

AGENDA
May 9, 2007 @ 10:30 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider April 11, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Consider April 24, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes for approval
- VI. Parish President Randolph to address the board
- VII. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion Update**
 - 1) Construction Status:
 - a. Slip B, Northern Expansion Road & Utilities – Joe Picciola
 - b. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2 – Larry Picciola
 - c. Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #3 – John Plaisance
 - B. Airport Update/Project Status**
 - C. FEMA Update**
 - D. Highway Improvements Update**
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee**
 - 1) Consider accepting the summer applicants
 - 2) Consider approving the 2007 Hurricane Guide
 - 3) Consider adopting a resolution in support of legislation regarding Crescent City Connection administration of LA 1 tolls
 - 4) Consider approving the Right of First Refusal from Gulf Offshore Logistics for 300' on Slip B
 - 5) Consider approving the Right of First Refusal from JNB Operating, LLC for 300' on Slip B
 - 6) Consider consenting to GOL's mortgaging their Leasehold rights in GLF618
 - 7) Consider approving the lease request from Glenn Gisclair
 - 8) Consider approving the Assignment of Gulf Fleet Management
 - 9) Consider approving the Landlord Disclaimer and Estoppel Letter for Gulf Fleet Management
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee**
 - 1) Update on Leeville Bridge closure
 - 2) Update on loading zone at Oilfield Service Dock
 - 3) Permits:
 - a. ANS Engine Company, LLC
 - C. Construction & Development Committee**
 - 1) Consider approving the Change Order No. 3 from Shavers Whittle for the Northern Expansion Bulkhead
 - 2) Consider approving the DOTD Resolution Accepting the work for the Northern Expansion Bulkhead Project No. 2 Shavers-Whittle
 - 3) Consider approving the DOTD Sponsorship Agreement for Runway Safety Foreign Object Debris Control Program
 - D. Finance Committee**
 - 1) Consider payment of invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2) Approve 2006 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
 - 3) Consider Fourchon Seafood lease rentals
- IX. Any other business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

Attachment

a) 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 17th JDC-Parish of Lafourche*" may be discussed in an executive session.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
May 9, 2007

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 10:30AM.

President Griffin called the meeting to order and Secretary Collins called roll.

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

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the April 11, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the April 24, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes.

Parish President Randolph addressed the board. She stated that the Port Commission was instrumental in putting on the Lafourche Parish Bicentennial and thanked Mrs. Paula Schouest for her help. Mrs. Randolph presented the Commission with a Lafourche Parish flag. Director Falgout stated that Mrs. Schouest contributed significantly to the event and thanked her for her efforts.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion Update – Engineer Ben Hodson reported that Phylway Construction is on site and has completed the waterline installation for Slip B, Northern Expansion Road & Utilities. The contractor has undercut 4,000' of the roadway to prepare for the road base. They are also installing cross culverts and side drains. Director Falgout questioned the timeframe for completion, which Mr. Hodson stated that they should be complete within the next 45 days. The contract time expires June 22nd. There was further discussion regarding the road base and cross sections. Mr. Breaux reported that the Entergy right of way has been established and it is ready to install the power lines as well as other utilities once the road is complete. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that there is a change order later on the agenda for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #2. He stated that this includes the additional lightweight aggregate and other minor punch list items. He recommends approval with the additional days due to the weather and the lightweight aggregate problems during construction. They are 5 days over the contract time. He recommends not assessing liquidated damages since they did work with lessees to access their lease sites. Mr. Breaux reported that Engineer Plaisance has received the final soil analysis and is planning on having drawings ready within the next few weeks for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #3. They are looking at different options of using longer sheets to deal with the soil conditions.

