

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider March 6, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Consider March 7, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- VI. Executive Director's Report
 - A. **Northern Expansion Update**
 - a. **Construction status:**
 - i. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #1 – Joe Picciola
 - ii. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2 – Larry Picciola
 - iii. Leeville Mitigation Bucket Dredge – Larry Picciola
 - iv. Slip A, Rowan Bulkhead Repairs – John Plaisance
 - B. **Airport Update**
 - a. Project status
 - C. **Port Security**
 - a. Security Camera System
 - D. **FEMA Updates**
 - a. Wave Protection
 - b. Debris Fence along LA 3090
 - c. Katrina FEMA Claims
 - E. **Highway Improvements Update**
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. **Executive Committee**
 - a. Consider approving Allison Marine's request to have the 4 leases held by L&M Botruc assigned to Allison Marine
 - b. Consider Allison Marine's request that the GLPC execute consent to leasehold mortgage and subrogation of lessor's lien
 - c. Consider approving the request by Rotorcraft to extend lease at the Airport
 - d. Consider approving Pacific Gulf Wire Rope's lease requests
 - e. Consider advertising for summer employees
 - f. Consider approving Environmental Treatment Team's request to assign lease to CCS Energy Services
 - g. Consider approving L&M Botruc's request to lease 3 mooring dolphins for 1 year
 - h. Consider amending Doerle Properties lease to include subleasing provision
 - i. Consider approving the request by Lafourche Services to assign lease to Griffin Rentals, LLC
 - B. **Permits & Waterways Committee**
 1. Permits:
 1. Discovery Gas Transmission, LLC
 2. Manti Operating Company
 3. Maritech Resources, Inc.
 4. James A. Whitson Jr.
 5. Discovery Gas Transmission, LLC Manti Operating Company
 6. Samson Contour Energy E&P, LLC
 - C. **Construction and Development Committee**
 1. Consider approving the low bid for FEMA Repair of Wharfs 2005
 2. Consider approving the low quote for the Bulkhead Cap & Bumper Replacement
 3. Consider approving the low bid for Delmar Site Improvements
 4. Consider approving the low bid for Runway Extension Phase II
 5. Consider approving the low quote for the Maritime Forest Containment Berm
 6. Consider approving Low Land Construction's clear lien certificate for Mooring Dolphin project
 7. Consider approving the low bid for NE Bulkhead Corner Repair & Improvements
 8. Consider approving to advertise for the Northern Expansion dredging
 9. Consider approving Interstate Electronics request to start the 90 day testing on March 27th
 - D. **Finance Committee**
 - a. Consider payment of invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - b. Consider approving the March financial reports
 - c. Consider approving the out of state travel requests
- VIII. Any other business
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Possible Executive Session
 - Discuss pending litigation defined as "Rowan Companies, Inc. et al v. The Greater Lafourche Port Commission, et al, Civil Action No. 05-0030 – Sec. K – Magistrate 2"
 - Discuss pending litigation defined as "David Dardar, et al vs. Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Suit No. 102,795-7th JDC-Parish of Lafourche"
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment

Attachment

The following items may be discussed in an executive session:

- The pending litigation more specifically defined as "Rowan Companies, Inc. and Rowan Marine Services, Inc. v. The Greater Lafourche Port Commission; J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc.; Continental Construction Company, Inc.; Eustis Engineering Co., Inc.; Vulcan Construction Materials, LP; Vulcan Materials Company; and Core Industries, Inc., Civil Action No. 05-0030 – Sec. K – Magistrate 2".
- The pending litigation more specifically defined as "David Dardar, et al vs. Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Suit No. 102,795-7th JDC-Parish of Lafourche"

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
April 12, 2006

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 10:30 AM.

President Vizier called the meeting to order, and Vice President Lafont called the roll.

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

ABSENT: Harry Cherie

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Chuckie Cherie, the board unanimously approved the March 6, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the March 7, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Executive Director's Report

Director Falgout introduced Amanda Terrebonne as the new receptionist at the Galliano Administration office.

