extension 2nd Leg was referred by Larry Picciola, project engineer, to Attorney Pitre who stated that the bid results and a proposal based on the bid results was in the hands of Weeks Marine's attorney. Mr. Picciola added that the adjuster from the salvage company has also been in touch with Weeks' attorney. Attorney Pitre expects to have some response by the end of the week.

In reference to the Leg III E-Slip Expansion, Director Falgout called upon project engineer Joe Picciola for his report. On Phase II - Bulkheading, Mr. Picciola reported that the contractor is moving along pretty well. He's stabbing sheet piles on the 2nd part, which is the long run next to C-Port 2. They've completed driving the timber piles, pouring concrete deadmen, and nearly all the welding on the Newpark side. He then presented a Supplemental Agreement to the Base Contract for Board review and approval. Mr. Falgout stated that the Agreement will be covered under the Executive committee's report.

In reference to the Northern Expansion, Director Falgout reported Mike Hooks has completed their project and a change order for the dredging of additional material in the northern expansion will be addressed in the Executive Committee's report. The mitigation on the northern side of the Flotation Canal is complete. The requirements have been met as far as the placement of materials is concern. Planting will be done during this upcoming growing season, which will be sometime this June or July, in accordance with the permit. He also noted that the Commission's Port Priority Project application for the first phase of expansion in the northern area was ranked the 2nd highest project from the list of projects submitted to DOTD for funding.. Twelve out of 18 projects submitted received approval and from those 12 only 8 will fall under the funding level of \$24.5 million dollars allocated by the State. The Commission will receive \$9.8 million dollars, the maximum the program allocates per project. The cost of this project will be between \$13 to \$15 million dollars. The Commission will apply for federal assistance through the Economic Development Administration to try to supplement some of the cost of the project with the remainder being funded by the Commission. The Port Priority Funding will be guaranteed once the Governor signs the Capital Outlay Bill this upcoming legislative session. Discussion followed. Once the Port Priority Funding is in place(this Fall), the Commission will be in a position to begin construction of the bulkheading, the fill of the property and additional dredging in the slip.

In reference to FEMA Project, Belle Pass Dredging, Director Falgout called upon project engineer John Plaisance for his report. He reported that Weeks Marine, Inc.'s dredging of the Pass is complete and presented a certificate of Substantial Completion for approval. The depths from a mile off the jetties all the way up to a mile above the jetties is at -27 ft with a small section at -24 ft. All the dredge material has been placed on the beach to the western side of the jetties for beneficial use. Discussion followed.

In reference to Highway improvements, Director Falgout reported that a public hearing was held last night on the new six lane bridge to be built in Larose where it will meet with a four lane highway to LA 1. Construction for the bridge will begin in the year 2002 with completion in 2005. The four lane highway will be let out for bid in August of this year. He also has two meetings scheduled in Baton Rouge next week concerning highway projects. One meeting is on the EIS Study from Golden Meadow to Fourchon and the other is on the improvements from Larose to U.S. 90. URS Greiner will present their report.

In reference to the Millineum Port, Mr. Falgout reported that the authority had their first meeting two weeks ago. Billy Coyle, Jr. from Houma is the Chairman of the authority and Phil Prejean, Port Director from West St. Mary, is Vice Chairman. Mr. Falgout stated he is the only person not on the authority who has been appointed to a committee. He will be sitting on the Site Selection Committee. Discussion followed. Attorney Loulan Pitre followed up on a report on the Leeville Bridge. He feels an impact was made on the Joint Transportation Committee at the public hearing held on March 24th, due to the major effort made in presenting the Leeville Bridge as a critical link and as being an immediate priority. He was told by the Assistant Secretary of DOTD that it is his plan, once the environmental clearance through the EIS is received, to proceed into the design phase of the Leeville Bridge. Also, the Secretary of the Department, Cam Movasagi, committed that the Department will match the Federal money for the demo project under Tea-21 with funds within the DOTD budget of the Transportation Trust Fund. And last, he overheard one of the members of the House

Transportation Committee from Monroe speaking to the Chairman of the House Transportation Committee about the bridge to Fourchon being one of three projects she really thinks should be done.

