

AGENDA
August 8, 2007 @ 10:30 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider July 11, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion Update:**
 - 1) Mooring Dolphins – Larry Picciola
 - 2) Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #3 – John Plaisance
 - 3) Slip B, East Bulkhead, Project #4 – Larry Picciola
 - B. Airport Update/Project Status**
 - C. FEMA Update**
 - D. Highway Improvements Update**
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1) Consider approving Galliano Marine Service construction request
 - 2) Consider approving Newpark Drilling Fluids' Landlord Agreement
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1) Permits:
 - a. Swift Energy Operating, LLC
 - b. Chevron Pipe Line Company
 - c. Swift Energy Operating, LLC
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1) Consider approving the high bids for the surplus equipment
 - 2) Consider approving the low bid by Phylway Construction for the Parallel Taxiway Site Prep
 - 3) Consider approving the FAA Grant agreement
 - 4) Consider approving the clear lien certificate from Barriere for Runway Strengthening
 - 5) Consider approving change order removing 200' additive alternate from Front Marina Bulkhead
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1) Consider payment of invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2) Consider approving Financial Statement from July 2007
 - 3) Consider approving out of state travel request
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Public Comment – Mr. Farrel Charpentier regarding use of Nerby Collins Commercial Fisherman's marina for crew changes
- IX. 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
August 8, 2007

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 10:30AM.

President Griffin called the meeting to order and Commissioner Lafont called roll.

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

ABSENT: Donald Vizier and Wilbert Collins

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the July 11, 2007 regular meeting minutes.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion Update – Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the materials have been ordered for the Mooring Dolphins project. They should be ready to begin the first week of September and should be completed in 60-90 days. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the plans and specs for Slip B, East Bulkhead, Project #4 should be ready in 6 weeks for the 700' bulkhead. The remaining portion of 1100' of bulkhead will need additional soil borings taken to proceed with design plans. Engineer John Plaisance reported that the revised plans for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #3 have been sent to DOTD last week and we are waiting their response. If there are no major changes it should be ready to advertise by next meeting. The anticipated cost is \$10.9 million.

Airport Update/Project Status – Airport Manager, Jason Duet reported that 3 regulators need to be replaced for the Electrical and Lighting project. He stated that the contractor Aubrey Silvey is behind 200 days on contract time. Aubrey Silvey will also be installing the backup generator at the airport. The runway strengthening project is complete and the clear lien is on the agenda for approval. The low bid by Phylway is on the agenda for approval for the Parallel Taxiway and Safety Area project. He stated that within the next few weeks a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled to determine the notice to proceed date. Commissioner Melancon questioned how the new FBO is working out at the airport, which Mr. Duet replied that they are working out well. They have complied with all the concerns presented to them and have painted lines in the hangar to separate helicopters and airplanes. They are working 7 days a week and currently doing some renovations in the administrative building. Commissioner Melancon requested that Mr. Duet relay any concerns to the board that may come up in the future. Director Falgout stated that he has had some discussions with Evergreen to possibly amend their lease to relinquish the large landing pad on their site. He stated that if these negotiations go through the extra landing pad will better the situation between rotor and fixed wing aircraft.

FEMA Update – Chett Chiasson reported that Picciola Construction is on site bringing in fill material for the debris fence repairs. They are in the process of repairing broken boards then will proceed to construct portions of the missing fence. They should be complete within the next 3 weeks. Commissioner Melancon questioned how far the debris fence goes along LA 3090, which Mr. Chaisson replied that it goes to the public boat launch. He stated Grand Isle Shipyard has completed driving 30 piles in the Front Marina and has moved to Nerby Collins Marina to drive piles to complete the Wharf Repair project. They should be finished by next week.

Engineer John Plaisance reported on the repairs at the Front Bulkhead Marina. The contractor has completed 135' of bulkhead and tie rods along Flotation Canal. The lightweight aggregate is remaining to be installed. There is a portion of 55' of sheet piles driven along the entrance of the marina. There is 72' of wall and front timber piles completed on the corner of the marina side. The wale beams and sheets have been driven on the marina side near the wharfs. There is a change order on the agenda to

remove the remaining 200' along Flotation Canal. Commissioner Lafont questioned if we remove the 200' will we give the contractor a time limit to complete the remaining portion of the project. Engineer Plaisance reported that they will be given 30 days to complete the project and if not the Port can decide to remove the unfinished portions as well. The Port should be ready to advertise for the remaining 200' by next meeting. Engineer Plaisance stated that he did a detailed inventory of materials on site and found a discrepancy of approximately \$7,000.00 which has not been accounted for and by next invoice he will have the correct stockpile numbers.