Northern Expansion Update - Engineer Joe Picciola reported that James Construction has completed the installation of all the steel sheets and I-beams along Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #1. They are currently working on driving the timber piles and pouring the concrete deadmen along Flotation Canal. James Construction has also completed the concrete crane pads for the Delmar site. They are also currently blasting and painting the steel sheets along the bulkhead. He estimates that the project will be complete by the end of May. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that Shavers-Whittle is progressing well on Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2. They have poured 36 of the 39 deadmen and should be complete by next week. They have 190 of the 630 steel sheets installed. Commissioner Melancon questioned the length of this bulkhead, which Mr. Picciola stated that it is 2,620 ft. President Vizier questioned the number of sheets installed in one day, which Mr. Picciola stated that they install between 20 – 40 pairs a day.

Director Falgout reported that the Port has been considered for Port Priority Funding for further expansion of Slip B which will be the remaining west bulkhead and 400 ft across the end of the slip. This project is a \$9.9 million project and the state will fund \$8.24 million once approved by the legislature. The project is ranked #1 and is the largest sum of money given to any one port for this year. The Port has received over \$50 million from the Port Priority Program since the program began in 1990 and the Port had the first project to be funded in the first part of this program. The Port Commission has consistently ranked in the top 5 over years. Since then only one other port has received more money than Port Fourchon which is the Port of Lake Charles at \$53 million. This is a great achievement and he recognized and congratulated Mr. Chiasson for the submission of this latest project.

Engineer Larry Picciola reported that United Dredging has completed the north side and has begun on the south side for the Leeville Mitigation Bucket Dredge project. They are starting from the south connector going north and should be complete within the next 45 days. He stated that by next week the test pile site will be available for Traylor Bros. Traylor Bros. has requested some additional dredging which will be decided at Friday's meeting with DOTD. Engineer Picciola also reported that the Hydraulic dredge should begin next week and start on the south side on the south connector. He estimates that this will take about 15 days to accomplish. The Hydraulic dredge will place the spoil in Mitigation Site 1 and Site 10.

Engineer John Plaisance reported that the bulkhead projects are complete and he is currently reviewing the quotes to straighten the cap and bumper for the Slip A, Rowan Bulkhead Repairs. He stated that the low quote received was \$90,000 but it was estimated at \$50,000-\$60,000. He recommended not awarding the low quote which is later on the agenda.

Airport Update – Director Falgout stated that yesterday he met with FAA along with Mr. Hunter, Roger White, and Chris White to review the funding plans for the Airport and the need to expedite advanced federal funding for the Airport expansion. He feels that they were impressed with the growth of the Airport and the Port and they understood the significance of both in support of one another. He stated that from discussion with Chouest they will continue to encourage FAA to support our Airport. Mr. Breaux stated that Phase 1 of the Runway Extension project is close to being complete. He stated that the widening of the runway and the 3,800 ft. – 5,000 ft. extension has been paved and Phlyway has completed the site prep to 6,500 ft. He stated that Phase II will address paving the 5,000 ft. – 6,500 ft. runway extension. Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie questioned when the Airport will re-open, which Mr. Breaux replied that the striping will be completed by next week and should re-open the following week. Mr. Breaux presented photos of the completed access road and the power lines that were installed to accommodate Rotorcraft and VIH. He stated that Rotorcraft’s site is ready to be utilized. He reported that the Airport security cameras have been installed at the intersection, hangar building, and the tarmac. Commissioner Chuckie Cheramie questioned if additional personnel will be needed, which Mr. Breaux stated that this may be decided on later. Airport Manager, Mr. Hunter reported that Phase I of the runway extension is 95% complete and we are proceeding with Phase II. Phylway Construction was the low bidder for Phase II. He stated that there is an added alternate for Phase II which consists of the added crown shift and overlay. He reported that the NDB site is 80% complete and should be complete within the next few weeks. He reported that from the meeting with FAA the Port is expected to receive \$650,000 for Phase III with the possibility for extra funding. Rotorcraft is expected to pour cement on their lease within the next couple weeks.

Commissioner Martin opened discussion on a possible marketing strategy of companies that would enhance and support the industry at the Airport. Director Falgout stated that the Commission has been addressing the Airport and the industrial capabilities in ads and meetings with prospective clients. He stated that yesterday we discussed with Chouest accommodating housing for employees at the Airport. Commissioner Martin stated that as the traffic flow increases there is marketable ground for housing and convenience stores and other companies that could benefit from this expansion. Mr. Breaux stated that due to the need for storage areas at the Port, we have been discussing with tenants at the Airport to set up a bonded storage area for dock materials that are moveable. Commissioner Griffin questioned the aircraft capabilities upon completion of the 6,500 ft. runway, which Mr. Hunter replied that Phase II of the runway extension will be completed 120 days after the award. Once Phase II is complete, the runway will still be at 12,500 single-wheel design. He reported that part of the meeting yesterday with FAA was for funding the crown shift to increase the aircraft activity at the Airport.

