

AGENDA
January 9, 2008 @ 10:30 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider December 12, 2007 regular meeting minutes for approval
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion Update:**
 - 1) Slip B, East Bulkhead, Project #3 – John Plaisance
 - 2) Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #4 – Larry Picciola
 - B. Airport Update/Project Status**
 - C. FEMA Update**
 - D. Highway Improvements**
 - E. Coastal Issues Update**
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1) Consider approving Rotorcraft Leasing Co. to extend rent house lease at airport
 - 2) Consider approving Cal Dive International landlord disclaimer agreement
 - 3) Consider approving assignment from Ellzey Marine to Express Supply & Steel, LLC
 - 4) Consider approving leasehold mortgage agreement from Express Supply & Steel, LLC
 - 5) Consider approving the request from C-Port and Clean Tank regarding “permanent structures” in the lease language
 - 6) Consider approving the request from Express Weld to sublease a portion of their property to InterMoor
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1) Consider adopting a resolution regarding mooring of vessels
 - 2) Permits:
 - a. Plains Pipeline, LP
 - b. LA DOTD
 - c. Swift Energy Operating, LLC
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1) Consider approving low bid for the yearly fuel service
 - 2) Consider approving the low bid for the semi-annual construction material
 - 3) Consider adopting a resolution to advertise Slip B, West Bulkhead Project #3
 - 4) Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate by Stranco, Inc. for the Front Bulkhead Marina project
 - 5) Consider adopting a resolution to resume rentals from Fourchon Seafood for site 106-S
 - 6) Consider request from John W. Stone for assistance on former Oilfield Service Dock Bulkhead
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1) Consider payment of invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2) Consider approving out of state travel requests
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

January 9, 2008

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 10:30AM.

President Griffin called the meeting to order and Vice President Vizier 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 Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the December 12, 2007 regular meeting minutes.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion Update: Engineer John Plaisance reported that the design plans for a traditional type bulkhead are complete for Slip B, East Bulkhead, Project #3. PND Engineers will be finished with the open cell design in a few weeks. Once both designs are complete, they will be submitted to DOTD for final review and approval to advertise. Mr. Breaux stated that PND is meeting today on site for additional soil information. Engineer Plaisance reported that they are being shown the types of docking systems in Port.

Engineer Larry Picciola reported that he is waiting on the open cell bids to move forward for Slip B, West Bulkhead, Project #4. Commissioner Collins questioned the open cell technology, which Mr. Piccola reported that they have a patent on the design for the oval tri lock component. The design itself for an oval bulkhead has been around for a long time. Engineer Picciola reported that the 2008 Maritime Forest Ridge Shaping project is currently being advertised. Bids will be opened on February 7th at 2:00 pm for 3,000 ft of shaping with an alternate of 2,000 ft.

Airport Update/Project Status - Manager, Jason Duet reported that the contractor has completed all the preliminary work. We are waiting on the crossing agreement with LOOP and relocating the ditch for the safety area. He is meeting next week to possibly get the agreements signed. The other item he is waiting on is the Corps of Engineers needs to approve moving the drainage ditch on the north end of the runway closer to the levee. He expects a decision by January 25th. As soon as these issues are resolved we can move forward with the project. Director Falgout questioned the area for the relocation of the ditch, which Mr. Duet replied that it is within the 10' right of way of the levee. Commissioner Melancon questioned if the next phase of the project is hard surfacing, which Mr. Duet replied that this site prep and safety area project has no physical structures but it is a FAA requirement. Once this project is completed on the original 3,800 ft of runway, the next phase is to pave the parallel taxiway along the runway.

FEMA Update – Chett Chiasson reported that Grand Isle Shipyard is on site working on Phase II of the Front Marina Bulkhead repairs. He stated that the substantially completion dated December 21st for Phase I is on agenda for approval. The certificate does include punch list items to clean up the site. Commissioner Lafont questioned if the Port was finished with Stranco and if they agree with the number of delinquent days, which Engineer Plaisance replied that we have not received a formal request from Stranco requesting any weather days.

Highway Improvements – Henri Boulet Director of LA 1 Coalition reported that the state contract to complete Phase 2's R/O/W Mapping & Line Work has now been executed, and maps on the finished work are due back to DOTD in August of this year. The Coalition continues to work toward securing R/O/W acquisition funds. Following the state's acquisition of R/O/W, funding will be needed to deal with removing/relocating pipelines which pass through the R/O/W. He has been speaking with the parish

administration about committing a portion of the \$3.3 million of LRA Community Development Block (DBG) funds to Phase 2 R/O/W acquisition needs for the LA 1 Project. It appears that the parish is not close to making a decision on these funds at this time, however, they are cognizant that the LA 1 Project remains identified as 1 of 6 High Priority Projects for Lafourche within a total list of 26 projects that were identified by a FEMA Team back in 2005.