Highway Improvements Update – Henri Boulet stated that he has been working on the requests to place lines of credit for \$2.5 million in the Capital Outlay program for Phase 2 right of way acquisition on the September's Bond Commission's agenda which have been submitted by our local state delegation and the parish council. The contract between DOTD and Wilbur Smith to do Phase 2 right of way mapping and line work is still being worked on. After the preliminary contract meeting to agree on the scope of work, DOTD felt that they needed more data about flow lines and may need to change the scope of work in the contract. The contract should be signed in mid-September. The bids for Phase 1D Toll Plaza is moving along and scheduled to go out to bid this fall. Meetings are scheduled next week to develop parts of this bid related to information technology. I have asked DOTD to include the Port's IT person Mrs. April Danos in these meetings so that what the Port already has in place is not duplicated.

Mr. Boulet has continued to monitor developments in the LA Recovery Authority and Louisiana Speaks plans which were created to develop the coastline and save it. The Louisiana Speaks has been endorsed by the legislature and this group intends on lobbying in Washington for implementation of the plan, which includes major transportation projects like LA 1 and funding to fully implement the state's Comprehensive Plan for Coastal Restoration and Hurricane Protection. The "Congressional Quarterly" magazine report has been given to all the members of congress which is a great tool to educate Washington legislators on the need to fund the LA 1 Project. The MMS hearing held July 24th in Larose provided solid, consecutive comments to request that MMS have a meeting with Coalition supporters to thoroughly discuss mitigation measures documented in the past EIS. They are willing to meet in the next 6-8 weeks. Coalition encourages citizens and commissioners to write the US President and request that he does not veto the WRDA bill. This bill has key provisions to protect our communities, including LA 1. If it passes it will provide \$18 million credit to the South Lafourche Levee District for work they are currently doing, and authorize another \$90 million of work to bring the levee system to a true 100 yr. level of structural protection. Additionally, this bill will authorize the Morganza to the Gulf system which will offer protection to more northern sections of the LA 1 energy corridor in our parish.

Director Falgout updated the board on the Davis Pond project. The project is not functioning near the capacity it was developed for. The committee has encouraged the types of improvements needed to get it to full capacity. A new vinyl sheet wing wall has been put in place to allow a much higher flow out of Davis Pond. The river is on its way down and we can't get the full flow to test capabilities. The Corps will widen a few more gaps. The inability of these gaps to accommodate a full flow is causing increased ponding in the holding area. The sheets will allow a higher ponding area without going over the levees and increase the cuts going out to allow more water to move through the system. This spring we should see if this can accommodate the full flow. If not, they will continue making alterations to make it work. If we wouldn't have gotten involved it wouldn't be at the point it is now. The Port's interest in this type of project does not directly involve the port but does affect the community and marsh areas for the Port. Commissioner Melancon questioned if there is documented improvement in vegetation growth, which Director Falgout stated that they have a monitoring program. The main design of the project was for freshwater diversion and not sediment diversion. They never calculated that there would be huge amounts of sediments and that type of benefit. When you convert a brackish water environment into a freshwater environment the sediments do lead to land building. We are seeing a substantial amount of vegetation occur this year. There was 10 times more vegetation in Lake Cataouatche than last year since there was a lot of rain. The ability to flow Davis Pond will clearly have an impact on moving the salinity line further south in the basin. Today, much of the basin is still to salty

to produce fresh water vegetation. As we get to that point, we will see more vegetation to fill in marsh areas.

Director Falgout updated the board on Fourchon Beach. He stated that we were successful in getting the beach open for vehicle access and it has been utilized in the past few weeks. Many beach users are still leaving their trash on the beach. The landowner has agreed to keep the beach open until September 15th. The state has a beach sweep scheduled on September 15th which Chevron will be leading a group on the beach. After this, the beach will be closed until a long term solution is reached. Commissioner Gisclair stated that we need to stress to the public that the beach is on other people's property and they need to remove their trash when they leave. Director Falgout stated that the harbor police have been enforcing the need to take care of the trash and there are a few that do the right thing.

