

AGENDA  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2001

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider August 8, 2001 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion Update
    - a. Construction status – Project Engineer John Plaisance
    - b. Permit
  - B. Highway Improvements
  - C. Millennium Port Update (LEERC)
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - a. Cost Sharing Agreement for Planning Assistance with the Dept. of the Army
    - b. Consider adopting per diem policy
    - c. Name 21<sup>st</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Streets
    - d. South Lafourche Airport
    - e. Establish monthly public forums
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - a. Letters of No Objection
      - i. Rayford Wayne Davie
      - ii. Louisiana Land & Exploration Company
      - iii. Caillouet Land Corporation
      - iv. C-Port 2, LLC
      - v. Chevron, USA
      - vi. Emily's Seafood
      - vii. Columbia Gulf Transmission Company
      - viii. Apache Corporation
      - ix. Jude Brunet
      - x. Danny Cheramie
  - C. Construction and Development Committee
    - a. Adopt a resolution accepting the work for SPN 578-29-0007
    - b. Adopt a resolution certifying compliance with public bid laws for SPN 737-29-0100
    - c. Consider Approving Change Order No. 1 for SPN 578-29-0014(301)
    - d. Martin Terminal's request to sublease to Nextel
  - D. Finance Committee
    - a. Consider payment of invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
    - b. Consider August 2001 Financial Statement for approval
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Any other business

\*Fourchon Committee Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday following the board meeting at 10:00AM at OPS.
- IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
September 12, 2001

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, September 12, 2001 at 10:30 AM.

President Melancon called the meeting to order, and Secretary Collins called the roll.

PRESENT: Johnny Melancon, Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, Ervin Bruce, Harry Cheramie, Beau Martin, Chuckie Cheramie, and Jimmy Lafont

ABSENT: None

President Melancon veered from the Agenda and asked all present at the meeting to observe a moment of silence to reflect upon the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Upon conclusion of the moment of silence, President Melancon allowed Judge John Weimer to address the board regarding his candidacy for a seat on the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the minutes of the August 8, 2001, regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Wilbert Collins, the minutes of the August 21, 2001, special meeting were unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Project Engineer John Plaisance reported that work continues on the steel sheet piles, timber piles, and concrete for the deadman, and the Contractor is making excellent progress to date. Director Falgout reported that the Commission had been considering mining the material in the dry from the slip to fill the lease area but recently had heard from a Contractor that perhaps that would not speed up the process as had been anticipated. Project Engineer John Plaisance reported that he and Assistant Director Davie Breaux would be meeting with several other contractors to obtain their opinions on the matter, and then a decision would be rendered.

Director Falgout reported that we have received the revised Coastal Use Permit for the widening of the slips to 700' and the building of the Maritime Forest Ridge. The Corps permit has not been obtained yet because NMFS submitted some comments to the permit application. Director Falgout reported that he currently is working on a response to the NMFS' comments.

Highway Improvements and Millennium Port – Director Falgout reported that the EIS is moving along well and that a record of decision should be granted within the next three-to-four months. He also reported that he has met with Ron Brinson to show how the Highway Improvement projects tie in with the Millennium Port effort. Director Falgout said that many people assumed that we were at least 5-years from constructing this proposed highway, but actually, with money not being the issue, you could

conceivably begin construction within six months and be complete within 3-5 years, with a completed EIS in-hand. Director Falgout reported that he has been invited to present to the National Ocean Industries Association, an association of the major energy companies, in October a presentation on our highway infrastructure and impacts of OCS activities upon our infrastructure.

President Melancon questioned when the Highway Embankment work would begin. Director Falgout reported that a Notice to Proceed had been issued for Monday, September 17, 2001, and that work should commence within that week.

Board Member Wilbert Collins asked about the Leeville Bridge, in reference to how quickly it could be constructed, in light of the three-hour closure on Monday. Director Falgout reported that \$9 million has been secured to see the project proceed through this year and that additional funds are needed for the coming phases of engineering and construction.

Director Falgout reported that all facilities in the Port, in light of the national events, have increased security. With the storm in the Gulf, there are some platforms that need to be evacuated. The FAA is working with the helicopter companies in Fourchon to allow for evacuation of the offshore workers.