Phase 1D of the Project (toll plaza and associated facilities) bid documents remain on schedule to be let in February. To ensure installation of some of the traffic monitoring equipment on the new Leeville Bridge in a timely fashion, DOTD is having the bridge contractor price-out work that current construction crews can do more efficiently.

The US Congress did pass Energy legislation in 2007 with a limited scope, and it was signed into law by the President on December 20th. The legislation only contains provisions that save money and diversify energy supplies. This energy bill did not deal with realized, unbudgeted MMS income. We feel this issue will be incorporated in a 2008 energy bill.

Mr. Boulet attended the state's Louisiana Transportation Authority meeting and Blueprint Louisiana's Transportation Committee meeting in December. There is mounting support throughout the state to ask the Governor to dedicate a similar amount of one-time budget surplus funds of \$600 million to transportation needs. Additionally, groups including Driving Louisiana Forward and Blueprint Louisiana will forward legislation this spring which will place DOTD in a better financial condition to begin funding the 14 billion backlog of highway work in this state. A state policy change to address funding Mega-Highway Projects through the Mobility Fund is forthcoming, with a substantial part of any mega project's funding having to be raised by the local community through anticipated tolls or local taxation, and then it can apply to the state's Mobility fund for matching dollars. He will be presenting an update on the LA 1 Project to the state's new Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works in the coming weeks.

The state's CPRA will take comments January 30th in Houma on the 2009 Annual Plan. This will allocate minimally \$200 million of state funds to be invested in restoration, protection, and in critical infrastructure directly impacted by coastal land loss. Please consider coming to this 3pm meeting in the Terrebonne Parish Government's Government Tower Building. While many citizens are rightfully sure to speak up for restoration and protection projects funding needs, the Coalition could use your support in speaking up for the critical infrastructure needs of LA 1.

The LA 1 Coalition welcomes W&T Offshore as a new member in 2008. He has made presentations to several other GOM Exploration and Production Companies who should be making a decision on joining the Coalition in the first quarter of this year.

Commissioner Melancon questioned the work being done near the intersection of LA 3090, which Mr. Boulet replied that it is a test pile site. He stated that the road will connect there and you will see that type of system throughout construction. The top will have pilings and rails for a crane to ride on and a second crane will use the same tracks to build the roadway underneath and a third crane will ride behind to bring materials for the next sections.

Director Falgout stated that there is a new Transportation Secretary named and we will plan a meeting with him to discuss the significance of the new highway system and Port Fourchon.

Coastal Issues Update – Simone Maloz, Executive Director of Restore or Retreat (ROR) updated the board on the positive strides accomplished in the past year. She stated that it is a slow process but with the passage of the WRDA bill we are gaining momentum. ROR is a consistent voice for ongoing local, state, and federal projects. In 2007, legislators approved the Coastal Master Plan but ROR felt that some significant things were left out. Senators Dupre and Gautreaux helped pass a Senate Concurrent Resolution to the master plan to underscore the significant issues such as pipelines, sediment conveyance, and the Third Delta. ROR has engaged the services of Coastal Environments to help find the scientific problems with the master plan and try to combine bigger projects. This study is called "A Plan for Survival for the South Lafourche/South Terrebonne Region". ROR continues to work with the Davis Pond and Bayou Lafourche projects. They have formed a task force to get these types of smaller projects moving. She reported that since ROR has been involved with the Davis Pond project it has been used 25% more. ROR

has pointed out some design improvement to make things run quicker. The Davis Pond project and the Bayou Lafourche project need constant attention.

Director Falgout mentioned the Myrtle Grove project meeting coming up which recognizes that there are other diversion plans small and large underway. There's no good understanding on how each plan will affect others. We are trying to get the State to review all diversion projects before they are constructed to make sure one doesn't affect the other. Ms. Maloz stated that some project managers don't communicate with each other and we need to know if each project is relevant. ROR is hoping to make these kinds of connections between division projects.

A new thing ROR is doing this year is educating people on the benefits of freshwater. People have different ideas about each technique you can use.