Airport Update/Project Status – Mr. Breaux reported that Aubrey Silvey is running behind schedule for the Electrical and Lighting project. Barriere Construction has completed the overlay and striping for the Runway Strengthening project. The Parallel Taxiway Site Prep and Safety Area project pre-bid meeting was May 2nd and bids will be opened on May 16th. This project is in different sections due to the unidentified FAA funding. The tree clearing project on the south end of the runway is complete. Maintenance has been sweeping the reservoir canal prior to hurricane season and will be removing the old wooden bridge. Director Falgout stated that at the committee meeting there was extensive discussion on the FBO proposal by VIH Helicopters. The Port is taking the information and questions into consideration and will update the board as it unfolds. Commissioner Lafont questioned if the lease will be presented to the board prior to approval, which Director Falgout replied that the FBO contract will be submitted to the commission for authorization to execute. Commissioner Melancon questioned the test done for the

strengthening of the runway, which Mr. Breaux replied that they core test the existing sub-base asphalt and do compaction test on the base course and wearing course along the entire length of the runway.

FEMA Update – Mr. Breaux reported that the pre-bid meeting for the Debris Fence Repairs project is scheduled for May 17th with the bid opening on May 29th. The FEMA Wharf repair project is on hold waiting on the contractor to drive the additional 26 piles. The contractor has been working on site for the Front Marina Bulkhead Repairs. They have installed 65' of bulkhead. The contractor is running into trash and debris while driving the sheets. We have requested that the engineer be on site to make sure the contractor is not digging too deep to remove the debris. Commissioner Guidry questioned if this causes problems what are the plans to repair it, which Mr. Breaux replied that we need to catch it before problems arise. The boards are 24' and the area along the bulkhead may have 8'-10' of water. If the contractor does have to dig, we need to make sure it is not too deep. Further discussion followed to insure that the engineer is overseeing the digging along the bulkhead.

Highway Improvements Update – Mr. Boulet with the LA 1 Coalition handed the commissioners a copy of the Louisiana Speaks Regional plan which the state will bring to Washington. He stated that they have identified Port Fourchon and Grand Isle on the map as special economic zones and key economic centers. The entire LA 1 Project is also identified in this plan. The area south of the levee system is identified as marsh restoration areas that the state shows in their current plans to bring back marshes. This plan may evolve and enhanced over the years. This plan is set to go in front of LRA on Thursday for approval. There were some minor concerns regarding the state wanting to put different organizations in charge of permits for wetland areas. We have sent a letter to encourage DNR to continue to head that function. The CPRA plan is being presented to the state legislative committee today which is also within the LA Speaks long term plan. CPRA plan is estimated over \$50 billion. It will require the royalty sharing funds to be used to rebuild our marshes. We have been reminding the officials in charge of the CPRA plan that infrastructure that is directly impacted by coastal land loss is a qualifying expenditure for royalty funds. There are funds in there for evacuation route enhancement and elevating which have been conveyed to the officials that we will need substantial funding from that part of the plan.

Mr. Boulet reported that there was a meeting last week with DOTD and we are moving closer to signing the contract agreement with Wilbur Smith Engineers for Phase 2 Line and Mapping. The contract should be signed within 2 months and the work will take up to a year to complete. The contract will be to locate the pipelines in the project area.

LRA is looking to spend money on regional projects that contributed to the recovery which was set at \$50 million last November. They are raising that amount to \$150 million contingent on President Bush waiving the 10% of all the requests on local governments. The funds wouldn't be spent on basic damage from the storm, but will be spent on major projects that contributed to the recovery. LA 1 contributed to the recovery of the entire Gulf of Mexico. LRA has awarded \$200 million to parish governments. Lafourche Parish will receive approximately \$900,000 which will be spent on the 26 parish long term recovery projects from the parish plan. They will look at the 6 high priority projects which LA 1 is one of them that may receive some of those funds.

