

AGENDA
September 12, 2007 @ 10:30 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider August 8, 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 request from GOL to lease additional 300 ft. along Slip B
 - 2) Consider approving resolution consenting to GOL's mortgaging their Leasehold rights
 - 3) Consider approving USCG request to renew lease at Port Complex for 5 year term
 - 4) Consider approving cancellation of Discovery Cleaning lease of Site GLF412 effective September 30, 2007
 - 5) Consider approving Tiger Tanks proposal for lease Site GLF412 effective October 1, 2007
 - 6) Consider approving proposal from Clean Tank, LLC for 600' of property along Slip B
 - 7) Consider approving proposal from ECO to lease 17 acres of property at the intersection of NJ Theriot and LA 3090
 - 8) Consider approving the Model Port Security Program Memorandum of Understanding
 - 9) Consider approving the Land Usage Agreement with GAO FBO for site at Airport
 - 10) Consider approving Evergreen lease amendment at the Airport
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee**
 - 1) Consider seeking judicial determination that lift barge owned by Scott St. Pierre is in violation of LA R.S. 34:843
 - 2) Permits:
 - a. Swift Energy Operating, LLC
 - C. Construction & Development Committee**
 - 1) Consider approving the clear lien certificate by Phylway Construction for Roadway & Utilities project
 - 2) Consider approving the DOTD agreement for future funding of Slip B Bulkhead SPN 578-29-0019 and authorizing Director Falgout to execute DOTD agreement
 - 3) Consider approving the clear lien certificate from Greater Gulf Construction for the Wharf Repair project and withholding from retainage the increased cost of completing the repair
 - 4) Consider the termination of Stranco, Inc. Front Marina Bulkhead Repair contract
 - D. Finance Committee**
 - 1) Consider payment of invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2) Consider approving Financial Statement from August 2007
 - 3) Consider approving the out of state travel request
 - 4) Consider approving request from Fourchon Seafood to temporarily suspend payment of rental with respect to lease site GLF107
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Public Comment
- 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

September 12, 2007

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 10:30AM.

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

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

ABSENT: Jimmy Lafont

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the August 8, 2007 regular meeting minutes.

Executive Director's Report

Director Falgout attended a meeting in Baton Rouge, thus Mr. Chett Chiasson was acting Director for this meeting.

Northern Expansion Update – Engineer Larry Picciola reported that Low Land Construction is scheduled to be on site next week to begin the Mooring Dolphin project. He stated that the dolphins will have 3 tires instead of 4 off-road tires. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the plans and specs for Slip B, East Bulkhead, Project #4 will be mailed next week to DOTD for their review and approval. Engineer John Plaisance reported that the bid opening for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #3 is scheduled for October 2, 2007.

Airport Update/Project Status – Airport Manager, Jason Duet reported that the Electrical and Lighting project is complete and the final inspection by DOTD will be scheduled within the next few weeks. The pre-construction meeting for the Parallel Taxiway & Safety Area Improvements is scheduled on September 26th, at which time the notice to proceed date will be determined. Commissioner Cheramie questioned the amount of days delayed for the lighting project, which Mr. Duet reported that it is over 200 days but the exact number of days will be determined with the close out documents.

FEMA Update – Chett Chiasson reported that Picciola Construction is on site doing the Debris Fence Repairs and should be complete by October 8th.

Highway Improvements Update – Mr. Henri Boulet, LA 1 Coalition Director reported that the funding of lines of credit from the State Capital Outlay Program as recommended by the Governor's office will be posted this Thursday on the September Agenda for the State Bond Commission. There is a massive amount of requests to the Governor to be in Phase 2 or 5. The Coalition is seeking \$2.5 million of these funds for Phase 2 Right of Way. While our State Legislative Delegation and the Lafourche Parish Council has submitted letters of support requesting that \$500,000 of these funds be in Priority 2 and \$2 million be in Priority 5, we will learn the results of this effort on Thursday.

The contract between DOTD and Wilbur Smith Engineers to do Phase 2 ROW Mapping & Line Work is very close to completion. A revised scope of work is complete, which will gather additional data to identify the lowest cost alignment for Phase 2 as it relates to dealing with the crossing of high pressure flow lines. The coalition requested the state review past supplemental contracts on previous phases of the LA 1 project that had not spent the full allocation which yielded enough funds to get this contract signed.

Phase 1D (toll plaza and associated facilities) bid documents are scheduled to be let in January. Meetings have been ongoing for the information technology part of this bid. It appears that the security equipment of the port and the highway monitoring equipment of the state will both benefit with higher quality monitoring systems due to discussions between the entities IT administrators taking place. This phase of the project will include construction of the actual electronic Toll Plaza on the ramp in Leeville, a separate Customer Service

Center (planned on Hwy 3235 in Golden Meadow), signage to inform motorists of toll remittance options, and 6 area ATM's to be placed in specific traffic areas which will accept pre-payment of tolls.