Port Security – Director Falgout stated that the Corps will be dredging Belle Pass. Weeks Marine was the successful low bidder. The Corps will also be repairing the jetties in the channel for safety that were impacted by the storm. They have installed the new lights with steel beacons at the edge of the channel. He reported that the Port Security Camera system is functioning well. Mr. Callais reported that the cameras are in the 90 day testing period. He stated that the maintenance department has been trained to use the camera lowering devices and do regular maintenance of the cameras. Mrs. Danos stated that the discoloring of the live footage is due to some backbone issues between the Fourchon and Galliano office and assured the board that the Fourchon system is working well and does not have these issues.

FEMA Updates – Mr. Breaux reported that Sealevel Construction is completing the repairs to the portion of the LA 3090 Debris Fence that was not accepted prior to the hurricanes. He stated that we are finalizing some issues with FEMA to move forward and advertise the repairs to the Debris Fence. Mr. Breaux reported that the Wave Protection project is on hold due to the damage to the

bridge. The Contractor is looking at alternatives to access the project site. We are in the process of finalizing the right of way agreements with the landowners for the beach project.

Mr. Chiasson reported that there are 2 project worksheets left to be signed by FEMA for dredging the northern expansion area and the placement of sand for the wave protection project. He stated that out of 31 total project worksheets signed there is only 5 left waiting on reimbursements for work that has been done. There are 9 large projects that will be paid by invoices. The Port opened bids for the wharf repairs and the northern expansion bulkhead repairs which are on the agenda for approval. There was a pre-bid meeting for the bridge repairs last Wednesday which will be opened on April 19th. Commissioner Collins questioned the permits for the clean up on the beach, which Mr. Breaux stated that the Port is working with DNR for the dune restoration project and they are finalizing the permits needed for this project. Commissioner Lafont questioned the total amount of funds received from FEMA, which Mr. Chiasson stated that the total allocated is \$6.3 million. The Port is in the process of collecting approximately \$2.1 million and the remaining large projects will be paid by FEMA upon receipt of invoices. Commissioner Griffin questioned the bridge status, which Mr. Breaux stated that the damage is on the south approach ramp and there were five contractors who attended the pre-bid meeting. Commissioner Melancon questioned the wharf repairs at the front marina, which Mr. Chiasson stated that we have received bids that are within budget for the wharf repairs which consist of repairing the front marina, Nerby Collins marina, and the public boat launch. Director Falgout stated that there is a lot of criticism of FEMA, but our organization has a long history of working together with FEMA with no major problems which reflects the knowledge of our staff and working with the system.

Highway Improvements Update – Director Falgout stated that the groundbreaking ceremony for the LA 1 Elevated Highway project was on March 24th. He complimented Mr. Boulet for his effort in organizing this event. He stated that Mr. Boulet is at a meeting today with the LA Recovery Authority Infrastructure Committee to express the need to include the increasing cost of the highway project and be considered in the \$6.2 billion that the state will receive. The Coalition is continuing to work with DNR and the Coastal Impact Assistance program. He stated that DOTD will submit on behalf of the highway an application for coastal impact assistance to fund the short falls of the \$73 million. The Coalition will approach all the possibilities for funding to get the \$73 million needed to build the elevated roadway from Leeville to Fourchon. The Port and the LA 1 Coalition has submitted to the MMS 5 year leasing program the need for revenue sharing for LA 1 impacts. He stated that revenue sharing should be part of this effort and they should have to mitigate the impacted areas identified. MMS has clearly identified the LA 1 impacts in the last 5 year EIS study. He stated that last week at the Governor’s Advisory Committee of Coastal Restoration and Protection, they were briefed by Washington attorneys on the opportunities for the State regarding the OCS revenue sharing and the options of objecting to lease sales. Director Falgout chairs a subcommittee on diversion projects. He stated that the Davis Pond project has increased the water flow prior to March. This increase has not altered the line in Little Lake to increase the water flow. He reported that the average salinity level was at 12 which is double the amount it should be. There is not enough water coming out of Davis Pond to influence the salinity levels.

