

AGENDA  
February 14, 2007

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Election of officers
  - A. President
  - B. Vice-President
  - C. Secretary
  - D. Treasurer
- V. Consider January 10, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- VI. Consider January 17, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- VII. Consider January 24, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- VIII. Executive Director's Report
  - A. **Northern Expansion Update**
    - 1) Construction Status:
      - a. Slip B, Northern Expansion Dredging – Joe Picciola
      - b. Slip B, Northern Expansion Road & Utilities – Joe Picciola
      - c. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2 – Larry Picciola
      - d. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #3 – John Plaisance
  - B. **Airport Update/Project Status**
  - C. **FEMA Update**
  - D. **Highway Improvements Update**
- IX. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1) Consider approving the request from O.A., LLC for lease at Airport
    - 2) Consider approving the request from Tram Aviation
    - 3) Consider approving the request from Martin Holdings to sublease to US Liquids of LA Site GLF345
    - 4) Consider approving US Liquids of LA Landlord Waiver and Consent Agreement
    - 5) Consider approving the request from Expert Riser for property along Slip B
    - 6) Consider approving the Assignment of Lease from Allison Marine-Fourchon to Fourchon Heavy Lift, LLC
    - 7) Consider approving the 2007 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between SLEC, ROR and LA 1 Coalition
    - 8) Consider approving the Resolution Supporting and Encouraging Federal Funding for the Construction of a New Highway System
    - 9) Consider withdrawing the offers to lease to Lenward's Poboy's for Site 196 and US Liquids for Site 615
    - 10) Consider approving resolution setting Delmar's improvement rental and liquidated damages
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1) Update on Sunken/Abandoned Vessels
    - 2) Consider letter of support for saltwater structure in Bayou Lafourche
    - 3) Permits:
      - a. Goldking Operating Company
      - b. Shell Pipeline Company, LP
      - c. Plains Pipeline, LP
      - d. Chevron Pipe Line Company
  - C. Construction & Development Committee
    - 1) Consider approving the low bidder for purchasing a Mini Passenger Bus
    - 2) Consider approving Clear Lien Certificate from Centaur for the HOS Port Bulkhead Repairs
    - 3) Consider approving Clear Lien Certificate from Mike Hooks for the Flotation Canal Dredging
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1) Consider payment of invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2) Consider approving the out of state travel requests
- X. Any other business
- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment

Attachment

a) The pending litigation more specifically defined as "*David Dardar, et al vs. Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Suit No. 102,795-17<sup>th</sup> JDC-Parish of Lafourche*" may be discussed in an executive session.

b) The pending litigation more specifically defined as "*Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. James Construction LLC, et al, Suit No.105161 in Division E of the 17<sup>th</sup> JDC-Parish of Lafourche*" may be discussed in an executive session.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
February 14, 2007

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in special session on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 10:30AM.

ATTENDED: Chuckie Cheramie, Perry Gisclair, Jimmy Lafont, Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jimmy Guidry, and Ervin Bruce

ABSENT: None

President Vizier stated that he will step down as President. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the community as President for the last three years. It has been an honor to work with such a dedicated group of commissioners and staff towards the betterment of the Port and community. He thanked the people for their support and the other commissioners.

Commissioner Vizier nominated Larry Griffin for President. Mr. Griffin accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. The roll call vote resulted in 9 yeas by Cheramie, Gisclair, Lafont, Vizier, Collins, Griffin, Melancon, Guidry, and Bruce. President Griffin thanked the commissioners and stated that it is an honor to serve the board as President for the next 3 years.

Commissioner Collins nominated Donald Vizier as Vice-President. Mr. Vizier accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. The roll call vote resulted in 7 yeas by Gisclair, Vizier, Collins, Griffin, Melancon, Guidry, Bruce and 2 nays by Cheramie and Lafont.

Commissioner John Melancon nominated Wilbert Collins for Secretary. Mr. Collins accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. The roll call vote resulted in 9 yeas by Cheramie, Gisclair, Lafont, Vizier, Collins, Griffin, Melancon, Guidry, and Bruce.