In reference to the Golden Meadow seawall, Director Falgout called upon Asst. Director Breaux for his report. Asst. Director Breaux reported that 400 tons of materials is in place, and an additional 100 tons will be delivered and placed soon. The project cost will be around \$13,000. Director Falgout spoke to the Mayor and requested he identify any other areas that need to be addressed. He said he was very appreciative of the help the Commission has given them.

In reference to the Bayou Clean Up, Director Falgout stated the plans are on-going, the contract should be awarded by mid to late June and completed by the end of July or August.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Dudley Bernard, Chairman
Johnny Melancon, Member
Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Member
Donald Vizier, Member

President Bernard presented for authorization advertisement for summer employment. Director Falgout stated the Commission intends to hire 6 college students this summer. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize Director Falgout to advertise for summer employment.

President Bernard presented Change Order No. 3 for Project No. 578-29-0012, Phase III, Leg III E-Slip Project for approval. Director Falgout stated this change order reflects additional cost of \$299,507.84 for additional dredging in the Flotation Canal. Project Engineer Joe Picciola added the cost included the balancing of quantities for the final project and the addition of alternate B. He stated he would also need acceptance of Substantial Completion. Upon motion by Wilbert Collins, Sr., seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve Change Order No. 3 for Phase III, Leg III E-Slip Project, SPN 578-29-0012 (Phase III of SPN 578-29-0009). Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Chester Cheramie, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept Substantial Completion of, Phase III, Leg III E-Slip Project, SPN 578-29-0012 (Phase III of SPN 578-29-0009).

President Bernard presented for Approval Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for project No. 578-29-0011, Phase II, Leg III E-Slip Project. The agreement is to bulkhead the remaining 663' of unbulkheaded property in the 3rd Leg of the slip under the current Phase II contract with the remaining \$1,200,000 of Port Priority Funding. The contractor has agreed to keep the same unit prices. Attorney Pitre is of the opinion that this can be done. DOTD has not yet given a formal approval. Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Wilbert Collins, Sr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Supplemental Agreement No. 1 of SPN 578-29-0011, Phase II, Leg III E-Slip Project, (Phase II of SPN 578-29-0009).

President Bernard presented a request from Equilon Enterprises, L.L.C. to cancel their lease agreement with the Commission. Director Falgout stated they are within the conforms of their lease and no action needs to be taken.

President Bernard presented Brandt Energy Environmental, LP. as the next item on the Agenda. Director Falgout stated the Commission had given David Polston, with Cross Energy, until April 1st to pay the back rent owed by Brandt Energy. Mr. Polston's financing arrangements were not complete by that time, but he has presented payment for the back rent and April and is requesting approval of assignment of the lease upon completion of his financing arrangements. An inquiry was also received from another company interested in the site. The Executive Committee recommended assigning Brandt Energy's lease to Cross Energy. Director Falgout spoke to Mr. Polston this morning and informed him that the Commission wanted assurance that the company operating the site have substantial assets. Mr. Polston advised that the actual lease may not be with Cross Energy Services but with MB Energy, a more substantial company. He request the Board approve an Assignment of Brandt Energy Environmental to Dave Polston or MB Energy, upon approval by Attorney Pitre. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the assignment of Brandt Energy Environmental, L.P. to Dave Polston or MB Energy, upon approval by Port Attorney.

President Bernard presented for approval a resolution to amend the Commission's By Laws. Director Falgout stated the By Laws need to be updated as follows: change the meeting date under Article V to the second Wednesday of the month, correct mailing address to 16819 East Main and correct sequential Order of Name of Article VIII to VII and Article XIII to XII. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Ervin Bruce and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby amend the Commission's By Laws as follows: Article V: Regular Meeting, regular meetings to be held on second Wednesday of the month, correct address to 16819 East Main, and correct sequential Order of Name of Article VIII to VII and Article XIII to XII.