Director Falgout stated that Port Fourchon is featured in a supplement of the *Offshore Magazine*. Additionally, the Port Review will be in today’s Lafourche Gazette as another informative piece.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - Chairman Donald Vizier reported that the committee met on April 10, 2006 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were Donald Vizier, John Melancon, and Jimmy Lafont and Harry Cheramie. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meeting.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved Allison Marine’s request to have the 4 leases held by L&M Botruc assigned to Allison

Marine, Inc. Director Falgout stated that Allison Marine has also agreed to include the 49% subleasing provision in these leases. Mr. Don Orlando with Allison Marine addressed the Commission. He stated that the Port has helped them and in turn Allison Marine has helped the Port. The Port has gained international recognition with the ships that come in Fourchon from around the world. He stated that Allison Marine offers a vital service and it's because of the cooperation that the Port gives to their clients. He stated that it is getting harder to accommodate the deep sea vessels in the Port because of the deeper drafts needed. He thanked the board for the business opportunity at the Port.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved Allison Marine's request that the GLPC execute consent to leasehold mortgage and subrogation of lessor's lien subject to additional language by the Port's attorney.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the request by Rotorcraft to extend their Lease Site 102 on a month to month basis at the Airport until completion of their Lease Site 10.

Chairman Vizier presented for the board's consideration Pacific Gulf Wire Rope's lease requests. Director Falgout stated that Pacific Gulf has requested the lease be in the name of KP Properties, LLC in lieu of Pacific Gulf Wire Rope, Inc. with the option to 100% sublease to Pacific Gulf. He stated that the second request is to remove the 49% provision from the lease. Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the lease with KP Properties, LLC and the option to sublease 100% to Pacific Gulf Wire Rope, Inc. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously denied the request to remove the 49% subleasing provision from the lease.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved advertising for summer employees which will consist of 5 roustabouts and 1 clerical person.

Upon motion John Melancon and second Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved Environmental Treatment Team, LLC's request to assign their lease to CCS Energy Services. Mr. Autin presented to the board a press release stating that CCS acquired ETT from a subsidiary of Superior Energy Services.

Chairman Vizier presented for the board's consideration L&M Botruc's request to lease 3 mooring dolphins for 1 year. Director Falgout stated that L&M Botruc, Inc. has removed their interest of leasing the dolphins therefore the board tabled this request.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second Beau Martin, the board unanimously approved amending Doerle Properties, LLC lease Site 204 to include the 49% subleasing provision.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the request by Lafourche Services, Inc. to assign their lease to Griffin Rentals, LLC.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Chuckie Cheramie reported that the committee met on April 10, 2006 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Donald Vizier, Jimmy Lafont and Beau Martin. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meeting.

Chairman Cheramie presented to the board the permits by Discovery Gas Transmission, LLC; Maritech Resources, Inc.; James A. Whitson Jr.; Discovery Gas Transmission, LLC; and Samson Contour Energy E&P, LLC. The committee has no objection to these permits therefore no action will be taken. He presented the permit by Manti Operating Company and recommended sending a letter opposing the wheel washing.