The Louisiana Speaks organization intends to push for an Office of State Planning that will concentrate on the implementation of their plan. You may recall that this plan has been endorsed by the legislature, and it provides for future development at both Port Fourchon and Grand Isle because of their being characterized as "Special Economic Zones". This group intends on lobbying in Washington for implementation of the plan, which includes major transportation projects like LA 1.

We have received correspondence from MMS that they are willing to meet with us on October 15th in Washington at the US Capital to discuss mitigation measures to LA 1 impacts experienced by our community. We are coordinating this meeting with our congressional delegation, and expect the meeting to forward federal funding opportunities for construction of Phase 2.

I would like to remind everyone to write to the President of the U.S. and ask him not to veto the WRDA Bill. This bill has key provisions to protect our communities, including the LA 1 project, South Lafourche Levee District projects, and the Morganza to the Gulf system.

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) has begun the planning process to gather information and conduct an environmental review of lease sales in the Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area (CPA) and the Western Gulf of Mexico Planning Area. This includes the 5.3 million acres that have never been leased which is known as "181 South Area". MMS will be able to offer it for lease in March 2009 as part of the proposed Lease Sale 208. A Public Scoping Meeting included in the MMS planning process has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at Larose Civic Center at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Boulet reported that the consulting firm, Crescent City Connection determined the sites for the ATM machines for Phase 1D Toll Plaza. The sites were determined by different criteria such as size and parking capabilities. The sites that have been chosen are: Larose Truck Plaza on LA 308, Galliano Truck Plaza on LA 3235, Golden Meadow Customer Service Center open 24 hours at the end of LA 3235, Frank's Supervalu on LA 1 in Golden Meadow, Bobby Lynn's store in Leeville, and Cajun Sportsman in Fourchon. Further discussion followed regarding payment of tags and violators.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - Chairman Griffin reported that the committee met on August 22, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin, Jimmy Lafont, Wilbert Collins, and John Melancon. The Commission also met on September 10, 2007 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Jimmy Lafont was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the lease amendment with G.O.L. Docks, LLC for an additional 4.13 tract of land fronting 300' of waterfront property adjacent to current lease premises (GLF618) along Slip B.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved consenting to G.O.L.'s mortgaging their leasehold rights for the additional 300' of property along Slip B. Commissioner Collins questioned if G.O.L. will bulkhead the additional 300', which Mr. Autin replied that it is included in their bulkhead construction project for a total of 1,400'.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the U.S.C.G. lease renewal for 5 years at the Port Complex in Galliano.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved the cancellation of Discovery Cleaning lease of Site GLF412 effective September 30, 2007 conditioned upon lease with Tiger Offshore commencing on October 1, 2007.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the proposal from Clean Tank, LLC to lease 8.26 acre tract of land fronting 600' of waterfront property along Slip B north of G.O.L. Docks.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the proposal from C-Port 2, LLC to lease 17.25 acres of property near the intersection of N.J. Theriot Road and

LA 3090. Commissioner Melancon questioned when rentals will begin on this site, which Mr. Chiasson reported that on non-waterfront property rentals begin once contract is executed.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Model Port Security Program Memorandum of Understanding.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved the Land Usage Agreement with GAO FBO for site at Airport to locate the temporary trailer for the Airport Manager. Commissioner Vizier questioned the Port paying rent for the trailer site, which Mr. Breaux reported that it would be temporary until the generator installation is complete which may be done within the next few months. The intention of the trailer placement is that the site already has all utilities which will allow the manager to be on site monitoring the construction projects.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Evergreen lease amendment at the airport to primarily account for the fuel flowage fee and removal of the large landing pad.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Cheramie reported that the committee met on August 22, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, Perry Gisclair, and Larry Griffin. The Commission also met on September 10, 2007 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Jimmy Lafont was absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved seeking judicial determination that the lift barge owned by Scott St. Pierre is in violation of LA R.S. 34:843.

Chairman Cheramie presented to the board the permit by Swift Energy Operating, LLC.

Construction & Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on August 22, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, Larry Griffin, and John Melancon. The Commission also met on September 10, 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 Perry Gisclair and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the clear lien certificate by Phylway Construction for the Northern Expansion Roadway & Utilities project SPN578-29-0016(323).