Commissioner Lafont nominated John Melancon as Treasurer. Mr. Melancon accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. The roll call vote resulted in 9 yeas by Cheramie, Gisclair, Lafont, Vizier, Collins, Griffin, Melancon, Guidry, and Bruce.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the January 10, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the January 17, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the January 24, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion Update – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that Weeks Marine has completed the dredging at the end of Slip B for the Northern Expansion Dredging project. This material was pumped into the fill area along the east side of Slip B. They are now piping across Flotation Canal toward the mitigation area to prepare for the dredging along the completed bulkhead. Director Falgout questioned the next phase of the project, which Mr. Picciola reported that they will dredge the bulkhead along Flotation Canal then move down the slip toward Grand Isle Shipyard's lease area. The contractor will continue to dredge down the slip if Shavers-Whittle's

bulkhead is complete with installing tie rods. If that site is not ready for dredging, the contractor will move to the Corps project and then return.

Engineer Picciola reported that we are advertising for bids for the Northern Expansion Road & Utilities which is scheduled to open on February 27<sup>th</sup>. He stated that a pre-bid meeting is scheduled for tomorrow on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Engineer Larry Picciola reported that Shavers-Whittle hauled in the expanded clay material for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2. There is approximately 1,000 yards of material left to install. They have installed 186 of the 311 tie rods. Mr. Picciola further discussed the final construction process that will take place before dredging can be done in front of the bulkhead. He stated that the lightweight material and the tie rods should be completed in 2 weeks which will be close timing with the dredge. Director Falgout questioned the quality of expanded clay material, which Mr. Picciola replied that it will not softened when in water and is actually like rock. Commissioner Melancon questioned how long he has been using clay material, which Mr. Picciola reported that he has used it on jobs in Fourchon and in Morgan City. The product as been on the market for a long time and is currently being used as ground material for the bridge approaches.

Engineer John Plaisance reported that the soil engineers finished the borings 2 weeks ago and are currently doing their analysis for the Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #3. He estimates that within a few weeks he will have the final report to complete the design and begin advertising for the project. Director Falgout questioned if we need to get authorization before advertising, which Mr. Plaisance stated that we will need DOTD approval before advertising which can be done at the next meeting.

Airport Update/Project Status- Mr. Breaux reported that Runway Extension Phases 1 and 2 are complete but waiting on as-built drawings. He stated that the vault foundation is complete and all but 10 runway edge lights are installed for the Electrical & Lighting project. The contractor is behind schedule and we have requested a time of completion from them. Barriere Construction will begin the Runway Strengthening project in March. The EDA project to pave additional roadways at the airport is getting ready to bid out. Mr. Breaux stated that we will begin tree clearing in March for the approach lighting area. The lessee has been notified of his lease cancellation for the future airport development.

The Port's airport engineer, Michael Hixson with the LPA Group presented to the board upcoming projects. He reported that the Localizer project is in its final design stage. FAA has been notified and he anticipates advertising in March. This project is estimated to be complete by May 2008. He reported that the Parallel Taxiway Site Prep and Safety Area Improvements project is in its final design phase. He anticipates advertising in late March to be able to send the grant application to FAA by May 1<sup>st</sup>. This is estimated to be a 7 month project. He reported that the final project is the Approach Lighting System which is DOTD funded. He anticipates bidding in July and estimates completion by May 2008. Director Falgout questioned if the FAA budget includes the funds that they indicated we would receive, which Mr. Hixson replied that those funds are in their budget.

Director Falgout stated that the LPA Group will provide additional consulting services until we hire an airport manager or a fixed base operator. Mr. Hixson reported that his consultant reported that everything was in order at the airport and they will also be updating the operations manual. Commissioner Lafont questioned if we go with the FBO why have a manager, which Mr. Hixson replied that there are 7 airports in Louisiana that the FBO is also the acting manager. Those airports have less traffic than what is anticipated for this airport. The FBO would not be able to provide the management task without the possibility of conflict of interest. Director Falgout stated that we will not select a manager without knowing our FBO capabilities. We will advertise for a manager but will not be specific on qualifications until we know what we want.