Mr. Breaux stated that the Water District has a new water line project from the hurricane protection levee to the first booster station near the shrimp plant. They will be working on the shoulder edge of the southbound lane. The project will begin at the end of this month and will continue until December. They don't anticipate road closures.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Griffin reported that the committee met on July 25, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin, Jimmy Lafont, Wilbert Collins, and John Melancon. The Commission also met on August 6, 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 for the board's approval the Galliano Marine Service construction request. Director Falgout stated that last month the board approved the removal of approximately 114' of bulkhead to build 3 slips in the northern expansion. The improvements will be a \$14 million investment complete with covering and a warehouse. The Port first requested that they advance pay rental for the bulkhead removed but it is not necessary and they agreed to pay advance rental only if the lease is terminated or in default during construction. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the request by Galliano Marine Service.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the Newpark Drilling Fluids' Landlord Agreement subject to the Port Attorney's additional language.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Chuckie Cheramie reported that the committee met on July 25, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, Perry Gisclair, and Larry Griffin. The Commission also met on August 6, 2007 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Chuckie Cheramie presented to the board the permits by Swift Energy Operating, LLC; Chevron Pipe Line Company; and Swift Energy Operating, LLC.

Construction & Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on July 25, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Ervin Bruce, Larry Griffin, and John Melancon. Donald Vizier was absent. The Commission also met on August 6, 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 Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the high bids for the surplus equipment.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the low bid by Phylway Construction for the Parallel Taxiway Site Prep in the amount of \$1,816,927. The bid is comprised of base bid in the amount of \$1,476,926 and Additive Bid of \$340,001. Michael Hixson with LPA Group stated that bids did exceed the amount anticipated and we were able to negotiate with Phylway some items without modifying specifications. FAA did add additional funding from the original amount of \$600,000 to \$2.3 million for this year's grant.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the FAA Grant agreement to fund \$2,363,356 for Phase 3 Runway Safety Area Improvements and Construct Partial Parallel Taxiway Grant No. 3-22-0067-009-2007 at the South Lafourche Leonard Miller Jr. Airport.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the clear lien certificate from Barriere for Runway Strengthening.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration a change order removing the 200' additive alternate from Stranco, Inc. for the Front Marina Bulkhead project. Director Falgout stated that the committee's recommendation is to remove the 200' alternate from Stranco and re-bid that project. Stranco will be notified of the removal, and if we do not feel they progressed with the remaining portion before the September board meeting the Port will consider going to their bonding company. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce to remove the 200' which was second by John Melancon, the floor was open for discussion. Commissioner Gisclair requested that the letter be sent by the Port and the engineer to Stranco. The board also discussed monitoring subcontractors and getting a list from contractors during the bid process. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas.

Finance Committee - Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on July 25, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Jimmy Guidry, Larry Griffin, Wilbert Collins and John Melancon. The Commission also met on August 6, 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 Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the payment of invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the financial statement from July 2007.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel request for Chett Chiasson to attend the AAPA Facilities Engineering seminar in Sand Diego on November 6th.

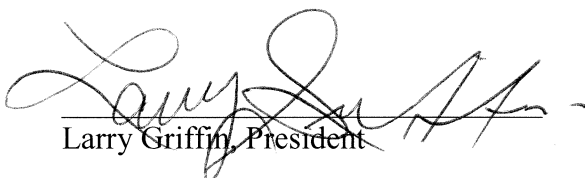
President Griffin opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Farrel Charpentier with Montco addressed the board regarding the use of Nerby Collins Commercial Fisherman's Marina for crew changes. He explained an incident that occurred when he was transporting 3 employees to a lift barge in Pass Fourchon and was told by a harbor policeman that it was not allowed and had the boat turned around. He would like to be allowed to use a 12' dingy to bring employees to a lift barge when in Port and not under charter. He requested that the board bring this up in committee to discuss and come up with options or other places in the Port where crew changes can be made when not on charter. Director Falgout stated that it will be added to the executive committee agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Larry Benoit a candidate for Lafourche Parish Sheriff addressed the board and pledged his full support of Port Fourchon and assisting harbor police.

President Griffin thanked the guest in the audience for showing interest in Port.

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

ATTEST:


Larry Griffin, President


Wilbert Collins, Secretary