Mr. Boulet is working with Shell Oil and a publication out of Washington named "Congressional Quarterly" to do their annual article on energy challenges in communities that are hosting domestic production. This year there will be a forum out of Fourchon in June with media from Washington. The three main issues that will be discussed are road infrastructure, coastal restoration and protection, and workforce development. Commissioner Gisclair questioned the status of a bill that would disperse funds directly to the municipality and parish governments and not through with the LRA and the Road Home Program. Mr. Boulet wasn't sure of the status but commented that Senator Landrieu acknowledged that the Road Home Program was being more efficient in dispersing funds. Director Falgout commented that Mr. Boulet's report represents another shining example of how our investment in the LA 1 Coalition is paying off and not just with the focused highway issues but also the additional coastal land loss and staying up to date with CPRA and LRA which all play a key part. The results of all his efforts show up in

the LA 1 Speaks report which has LA 1 and the Lafourche Corridor displayed in every avenue necessary. It all happens through involvement and he thanked Mr. Boulet for his efforts in keeping that going.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - Chairman Griffin reported that the committee met on April 24, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin, Jimmy Lafont, and John Melancon. Wilbert Collins was absent. The Commission also met on May 7, 2007 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Griffin presented to the board the summer applicants. Director Falgout reported that the six maintenance roustabouts that applied will work at the Airport and Seaport. The 2007 maintenance workers are: Ryder Pitre, Thomas Bruce, Britton Comeaux, Holden Ledet, Boyd Fink IV, and Adam Hebert. The board then pulled names to fill the clerical position which will be working at the Galliano Administration Building. The applicant chosen was Katie Cheramie. The alternate clerical workers were chosen in the following order: Melissa Guidry, Lindsey Danos, Marissa Diaz, Alaina Bellanger, and Lauren Lacoste.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's consideration the 2007 Hurricane Guide. Director Falgout stated that there are minimal changes in the guide and the main addition is to house key employees with their immediate family during storms. He stated that Chuckie Cheramie has been selected as the committee chairman. The overall plan will be presented to all the tenants on May 15th at 9:00 am at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Commissioner Cheramie encouraged all tenants and board to attend. Commissioner Melancon made a motion to approve the guide which was second by Jimmy Guidry and the floor was open for discussion. Commissioner Vizier questioned having people in the building when there is a mandatory evacuation called and concerned about liability issues. Director Falgout stated that the proposal is to have a waiver agreement drawn up that each person will have to execute to stay in the building on a voluntary basis. A number of employees indicated that they did not want to stay if their family could not stay with them because they are not comfortable sending them off alone. Commissioner Vizier and Lafont are concerned of the legal responsibility of housing family members. Mr. Callais reported that the guide states that if a Category 5 falls within 75 miles of the area the backup plan to move north to Thibodaux will be implemented for employees only. Commissioner Cheramie will add this to the Hurricane Committee agenda for their next meeting to have more details of the procedure in a mandatory evacuation. The board then voted which resulted in 8 yeas and 1 nay by Vizier.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously adopted the resolution in support of legislation naming the Crescent City Connection as the administration of LA 1 tolls.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Ervin Bruce, the board approved the Right of First Refusal from Gulf Offshore Logistics for 300' of property on Slip B. The vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 nay by Lafont.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's consideration the Right of First Refusal from JNB Operating, LLC for 300' of property on Slip B. Commissioner Vizier made a motion to approve the first right which was second by Jimmy Guidry and the floor was open for discussion. Commissioner Cheramie questioned requiring lessees to take a minimum of 400' of waterfront. The board further discussed limitations and will consider this in the future as a condition in Right of First Refusals. The board then voted which resulted in 8 yeas and 1 nay by Lafont.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved consenting to G.O.L.'s mortgaging their leasehold rights to secure funding for improvements to site GLF618. Director Falgout stated that this process is to secure funding to build their bulkhead improvements on the leased premises.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the lease request from Glenn Gisclair for an additional 5 year option on lease sites SLIP-1 and SLIP-6.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the assignment of Gulf Fleet Management, LLC to Gulf Fleet Holdings, Inc.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved the Landlord Disclaimer and Estoppel Letter for Gulf Fleet Management, LLC.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Chuckie Cheramie reported that the committee met on April 24, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, Perry Gisclair, and Larry Griffin. The Commission also met on May 7, 2007 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Mr. Callais reported that he has requested that the Leeville Bridge closure be delayed on Monday for the opening of trawling season till 10:00 am. He reported that the east and west canal have been marked with PVC pipe. Vessels have been using the alternate channel which is at an average depth of 5 ft. The Grand Isle Port Commission is placing additional markers and with their assistance it has been marked up to Caminada. Commissioner Vizier questioned placing permanent markers for the channel either buoys or pilings. Director Falgout stated that if we choose to take the channel we will have to apply for a privately maintained channel. He stated that right now the USCG is in charge of maintaining the channel. The USCG has never formally discontinued their maintenance of the channel. They have not been able to get their equipment in since it is shallow. If it would scour to 6 ft, they would be able to maintain the channel. The board recommended that the harbor police continue to check markers.