FEMA Update – Mr. Breaux reported that the Port has completed all the improvements to the Parish right of way going to the beach. The Parish has installed signage with a chain to stop vehicles from going on the beach. He is waiting for the Parish to decide when to remove the chain to open public access to the beach. Commissioner Lafont questioned if anyone has the results from the Parish meeting last night, which Mr. Breaux will call them today. Mr. Autin is preparing a right of way agreement with the landowner to proceed with the beach stabilization project. Sealevel Construction will be on site tomorrow to repair and straighten the debris fence. Once this project is complete, Engineer Joe Picciola will work on a bid packet to replace the missing portions of the fence. The contractor has completed the wharves in the Nerby Collins Marina. The additional pilings have been ordered and this is the only item remaining to close out the project. The contractor has installed the pilings and some wharves for the Front Marina bulkhead. Commissioner Melancon questioned if the contractor was contacted regarding the lessees concerns of the completion time. Mr. Breaux responded that the engineer has sent them a letter informing them to begin construction along the Flotation Canal.

The DNR beach debris project area has been surveyed for elevations for the 2,000 ft section of beach on Wisner property. DNR is in the process of applying for a permit to place the vegetation/marsh waste on the beach and cover it with sand to recreate dunes for rebuilding the beach. Director Falgout stated that this is an idea that came out of our organizations as a test project and when the state became aware of our idea they expanded it. DNR chose two sites in Louisiana to test this concept. This may become a common use for storm generated debris into the future.

Highway Improvements Update – Director Falgout reported on the Bayou Lafourche initiative of \$500,000 of federal monies appropriated to revitalize the recreational and ecotourism along Bayou Lafourche. The Parish took the lead on this effort and there will be a meeting here today at 6:00 p.m. The Port has presented a project for their consideration to build a fishing pier on the coast. The projects need to be within a certain distance of Bayou Lafourche. The pier recommendation would be built near the bed of Pass Fourchon. The Coastal Impact Assistance Program which totals \$540 million came out with its draft proposal which includes highway components. In addition to the \$33 million received for the highway from the State, Lafourche Parish added \$2 million of its allocation. Also the State contributed \$31 million to test sediments along the Mississippi River to rebuild the estuary with new marsh and ridges all the way to Bayou Lafourche. Lafourche, Jefferson, and Plaquemines Parishes all contributed an additional \$1 million to this project. This concept is to test how well you can deliver sediment 10-15 miles away which in turn will save the Barataria Basin.

He stated that 19 coastal parishes received 35% of the money and the remaining amount of money went to the State. Lafourche Parish received \$9 million and of that \$700,000 is being contributed toward the Maritime Forest Ridge project and \$2 million for the highway. Another project will be on the northwestern edge of Little Lake to protect against erosion which will involve \$2.5 million. There will also be a small dredge program in which the Parish will use \$3.7 million to place a small dredge in the Hurricane Protection Canal to re-build a fringe marsh outside the hurricane protection levee for the entire 10<sup>th</sup> ward. We will see these projects moving along over this next year.

Director Falgout stated that tomorrow, he will be meeting with Secretary Angelle with DNR to discuss the capabilities to bond the Offshore Revenue funds that the State is projected to receive. The bulk of the funds will not be received until 2017 at which time we will get over a half a billion dollars a year. The needs are now to bond this money and start major projects for coastal restoration and infrastructure. We will meet with Citigroup who is the same bonding firm as the highway project to discuss doing some projects now. Additionally, next week Director Falgout will attend

the OCS Policy Committee meeting in Washington to discuss the Offshore Revenue Sharing and the future of deepwater in the gulf.

Director Falgout stated that on the agenda to be considered today is the Cooperative Endeavor agreement with South LA Economic Council, Restore or Retreat, and LA 1 Coalition. Simone Maloz, the Director of ROR thanked the board for their continued support. She invited the board to their annual meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Cypress Columns in Gray at 5:30 p.m. She stated that ROR will be a community resource providing plans and updates on what is going on with the money received from OCS. Director Falgout stated that he and Mrs. Maloz attended the Davis Pond Advisory Committee meeting yesterday. The committee adopted the same regulatory plan because they have not been able to operate to the capacity necessary to determine what influences it is having in the estuary. They anticipate the elevation of the west guide levee to allow the amount of water that the structure will be capable of accommodating. They estimate that by May the structure will be able to operate at full strength. Director Falgout further discussed the salinity levels needed for the structure to work. This will be the opportunity for this area to get stability in salinity levels.