Board member Ervin Bruce questioned whether the Port could possibly have a stand by vessel to transport people stranded on the south side of the Bridge in the event of a closure when a storm is approaching. Discussion followed, and the board requested that Assistant Director Davie Breaux work on a contingency plan that would utilize docks on the North and South side of the bridge to transport people by vessel in the event of a storm.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on August 21, 2001, at the Operations Center in Port Fourchon. Present at this meeting were John Melancon, Sr., Larry Griffin, Donald Vizier, and Wilbert Collins, Sr., and none were absent. The committee also met on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. Present at this meeting were John Melancon, Sr., Donald Vizier, and Wilbert Collins, Sr., and Larry Griffin was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

President Melancon presented for discussion the need to authorize Director Falgout to execute a Cost Sharing Agreement with the Corps to study the feasibility of a 50-foot channel at the Port. Director Falgout reported that previously, the Commission had committed \$50,000 to share in the cost of a Reconnaissance study. However, the Corps could not get the funding for their share of that project. Instead, the Corps has committed \$30,000 to performing a study under its Planning Assistance to States program. It will take only about four months to complete and will give the same results. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Ervin Bruce, the board voted unanimously to authorize Director Falgout to execute the agreement with the Corps.

President Melancon presented for the board's consideration a per diem policy. Director Falgout reported that Accountant Administrator Susan Martin had developed this policy as a result of the comment received from the 2000 Audit. Upon motion by Harry Cheramie and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved the per diem policy as submitted.

President Melancon presented for the board's consideration the need to name 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Streets in the Port. Director Falgout reported that the Commission had adopted a resolution which said that all streets in the Port would be named after deceased, elected Commissioners. Thus, upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously agreed to name 21<sup>st</sup> Street after Adam "Ted" Gisclair and 24<sup>th</sup> Street after Dudley Bernard.

President Melancon presented for the board's consideration the Intergovernmental Agreement between the South Lafourche Airport District and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. Attorney Loulan Pitre reported that this agreement states the conditions under which a transfer would occur of all the rights, obligations, and assets of the SLAD to the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, thereby making the Port Commission the official Sponsor of the Airport. This Agreement must be approved by the SLAD, the GLPC, the Parish Council, the LA DOTD, and FAA. Attorney Pitre reported that this Agreement was approved and executed by the Airport District last week and that the Port Commission, upon approval, would execute the document today. He also reported that the Parish Council approved the Agreement at its meeting on Tuesday by a 9-0 vote and that FAA indicated they were comfortable with it. The DOTD has indicated that what is acceptable to FAA is acceptable to them. Attorney Pitre reported that he has had discussion with Louisiana Land & Exploration to obtain their consent to the transfer. This Agreement does not accomplish the transfer; it merely states the terms and conditions under which the transfer will occur. It will be necessary to execute a document effectuating the transfer at a later date. Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the Intergovernmental Agreement and authorized the Commission's President to execute said agreement on behalf of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

President Melancon presented for discussion the establishment of public forums. Director Falgout reported that in yesterday's committee meetings, the board had indicated a desire to hold public forums, during which members of the public and especially of the fishing and oil and gas industries can voice their concerns and express relevant issues. The forums will be publicly noticed and one will be held in the Port at the Operations Center, during daylight hours to attract users in the Port and one in Galliano in the evening. No action was required of the committee.

Upon motion by Beau Martin and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously agreed to discuss the Renewal Communities Application.

Director Falgout explained that this Grant Application is being put together by the state to qualify for benefits offered by HUD to companies operating in an area designated as a Renewal Community. Director Falgout asked Addie Callais to further explain the program. Ms. Callais reported that the benefit of being designated as a Renewal Community lies in the federal tax credits that employers can obtain for being located within and employing people living within the Renewal Community. The area of Lafourche Parish that qualifies for the RC designation is located along LA 308, beginning at the South Lafourche Airport and continuing South. The area on the west side of LA 3235, from about the beginning of the corporation of Golden Meadow, continuing South to the Parish line also qualifies for the RC designation. This area includes both the Airport and Port Fourchon. Thus, the state has requested a resolution from the Commission expressing its interest in seeing Port Fourchon designated as a Renewal

Community. Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the resolution proclaiming its interest in seeing Port Fourchon included in the Renewal Community.