Construction and Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on April 10, 2006 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, Larry Griffin, and Wilbert Collins. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meeting.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously accepted the low bid by Greater Gulf Construction Services, LLC for the FEMA Wharf Repairs in the amount of \$170,183.52.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration the low quote for the Bulkhead Cap & Bumper Replacement. Director Falgout reported that the 2 bids received were from Plaisance Dragline in the amount of \$90,000 and Shavers-Whittle Construction in the amount of \$190,000. This project was estimated between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Director Falgout recommended not awarding the bid at this time therefore the board tabled awarding the bid.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration approving the low bid for Delmar Site Improvements. Director Falgout stated that the low bid was by Ronald Adams Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$3,156,411.10. This project was estimated at \$2.5 million. The Port is currently in negotiations with Ronald Adams and Delmar regarding ways to reduce the cost of this project. Engineer Joe Picciola recommended removing certain items from the low bid in a change order. Delmar is exploring hiring an electrical contractor to do the electrical work. Ronald Adams has verbally agreed to do all these changes and has been cooperative and still wants the job. Director Falgout recommended tabling this item until Delmar makes a decision. President Vizier questioned changing the bid; Mr. Autin replied that the public bid law requires change orders in the scope of a project. Director Falgout stated that we are not deleting any items from the bid. Commissioner Martin questioned the items that may be removed, which Mr. Autin reported that the limestone, rip rap, and electrical work are being negotiated for removal. The board tabled awarding the bid.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously accepted the bid Scenario I and II by Phylway Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,747,956.00 for the Runway Extension Phase II project. Mr. Hunter reported that Phase II will pave from 5,000 ft. to 6,500 ft. with 10 ft. extension and a taxiway. He stated that the taxiway is AIP eligible for DOTD funding.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board rejected the quotes for the Maritime Forest Containment Berm. Director Falgout stated that the Port submitted a request to FEMA to use the Port excavator and operator and get reimbursed at FEMA rates. He estimated completion in 60 days and under \$100,000.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Clear Lien Certificate by Low Land Construction Company, Inc. for the Mooring Dolphin project.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously accepted the base bid by Centaur, LLC in the amount of \$61,394.00 for the NE Bulkhead Corner Repair & Improvements.

Upon motion by Beau Martin and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved to advertise for the Northern Expansion dredging. Director Falgout reported that the spoil will be used to rebuild the last phase of the ridge and excess material will complete Phase 3 of the Port's mitigation sites.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the request by Interstate Electronic Systems, LLC to start the 90 day system acceptance testing on March 27th.

Finance Committee - Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on April 10, 2006 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were John Melancon, Larry Griffin, Wilbert Collins, and Donald Vizier. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meeting.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the payment of the March invoices.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the March financial reports.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Larry Griffin, the floor was opened to discuss the out of state travel requests by Davie Breaux, Bryce Autin, Jeff Hunter, and Ted Falgout. President Vizier questioned Mr. Falgout's request, which Director Falgout stated that he will be giving an oil and

gas presentation to the American League of Women Voters at their national convention. The board voted which resulted in all yeas.

President Vizier opened the floor for any other business. Mr. Breaux reported that Energy Partners has a short term lease with the Port in Slip B for a pipe repair job. He stated that Richard DeMay with DNR toured the Maritime Forest Ridge this week. Last week, Cheryl Brodnax with NOAA also toured the Port. She is looking at a project to repair the east Timbalier Island.

President Vizier opened the floor for Public Comment. Mr. Douglas Cheramie stated that the electrical lines that have been installed at the Airport above ground would make more sense to have below ground. Director Falgout stated that this was discussed with the companies before they were installed. The area where the power lines run is near their parking facilities and is not near the aircraft landing area. This is not a problem to the companies and they made this request. Entergy charges the usage and construction of that line to the companies and Rotorcraft and VIH had no need for this extra cost. Mr. Cheramie questioned why would it be more costly to go underground, Director Falgout stated that it is 30% - 40% more to go below ground because of the type of construction. Commissioner C. Cheramie stated that he understood that if we would dig the canal it would be the same cost to install. Mr. Breaux stated that this is an underground 3 phase with ground transformers which does cost more. Rotorcraft will install underground electrical lines for their facility. Director Falgout stated that we will look into it for future expansion. Mr. Cheramie recommended that the Port get a cost comparison in writing from Entergy.

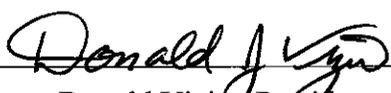
Mr. Callais stated that he received a call from Lt. Martin with the USCG regarding the dredging in Belle Pass. He stated that the US Coast Guard will establish a safety zone once the dredging begins.

Mr. Steve Orlando with Allison Marine expressed his appreciation and cooperation of the board.

Director Falgout recommended entering into executive session to discuss the Rowan litigation. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, a roll call vote was taken which resulted in 8 yeas by C. Cheramie, Lafont, Vizier, Collins, Griffin, Melancon, Martin, and Bruce and 1 absent by H. Cheramie. The board then requested that Mr. Autin attend the session. During the session, the board requested that Engineer John Plaisance enter into the session. The board returned to the meeting with no action taken.

Upon motion by Larry Griffin and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:



Donald Vizier, President



Harry Cheramie, Secretary