Mr. Boulet, LA 1 Coalition Director stated that the good news this month is the announcement that \$35 million of the CIAP funds will be for the southern segment of the highway project. This is \$33 million from the State's funds and our parish has contributed \$2 million of its \$9 million to match. He stated that the groundbreaking for the phase from Leeville to Fourchon is set for April 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in Fourchon. He is now working on getting money for the next phase from Leeville to Golden Meadow and will use the opportunity at the ground breaking to create national media of LA 1's importance to this nation. He plans on having a media day prior to the groundbreaking to get national coverage. Shell Exploration is sponsoring the groundbreaking and we will have expert speakers on related topics and deepwater. He stated that the \$90 million of funds that the Governor committed to last year will be presented to the legislature this spring. He intends on bringing the Joint Transportation Committee on Highway Public Works to tour the area to build support for the Governor as she brings this up to the legislature. Construction equipment will be on site around mid to late summer which is the special equipment to build the end on end construction.

LA 1 Coalition is still working closely with Louisiana Recovery Authority. They have not decided on the criteria for awarding the \$50 million of regional project implementation funds. Their staff is working with us to get a senior staffer from Don Powell's office down here to see the vulnerability of this area as a result of the storms and how it fits in his mission. We want his influence in Washington to help us get construction funds. Mr. Boulet stated that next week, he will be in Washington meeting with the Energy Committee and new staffers from Landrieu's office. Director Falgout, Mr. Boulet and staff members from our Congressional Delegation office are planning a meeting with MMS and the Department of Energy to try to get the LA 1 project listed in their strategic plan. He stated that if LA 1 washes out it stops the security of dependable energy flow which will only wash out from a major storm and the gulf will be shut down. It is critical that they view this project being completed to secure ongoing operations of the Gulf of Mexico.

The LA 1 project has remained in the LA CPRA plan after their revised draft. The one thing that we pushed for is a higher level of protection of South Lafourche Levee System which was not listed in the revised draft. We are still working toward that and Mr. Boulet and Windell Curole gave testimony on the revised draft last week. He stated that Director Falgout also gave his testimony at a legislative hearing last week for the need for higher protection. He stated that they will have another round of scheduled hearings and encourages everyone to attend to push for a higher level of protection than the listed 100 year system. LA 1 Coalition will be meeting with DOTD to move ahead with right of way acquisitions for the next phase Leeville to Golden Meadow. Commissioner Gisclair questioned the results of the LA Speaks survey, which Mr. Boulet replied that they had

responses 20% higher than the largest state survey done which netted 18%. Director Falgout stated in an effort to get a higher hurricane protection system, he along with Mr. Boulet, and Mr. Curolle spent a lot of time on this effort. He stated that people who attend the hearings don't think that they accomplish anything but it appears that from our efforts and the community response we have a verbal commitment from DNR that they will do something to get a higher level of protection for this area.