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved the DOTD agreement for future funding of Slip B Bulkhead SPN 578-29-0019 and authorizing Director Falgout to execute agreement.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved the clear lien certificate from Greater Gulf Construction for the Wharf Repair project and withholding \$13,177.75 from the retainage for the increased cost of completing the remaining piles at Nerby Collins Marina.

Chairman Bruce presented for the board's consideration termination of contract with Stranco, Inc. for the Front Marina Bulkhead Repair. Engineer John Plaisance reported that the project is behind schedule with only 60% of work completed and approximately 15% of materials remaining on site. They are currently 6 months behind. Mr. Tim Mann, Stranco's General Manager addressed the board. He has brought another contractor with him today to look at the project. He understands the importance and severity of getting this job done. He is researching and looking at all options to get this moving and complete. There are 120 boards left to be installed along with the tie back system and aggregate. He stated that the funding for this project is enough to pay for materials and Stranco is not making money on this job. He requested that the board give him time to come up with a detailed plan to move this project along. Commissioner Melancon stated that the subcontractor has not been on site everyday and our lessee is losing business not being able to operate. Stranco should have acted before today because the project has not been progressing well in the last year. The subcontractor is not reliable and may not be on site for weeks at a time. The board may consider giving you the opportunity to go down there and get some kind of commitment from you before we go to your bonding company but we want this project complete. Commissioner Vizier questioned who owns Stranco, which Mr. Mann replied Bill Strain. He questioned if he has commitments from other contractors to

complete the project, which Mr. Mann replied he is looking at other contractors. The current subcontractor has not been terminated as of yet. Mr. Mann does have a commitment from him that they will be on site everyday until completion. The subcontractor knows that the first day missed he will be terminated. Commissioner Gisclair stated that there were certified letters sent to Stranco regarding the lack of progress and questioned if he is satisfied with the work in the last 30 days, which Mr. Mann has been checking the project every 2 weeks and stated that it was an extremely difficult job with the trash in the water. Commissioner Gisclair stated that the contractor is not on site everyday and if he would be the job would be finished. Mr. Mann stated that if given a chance he will rectify the problems. Commissioner Griffin made a motion that from today until the Fourchon Committee Meeting on September 26th if no substantial progress has been made on the project a special meeting will be called to terminate the contract and go to the bonding company. The motion was second by Donald Vizier and unanimously approved. Commissioner Cheramie requested that the board be emailed several times within the next 2 weeks updating them on any progress.

Engineer Plaisance reported that the bid opening for the 200' bulkhead at the Front Marina is scheduled for October 9th.

Finance Committee - Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on August 22, 2007 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Jimmy Guidry, Larry Griffin, Wilbert Collins and John Melancon. The Commission also met on September 10, 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 August invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the August 2007 financial statement.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel request from Ted Falgout to attend the MMS Energy Summit on October 14th in Washington, DC and April Danos to attend the AAPA IT Committee Meeting on October 9th in Texas.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the request from Fourchon Seafood to temporarily suspend payment of rental with respect to lease site GLF107 due to the delayed construction on the site.

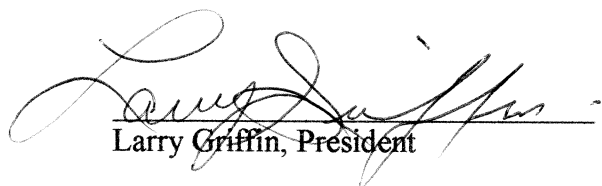
President Griffin opened the floor for any other business. Commissioner Gisclair requested an update on the placement of buoys in the west canal. Mr. Callais reported that the canal has been marked with PVC pipe but the buoys have not been purchased. The Port does not have the equipment to place the buoys and will need to rent. Mr. Callais will update the board at the next meeting to proceed with buoy replacements.

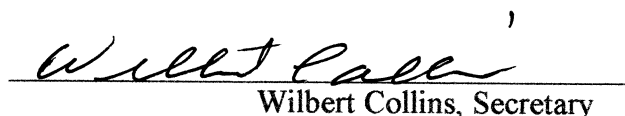
Mr. Callais raised the issue of changes at Nerby Collins Marina. He recommended that any company doing crew changes can use the crabber's launch in Flotation Canal. He also questioned the procedure to follow for the Nerby Collins Marina usage agreements. Mr. Autin stated that the usage agreement will need to be signed by all users of the marina and a certificate of insurance will be required only when doing hot work.

President Griffin opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Chester Douglas a candidate for Lafourche Parish Sheriff addressed the board. Mr. John Melancon, Jr. also addressed the board to announce his candidacy for State Representative District 54.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Perry Gisclair, the board adjourned the regular meeting.

ATTEST:


Larry Griffin, President


Wilbert Collins, Secretary