Chairman Cheramie presented to the board the loading zone at Oilfield Service Dock. Mr. Callais reported that the USCG responded to our request to place a loading zone at the dock. We currently allow un-inspected vessels to moor there. The USCG has stated that by allowing any vessel classified as a 33 CFR104 to take on personnel or groceries, our facility would become a 33 CFR105 which would require all the lighting, fencing, and security measures. Tug boats are not inspected at this time. When they are inspected the facility may have to be removed or the Port will need to upgrade and secure the facility.

Chairman Cheramie presented to the board the permit by ANS Engine Company, LLC.

Construction & Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on April 24, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, John Melancon, and Larry Griffin. The Commission also met on May 7, 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 Change Order No. 3 from Shavers Whittle for the Northern Expansion Bulkhead on Slip B which is an increase of \$60, 811.03 with additional weather days.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the DOTD Resolution Accepting the Work for the Northern Expansion Bulkhead Project No. 2 with Shavers-Whittle Construction, Inc.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the DOTD Sponsorship Agreement for Runway Safety Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Control Program.

Finance Committee - Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on April 24, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Jimmy Guidry, John Melancon, and Larry Griffin. Wilbert Collins was absent. The Commission also met on May 7, 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 Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the payment of April 2007 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved the 2006 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.

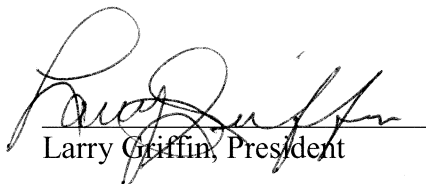
Chairman Melancon presented for the board's consideration the Fourchon Seafood lease rentals for site GLF106-S. The committee's recommendation is to consider suspending rentals as of May 1st until

further notice due to the delay of the bulkhead construction. Commissioner John Melancon made a motion to suspend rentals which was second by Wilbert Collins and the floor was open for discussion. Director Falgout further explained that there was extensive hurricane damage to the facility. The contractor has gone well beyond the time allotted and the lessee will not be in operation for the current shrimp season. Commissioner Gisclair questioned how many days the contractor is over, which Director Falgout replied that the contract end date was set at March 6th which is approximately 54 days of liquidated damages. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas.

President Griffin opened the floor to any other business. Mr. Callais stated that through the efforts of the Port staff and Harbor Police we have met with the USCG and FEMA who has agreed to remove most of the sunken vessels and storm related debris in Bayou Lafourche. This is good news which will save the Port money from removing this debris. The estimated time to begin is in 3 weeks. Commissioner Guidry questioned if the boat owners have been notified, which Mr. Callais replied that the Harbor Police have been in contact with owners and has secured names to sign release forms. Commissioner Cheramie stated that the F/V Miss Gwen was drifting in the middle of Bayou Lafourche and may need to be addressed prior to its removal. Mr. Callais stated that he will check on the vessel. Director Falgout questioned if the vessel sitting on a bulkhead just north of Tidewater Dock is it being looked at, which Commissioner Vizier replied that the owner refused to address removing the vessel. Director Falgout stated that this is a vessel that FEMA would address since it is beached but this is probably the last opportunity for FEMA to get it removed. The board recommended that Mr. Callais pursue getting that vessel removed from the bulkhead.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board adjourned the regular meeting. President Griffin thanked the public for attending the meeting.

ATTEST:



Larry Griffin, President



Wilbert Collins, Secretary