Commissioner Collins stated that with all the work and contractors in the Leeville area, the Leeville companies are not getting any business. Mr. Boulet stated that he also was questioned about this and he has contacted the contractor asking them to give some services to the local businesses. It is hard to force them to do this but the contractor stated that he will make an effort to do that. Commissioner Griffin questioned if there will be barges and boats involved in the construction phase for the Leeville to Fourchon project, which Mr. Boulet replied that they will not be boats involved and they will not be allowed to have a construction canal on the side. Mr. Boulet stated that they will be allowed to use a tracking system on pilings that they could build on the side.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - President Griffin reported that the committee met on January 24, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Donald Vizier, Jimmy Lafont, and John Melancon. The committee also met on February 12, 2007 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved the proposal from O.A., LLC to lease at Airport property for a hangar building.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the proposal from Aircraft Storage, LLC to lease at the Airport property for a hangar building.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the request from Martin Holdings, LLC to sublease a portion of their property on Site GLF345 to US Liquids of LA.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the Landlord Waiver Consent Agreement with US Liquids of LA.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration the request from Expert Riser for property along Slip B. Mr. Bill Von Eberstein President of Expert Riser Solutions stated that they are involved in worldwide activities with 58 companies. He previously worked with Shell and is very involved with deepwater activities and has a well-experienced staff. He discussed the future deepwater activities in the gulf with 48 new drill ships being built with 20 of these coming to the gulf. Mr. Von Eberstein estimated that 99% of all deepwater activity in the entire gulf is supported by Port Fourchon. He stated that there are developments that work out of Galveston but the major supporter of the gulf is Port Fourchon. Their company handles risers and does assembly, inspection, welding, buoyancy repair, blast/coat/paint, handling and storage, and inventory. He explained his interest is to expand on the north side of their existing lease with 21 acres of waterfront access. The waterfront access will help them to better handle and move the risers. This proposal will employ 80-100 more workers. Commissioner Lafont made a motion to approve the request of 21 acres of waterfront property to Expert Riser Solutions which was second by Perry Gisclair and the board unanimously approved the request.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the assignment of lease from Allison Marine-Fourchon, LLC for a name change to Fourchon Heavy Lift, LLC.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the 2007 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between SLEC, ROR and LA 1 Coalition.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously adopted a resolution supporting and encouraging federal funding for the construction of a new highway system.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Wilbert Collins, the board withdrew the offers to lease to Lenward's Poboy's for Site 196 and US Liquids of LA for Site 615.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Wilbert Collins, the board adopted the resolution setting Delmar's improvement rental and liquidated damages. The vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 abstention by Chuckie Cheramie.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Chuckie Cheramie reported that the committee met on January 24, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, and Donald Vizier. The committee also met on February 12, 2007 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Director Falgout updated the board on the ordinance regarding sunken and abandoned vessels in Bayou Lafourche. He stated that the Port is prepared to enforce the ordinance. He also stated that DEQ requested the status update on the Graveyard permit with the Corps which we did respond to them.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's consideration the letter of support for a saltwater structure in Bayou Lafourche. Director Falgout stated that he will write a letter to the Parish to consider moving the location north of the Apache Oil Terminal because there is no reason that the barges need to be inside that system.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's consideration permits by Goldking Operating Company; Shell Pipeline Company, LP; Plains Pipeline, LP; and Chevron Pipe Line Company. There were no objections to these permits.

Director Falgout reported that the port is working with the US Coast Guard to establish the unloading zone at the Oilfield Service Dock in Fourchon. We are also in the process of getting proposals to replace navigational aids which will be reported at the next meeting.

Construction & Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on January 24, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Ervin Bruce, Larry Griffin, Wilbert Collins, and Donald Vizier. The committee also met on February 12, 2007 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the low bid by Golden Motors for purchasing a 2005 Mini Passenger Bus in the amount of \$26,077.50.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved the Clear Lien Certificate from Centaur, LLC for the HOS Port bulkhead repairs and payment of retainage.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the Clear Lien Certificate from Mike Hooks, Inc. for the Flotation Canal dredging project with \$20,000 withheld from retainage until the damaged wharves are repaired.

Finance Committee - Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on January 24, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were John Melancon, Larry Griffin, Wilbert Collins, and Donald Vizier. The committee also met on February 12, 2007 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

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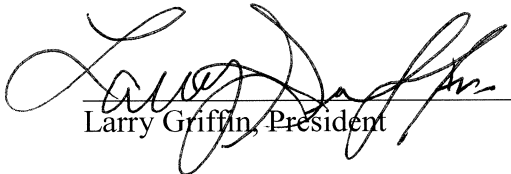
Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests by Chett Chiasson to attend the FAA Partnership Conference in Dallas, TX on March 6, 2007; Ted Falgout to attend the OCS Policy Committee meeting in Washington, DC on February 20, 2007; and Davie Breaux to attend the Gulf Ports of America Event in Washington, DC on February 27, 2007.


Commissioner Melancon recognized Serena Bruce for her efforts in providing pictures and diagrams for the meeting which is done on her own and she does an excellent job. The board thanked her for her efforts.

President Griffin opened the floor for any other business. Director Falgout stated that the Port Security Grant application has been broken down into 3 projects to help minimize cost. The first project is for one communication tower in Fourchon which will have the capabilities to not shut down during storms for approximately \$1.5 million with the Port's share of \$388,000. The second project is to provide the additional communication equipment of cameras and radio equipment to place on the tower which is for \$485,000 with the Port's share of \$122,000. The third and final project would be the Harbor Police vessel for approximately \$88,000 with the Port's share of \$22,000. The total application will be for \$2.1 million with the Port's match of \$530,000.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by John Melancon, the board adjourned the regular meeting.

ATTEST:

  
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Larry Griffin, President

  
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Wilbert Collins, Secretary