#### AGENDA APRIL 10, 2002

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider March 13, 2002 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval Consider March 25, 2002 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion Update
    - a. Construction status:
      - i. West Bulkhead John Plaisance
      - ii. East Bulkhead John Plaisance
      - iii. Hydraulic Dredging John Plaisance
      - iv. Bucket Dredging Larry Picciola
  - B. Highway Improvements
    - a. Bayou Embankment Stabilization
  - C. Millennium Port Update
    - a. US Army Corps of Engineers' Feasibility Study
  - D. Airport Update
    - a. Construction status:
      - i. Airport Road Joe Picciola
      - ii. Restriping Runway
      - iii. Master Plan
  - E. Clovelly Road
    - a. Construction status:
      - i. Road improvements Joe Picciola
  - F. Jet Cinema Renovation
    - a. Demolition status:
      - i. Roy Gisclair
    - b. Construction status:
      - i. Edmond Cheramie
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - a. Consider memorializing South Lafourche Airport
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - a. Letters of No Objection
      - i. Endymion Oil Pipeline Company
      - ii. Stone Energy Corporation
      - iii. ExxonMobil Production Company
      - iv. Edwis Chabert
  - C. Construction and Development Committee
    - a. Consider awarding lease to Cameron Rental and Tank
    - b. Consider awarding lease to Philip Services
    - c. Consider accepting the work for SPN 578-29-0014(321)
  - D. Finance Committee
    - a. Consider payment of invoices and recognize Expenditures over \$10,000
    - b. Consider March 2002 Financial Statement for approval
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Any other business
- IX. Adjournment

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION April 10, 2002

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, April 10, 2002 at 10:30 AM.

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

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

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Wilbert Collins, the minutes of the March 13, 2002, regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Ervin Bruce, the minutes of the March 25, 2002, special meeting were unanimously approved.

President Melancon diverted from the Agenda to recognize some audience members. He first called upon Judge Jimmy Gaidry, who is running for 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, the seat recently vacated by Judge Weimer's election to the State Supreme Court. Mr. Gaidry proceeded to inform the Commission of his experience and schooling, as well as his family life. He also asked for the Commission's support in the election, to be held in October of this year. President Melancon then recognized Mr. Walt Lanier, who is in a runoff for District Judge on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lanier thanked the Commission for their support and requested that they continue to support him through the runoff and asked that they encourage their family and friends to support Mr. Lanier, as well.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Project Engineer John Plaisance reported that Continental Construction is substantially complete with the West Bulkhead project, except for final elevation on the stone road. He recommended that the Commission accept the work, pending his and Asst. Director Davie Breaux's review of the final elevation. Mr. Plaisance also reported that LowLand Construction has been issued a notice of procurement for the East Bulkhead project, and they will receive a Notice to Proceed on April 15, 2002. Mike Hooks, who will perform the hydraulic dredging of Slip A, is expected to be on site by May 1, 2002. Contracts have been executed, and once DOTD approval is received, a Notice to Proceed will be issued. Project Engineer Larry Picciola reported that Berry Brothers is on site and has proceeded about 2,000 feet down Slip B on the Bucket Dredging project. The contractor will continue making its way around the slip until the work area for the Slip B bulkhead has been substantially established.

Highway Improvements – Director Falgout reported that LeBro Construction is proceeding with the Embankment Stabilization Project. Thus far, \$124,000 has been spent, and there is about \$50,000 more in this contract. The Commission has planted blue grass along the recently rebuilt embankment, and it is working with AmeriCorps to plant stabilizing marsh grass along the water's edge. He also reported that congressional staffers from the Energy and Resources Committee along with representatives from BP

met in Fourchon last week to discuss the significance of this highway system to this nation's energy supply. He went on to report that MMS has completed its EIS for the next 5-year leasing program and will hold a public hearing on May 1, 2002 in New Orleans.

Millennium Port – Director Falgout reported that there had been some talk of having some proposed legislation in this Special Session that would remove the requirement that the local port in the jurisdiction of the Millennium Port would have to approve the Millennium Port being there, but through an effort to remove that proposed legislation by the Port's Association of Louisiana and the individual ports as well, it was not included in the special session. He also reported that the Corps has completed its offshore work on bottom depths for the Feasibility Study and currently is working on the interior part of the channel.

Airport – Project Engineer Joe Picciola reported that Airport Road has been completely graded, shaped, and conditioned, and the contractor plans to begin paving on Monday. The paving should take 4-5 days, the shoulders should take 2-3 days, and the striping may take a few days as well. Director Falgout reported that the Airport will be closed for restriping of runway surfaces from Thursday to Sunday this week. This project will cost approximately \$15,000 and will be reimbursed up to 50% by the DOTD Maintenance Fund for Airports. He also reported that Mike Flores with gcr & associates reported to the executive committee at its meeting Monday night on the Airport Master Plan, for which a Scope of services has been developed, as well as a Cost Estimate of \$242,000. Currently, the estimate is being given an independent fee review by an independent firm. Once that review is completed, FAA will issue its 90% share of the \$242,000, and the state may pick up the remaining 10%.

Clovelly Road – Project Engineer Joe Picciola reported that all rights of way have been located, and there will be a meeting with the landowners this afternoon to review the proposed improvements. Director Falgout reported that in light of the recent major oil spill, BP may be interested in working to improve Clovelly Boat Launch.