LEGAL PERMITS & WATERWAYS:

Larry Griffin, Chairman
Wilbert Collins, Sr., Member
Ervin Bruce, Member

Chairman Griffin presented the following letters of no objections:

Chevron USA, Inc.
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Terry Serigny

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Harrison Cheramie, Jr. and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the above letters of no objection.

Chairman Griffin presented a request to adopt an Ordinance limiting the tows in Bayou Lafourche to 350' in length (includes vessel and tow) from the Larose Floodgate to the Golden Meadow Floodgate with a provision for special tows upon authorization by the Commission. The increase in traffic and length of tows is causing problems to boats tied up to piers along the bayouside. Director Falgout recommended publishing notice of a public hearing to be held at the next board meeting to hear comments and concerns on the proposed ordinance. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Johnny Melancon and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize publishing notice of a proposed Ordinance limiting the tows in Bayou Lafourche to 350' in length (including length of vessel and tow) between the Larose Floodgate and the Golden Meadow Floodgate with a provision for special tows.

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT:

Rodney Terrebonne, Chairman
Larry Griffin, Member
Chester Cheramie, Member

Chairman Terrebonne presented a request from Harris Cheramie, with Port Fourchon Marina, for assistance in repairing his docks. The Commission had discussed supplying the material. Asst. Director Breaux gave an update on the cost. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Johnny Melancon, seconded by Ervin Bruce and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby agree to assist Harris Cheramie, with Port Fourchon Marina, by furnishing materials necessary, not to exceed \$5,000 in cost, for repairs to his five wharves. Upon further motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and adopted by a majority vote, the Board of Commissioners does hereby agree that Harris Cheramie with Port Fourchon Marina must complete the wharf repairs prior to July 1st, 2000. Board Member Melancon voted Nay.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Donald Vizier, Chairman
Harrison Cheramie, Jr., Member
Johnny Melancon, Member

Chairman Vizier presented the invoices for March, 2000 and the expenditures over \$10,000 for approval. Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Wilbert Collins, Sr., and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the invoices for March, 2000 and recognizes the following expenditures over \$10,000:

1.	Weeks Marine, Inc.	\$1,391,425.48
2.	Picciola & Associates, Inc.	\$42,649.06
3.	Mike Hooks, Inc.	\$900,937.93
4.	Chevron Pipe Line Company	\$170,000.00
5.	Low Land Construction Co., Inc.	\$409,310.69
6.	Houma Tractor	\$12,834.00
7.	J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc.	\$21,472.36

Upon motion by Donald Vizier, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Financial Report for March, 2000.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Johnny Melancon, Chairman
Rodney Terrebonne, Member
Ervin Bruce, Member

Chairman Melancon introduced and welcomed the Commission's new employee, Addie Callais. She will be graduating from Nicholls State University in May and will be Administrative Specialist 2 for the Port.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

President Bernard recognized Tim Hendrick with the LSU Sociology Department who is working on the "LA Labor Migration and the Deepwater Oil Industry Project". He asked the Commissioners a few questions about the impact of immigrants working in this Parish.

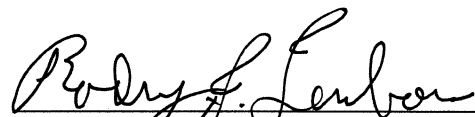
President Bernard recognized Rick Singley, Assistant Supervisor of the Coast Guard Station in Houma.. He thanked Director Falgout, Chief Guidry and Lt. Terry for their participation in the Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment held last week in Houma. The Coast Guard is assessing the need for a vessel traffic service in Port Fourchon. The report findings will be made available to the Board.

Assistant Director Breaux expressed some of the safety concerns of helicopters companies at the Port and expressed their interest in using the Commission's tower in Fourchon to monitor flights coming in and out of the Port. Discussion followed.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin, seconded by Rodney Terrebonne and unanimously passed, the Board Meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Dudley Bernard, President


Rodney J. Terrebonne, Secretary