Director Falgout stated that the Port has invested a considerable amount of money in the LA 1 Coalition and ROR. This board can be proud of what both organizations have achieved. These organizations are examples to others.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee - Chairman Griffin reported that the committee met on January 8, 2008 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were Larry Griffin, Jimmy Lafont, John Melancon and Wilbert Collins. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meeting.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved the request by Rotorcraft Leasing Co. to extend the rent house lease (SLIP-7) at the South Lafourche Industrial Park for an additional year with a 5% escalation.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the Landlord Disclaimer agreement with Cal Dive International for improvements to Site 615 subject to Port Attorney's additional language.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's consideration the assignment from Ellzey Marine to Express Supply & Steel, LLC and the leasehold mortgage agreement from Express Supply & Steel, LLC. The board took no action on these items.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's consideration the request from C-Port and Clean Tank regarding "permanent structures" in the lease language. Director Falgout stated that the recommendation of the committee was that we do not grant the request to take "all buildings" out of the lease language. The Chouest organization does have legitimate concerns in terms of specialized buildings such as their covered slip buildings. We are in a position to reach a mutual agreement to be enforced in future leases. If a lessee proposes to build a specialized facility, the Port will include language in their lease to allow them to request removal of the identified specialized facility. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board denied the blanket request from C-Port and Clean Tank regarding removing "buildings" from the definition of "permanent structures" contained in the proposed leases. Director Falgout also stated that Chouest Offshore has 30 days to sign the new leases and the Clean Tank lease does include an implementation fee.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the request from Express Weld, LLC to sublease a portion of their property 300' x 400' to InterMoor for storage and parking.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Cheramie reported that the committee met on January 8, 2008 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, Larry Griffin, and Perry Gisclair. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meeting.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Johnny Melancon, the board unanimously adopted a resolution under the authority of Port Ordinance No. 34, does hereby specifically prohibit the mooring or docking of vessels greater than two vessels wide in that section of Bayou Lafourche between Bud's Camp and Southeast Canal in the general vicinity of Leeville, LA.

Chairman Cheramie presented to the board the permits by Plains Pipeline, LP; LA DOTD; and Swift Energy Operating, LLC.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Jimmy Guidry, a two-thirds vote was taken to add the South Lafourche Levee District nominations to the agenda. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas. Director Falgout stated that in the levee district's legislation this Commission nominates 3 candidates to be appointed by the Governor. In 2004, the Port nominated Monty Vegas and it was recommended by President Ronald Callais to nominate him again. Upon motion by Wilbert Collins, and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously nominated Monty Vegas, Roy Gisclair, and Bob Faulk. Commissioner Lafont requested that in the future we should receive resumes for the board's review 60 days prior to appointments.

Construction & Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on January 8, 2008 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were Ervin Bruce, Larry Griffin, John Melancon, and Donald Vizier. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meeting.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the low bid by Retif Oil & Fuel for the yearly fuel service to Galliano and Fourchon warehouses.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the low bid of each item listed for the semi-annual construction materials to Civil Construction Contractors and Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by John Melancon, the board adopted a resolution to advertise the Slip B, West Bulkhead Project #3 (SPN578-29-0018-322).

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated December 21, 2007 by Stranco, Inc. for the Front Marina Bulkhead project.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously adopted a resolution to resume rentals on February 1, 2008 from Fourchon Seafood for site 106-S.

Chairman Bruce presented to the board the request from John W. Stone for assistance on former Oilfield Service Dock Bulkhead. The board took no action and will remain consistent that it is the lessee's responsibility to maintain the bulkhead. The Port will assist in repairing drainage issues on the site.

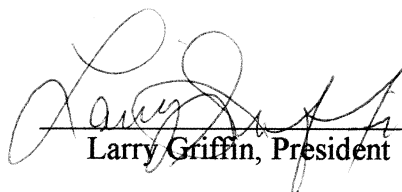
Finance Committee - Chairman John Melancon reported that the committee met on January 8, 2008, at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were John Melancon, Jimmy Guidry, Larry Griffin, and Wilbert Collins. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meeting.

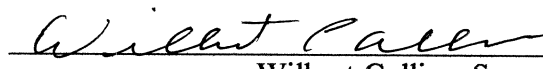
Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the payment of December invoices and recognized the expenditures over \$10,000.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests by Chett Chiasson and Jason Duet to attend the FAA Partnership Conference on March 10th in Dallas; Jon Callais to attend the AAPA Security Committees Winter Meeting on Feb 27th in Alabama; and Paula Schouest to attend the AAPA Public Relations Committee Meeting on March 30th in Washington DC.

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

ATTEST:


Larry Griffin, President


Wilbert Collins, Secretary