Permits & Waterways – Chairman Jimmy Lafont reported that the committee met on August 21, 2001, at the Operations Center in Fourchon. Present at this meeting were Jimmy Lafont, Wilbert Collins, Sr., and Beau Martin, and no members were absent. The committee also met on September 11, 2001 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present at this meeting were Jimmy Lafont, Wilbert Collins, Sr., and Beau Martin, and no members were absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meeting.

Chairman Lafont presented requests for letters of no objection from Rayford Wayne Davis, Louisiana Land & Exploration Company, Caillouet Land Corporation, C-Port 2, LLC, Chevron USA, Emily's Seafood, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, Apache Corporation, Jude Brunet, and Danny Cheramie. Upon motion by Chairman Lafont and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved issuing letters of no objection to those who had requested one.

Construction & Development - Chairman Ervin Bruce reported that the committee met on August 21, 2001, at the Operations Center in Port Fourchon. Present at this meeting were Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, and Chuckie Cheramie, and no members were absent. The Committee also met on September 11, 2001, at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present at this meeting were Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, and Chuckie Cheramie, and no members were absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's discussion the need to adopt a resolution accepting the work for State Project Number 578-29-0007. Director Falgout reported that this dredging project was completed by Weeks Marine under an agreement with the Corps. DOTD needs a resolution accepting the work from this Commission to issue final reimbursement to the Commission of expended funds for this project. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously adopted the resolution accepting the work for State Project Number 578-29-0007.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration a resolution certifying compliance with public bid laws for State Project Number 737-29-0100. Director Falgout explained that this resolution was required by DOTD for the Highway Embankment Project. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Harry Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the resolution certifying compliance with public bid laws for SPN 737-29-0100, Highway Embankment Stabilization, Galliano to Larose.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration Change Order No. 1 for SPN 578-29-0014(321). Engineer John Plaisance had explained in his Engineering report that this Change Order was for \$17,363.76 to accommodate the Waterline passing under some culverts and to add filter fabric to the access road. Director Falgout explained that this Change Order was for the Northern Expansion project currently under construction. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration a request from Martin Terminal to sublease a tower site to Nextel for placement of a 250' tower. The proposed site of the tower would hamper the operations of PHi and Rotorcraft because it is located

within their flyaway zones. The Gulf Coast Manager of PHi submitted a letter opposing the placement of the tower at the proposed site and stating that before any tower is constructed in the vicinity of the aviation companies, the lessee requesting permission to place the tower should first obtain comment from FAA. Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously agreed not to approve the request of Martin Terminal to place the Nextel tower on their property adjacent to PHi and Rotorcraft and to request from anyone requesting to place a tower in the port area that they conduct the appropriate study to determine its impact upon airspace.

Finance – Chairman Larry Griffin reported that the committee met on August 21, 2001, at the Operations Center in Port Fourchon. Present at this meeting were Larry Griffin, Harry Cheramie, and Donald Vizier, and no members were absent. The committee also met on September 11, 2001, at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present at this meeting were Harry Cheramie and Donald Vizier, and Larry Griffin was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meeting.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's approval the invoices for the month and recognized the expenditures in excess of \$10,000. Upon motion by Chairman Griffin and second by Harry Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the invoices for the month.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's approval the Financial Statement for August 2001. Upon motion by Chairman Griffin and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the August 2001 financial statement.

President Melancon then called for Public Comment. There being none, the meeting continued with discussion of any new business.

Commissioner Harry Cheramie asked Director Falgout about the proposed oilfield waste site in Leeville because several people have asked him about it. Director Falgout said that he knows very little about that particular site, except that his understanding of the proposed operations is that this is not a storage facility, but rather a distribution facility at which limited separation of solids from liquids will occur inside tanks at this site. Director Falgout said that it is his understanding that this company operates several other sites along the coast and has no problems at those sites.

President Melancon recognized Herb Cheramie, Maintenance employee, who was in the audience. He thanked him for his years of service for the Commission, and he wished him a speedy recovery from his back surgery.

President Melancon announced that Fourchon Committee meetings will now be held at 10:00AM on the second Wednesday following the board meetings. The meetings in Fourchon used to be held on the second Tuesday after the board meeting.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn.

ATTEST:

  
JOHN MELANCON, SR., PRESIDENT

  
WILBERT COLLINS, SECRETARY