Jet Cinema – Director Falgout reported that the demolition is complete, and that Edmond Cheramie of Cheramie & Whitney Architects anticipates receiving bids for this project in July 2002.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive – Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on March 25, 2002, at the Operations Center in Fourchon. Present at this meeting was John Melancon, Larry Griffin, Wilbert Collins, and Donald Vizier, and no member was absent. The Commission also met on April 8, 2002, at the administration building in Galliano. Present at this meeting was Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, and John Melancon, and Larry Griffin was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

President Melancon presented for the board's consideration a request from E & L Enterprises to lease property along Airport Road, previously leased from Burlington Resources. President Melancon moved that Director Falgout negotiate a lease with E & L and then present the lease to the board for its approval at the next meeting. This motion was seconded by Larry Griffin and unanimously approved.

Permits & Waterways – Chairman Jimmy Lafont reported that the committee met on March 25, 2002, at the Operations Center in Fourchon and on April 8, 2002, at the administration building in Galliano. Present at these meetings were Jimmy Lafont, Beau

Martin, and Wilbert Collins, and no member was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

Chairman Lafont presented for the board's consideration requests for letters of no objection from Endymion Oil Pipeline Company, Stone Energy Corporation, ExxonMobil Production Company, Edwis Chabert, and Murphy Baudoin. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board approved issuing a letter of no objection to those who requested one. The vote was unanimous in favor of all requests, except for Mr. Murphy Baudoin's request to close a canal, which was voted against by Donald Vizier.

Construction & Development - Chairman Ervin Bruce reported that the committee met on March 25, 2002, at the Operations Center in Fourchon and on April 8, 2002, at the administration building in Galliano. Present at these meetings were Donald Vizier, Chuckie Cheramie, and Vin Bruce, and no member was absent.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration lease proposals for property in Port Fourchon from Cameron Rental & Tank and Philip Services. Cameron requested four acres along LA 3090, north of N.J. Theriot Road, and PSC requested 6 acres adjacent to Cameron. Director Falgout reported that in total, these leases will generate approximately \$6,500 per month. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved leasing four acres of property to Cameron Rental & Tank, authorized Director Falgout to negotiate a lease with Cameron, and authorized President Melancon to execute that lease on behalf of the Commission. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Harry Cheramie, the board unanimously approved leasing six acres of property to Philip Services, authorized Director Falgout to negotiate the terms of the lease with PSC, and authorized President Melancon to execute that lease on behalf of the Commission.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration the need to accept the work for SPN 578-29-0014(321), which is the West Bulkhead Project on Slip A in the Northern Expansion. Director Falgout explained that this is required by DOTD, and approval should be given pending Assistant Director Davie Breaux and Project Engineer John Plaisance's review of the final elevation of the road in question, as mentioned in Engineer Plaisance's report at the beginning of the meeting. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Larry Griffin, the board unanimously approved the work of Continental Construction, as performed on SPN 578-29-0014(321), Northern Expansion West Bulkhead, Waterline, and Roadways.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration a Supplemental and Amended agreement between the Commission and LOOP for construction of a road on the Commission's property, by LOOP, around their Tank Farm. Director Falgout reported that when the Commission acquired the property surrounding the airport from Burlington, there was in existence an agreement between Burlington and LOOP to construct a roadway around the Tank Farm. Since then, we have spoken to LOOP to relocate that road on the Commission's property, and they have agreed to do this. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved this request and authorized President Melancon to execute any and all necessary documents.

Finance – Chairman Larry Griffin reported that the committee met on March 25, 2002, at the Operations Center in Fourchon. Present was Larry Griffin, Harry Cheramie, and Donald Vizier, and no member was absent. The committee also met on April 8, 2002, at the administration building in Galliano. Present at this meeting was Harry

Cheramie and Donald Vizier, and Larry Griffin was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the Committee meetings.

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 March 2002. Upon motion by Chairman Griffin and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the March 2002 Financial Statement.

Commissioner Jimmy Lafont questioned whether the invoice from the Sheriff's Office for \$6,480 covered the costs of the sheriff's department securing the airport for one month. Accountant Administrator Susan Martin acknowledged that this invoice was for the entire month of February.

Commissioner Harry Cheramie questioned whether the Harbor Police would eventually be patrolling the Airport, and Director Falgout answered that we have budgeted for that to occur somewhere around mid-year. He also reported that this may be delayed by our Port Security Grant, in which we apply for four Harbor Masters, who, if hired, could affect the size of the Harbor Police force and perhaps the manner in which it operates. He also reported that employing the Sheriff's office, as we do now, costs less than employing a Harbor Police Officer to monitor the Airport.

Commissioner Martin requested an update on the insurance policies approved by the Commission at its March 25<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. Director Falgout explained that Marsh USA took the General Liability, Excess(Umbrella), and Hull & Machinery (Pollution) policies, and Laris took the Workers' Comp and Public Official's Liability policies.

President Melancon then called for public comment. Mr. Doug Cheramie said that as of last night, Air Logistics has not filed a formal application to develop in the South Lafourche Area, along LA 3235. He suggested that the board work to encourage Air Logistics to locate at the Airport.

Mr. Roy Gisclair announced that there will be a Public Hearing on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00PM at the Levee District office for the proposed lock project.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

President Melancon stated that he would like to change the date of the Committee Meeting before the board meeting to Monday nights. Upon motion by President Melancon and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved changing the Galliano Committee Meeting to 6:30PM on the Monday night before the board meeting.

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

ATTEST:

Wilbert Collins, Secretary

ohn Melancon, President