

AGENDA  
October 14, 2009 at 10:30 AM  
(Revised 10/13/09 9:25 am)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for September 9, 2009 regular meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion**
    - 1) Slip B Dredging, Phases 3 & 4 (J. Wayne Plaisance)
    - 2) Slip B East Bulkhead, Phase #4, Part II (Angelette-Picciola)
  - B. Airport Projects**
    - 1) Localizer/DME (LPA Group)
    - 2) Airport Drainage Canal
    - 3) Pump Station Repair
    - 4) Airport Road Asphalt Repair
  - C. FEMA Projects**
    - 1) Bathhouse
    - 2) Breakwater Repairs
    - 3) Beach Stabilization
    - 4) Ditch Sweeping
  - D. Port Projects**
    - 1) Martin Terminal Slip #1 Repairs (EDA Grant)
    - 2) LA 3090
    - 3) Highway Embankment Stabilization
    - 4) Fourchon Seafood Site Repairs
    - 5) Communications Tower
    - 6) LA 1 Project - Command and Control with AVMS
  - E. LA 1 Highway Improvements**
  - F. Coastal Issues**
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee**
    - 1) Consider resolution naming Authorized Representatives, Authorizing Grant Application Submittal, and Certifying Urgent need for the Project
    - 2) Consider the all in one resolution that states we will follow all necessary Rules and Regulations regarding Citizen Participation, Procurement, Anti-Displacement, Equal Opportunity, Labor Compliance, and Financial Management for participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
    - 3) Consider resolution authorizing GLPC to enter into an Agreement with CDBG, Use the State's Administrative Consultant, Authorize Executive Director to sign all documents.
    - 4) Consider authorizing Director to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the LA Division of Administration and the CDBG Disaster Recovery Unit through the Fisheries Infrastructure Assistance Program
    - 5) Consider Corps right of entry agreement for the maintenance dredging of Belle Pass
    - 6) Consider bids for Surplus Equipment
    - 7) Consider request from C-Port for property at the end of Dudley Bernard Road
    - 8) Consider revised Chouest Shorebase Services lease
    - 9) Consider Fourchon Seafood lease status
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee**
    - 1) Consider proposed Ordinance No. 72 for mooring of vessel prohibiting water access to private property
    - 2) Review permit application from Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Louisiana Delta Farms, Louisiana Delta Oil Company, LLC, and Louisiana Transportation Authority

**C. Construction & Development Committee**

- 1) Consider Slip B Phase 3 Bulkhead DOTD resolution accepting the work
- 2) Consider Slip B Phase 3 Bulkhead Clear Lien Certificate by James Construction Group
- 3) Consider Slip B Phase 4 - 700' Bulkhead DOTD resolution accepting the work
- 4) Consider Slip B Phase 3 Asphalt Dudley Bernard Road DOTD resolution to advertise
- 5) Consider DOTD sponsorship agreement and resolution for PAPI Runway Lighting Upgrade
- 6) Consider Clear Lien Certificate by Phylway for the Paving A North Taxiway
- 7) Consider Pre-Storm Emergency Debris Removal bid
- 8) Consider Pre-Storm Emergency Debris Monitoring bid
- 9) Consider Clear Lien Certificate by Dolphin Services for the Wharf Repairs at Front Marina and Boat Launch
- 10) Consider Breakwater Repair bids
- 11) Consider Change Order No. 1 by Coastal Dredging for the Slip B Phases 3 & 4 Dredging Project

**D. Finance Committee**

- 1) Consider payment of September invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
- 2) Consider approving September Financial Statements
- 3) Consider out of state travel requests

VII. Any other business

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Adjournment

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

October 14, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 10:30AM.

President Griffin called the meeting to order and Secretary 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 Donald Vizier and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the minutes for September 9, 2009 regular meeting.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Engineer John Plaisance reported that the contractor is on site for Slip B Dredging, Phases 3 & 4 which is scheduled to be complete in January. He stated that after further review there is an additional 80,000 cubic yards of material available to fill in the spoil area which is the change order on the agenda. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that the contractor Low Land Construction is on site for the Slip B East 1100' Bulkhead Phase 4. Low Land is currently digging the trench for the deadmen. The whaler beams have been delivered and they are progressing well. He stated that the plans for the Asphalt of Dudley Bernard Road have been sent for DOTD's review and approval. The project will begin advertising next week and the bid opening is scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Airport Projects – Airport Manager, Jason Duet reported that the Localizer/DME installation is complete. The FCC license issue is being resolved by the contractor. The excavator sweeping the Airport drainage canal is on site working expected to be complete in 2 to 3 months. Mr. Breaux reported that the plans for the Pump Station Upgrade for one pump replacement is close to being complete and will be advertising soon. He stated that the two other pumps went out last week and it is expected to take 2 to 3 weeks to refurbish the pumps back to working order. Commissioner Lafont stated that the plan was to replace one pump at a time, which Mr. Breaux replied the plan is to get one new pump and refurbish the other two. Commissioner Guidry questioned the localizer test, which Mr. Duet replied that an FCC license is required before the testing can be done then it takes several months for it to be published by the FAA. The localizer/DME is planned to be on line in February. Mr. Breaux reported on the Airport Road Asphalt Repair. He received 3 estimates to repair the dips in the road from the bridge to the drainage canal. The low quote is from Huey Stockstill in the amount of \$63,572. The cost of repair is in the budget for \$103,000 which will take care of the road work and the balance will be put toward the refurbished pumps.

FEMA Projects – Mr. Chett Chiasson reported that Picciola & Associates is finalizing the Bathhouse design. The plans will be ready to submit to the fire marshal for approval by the end of this week once approved it will be ready to advertise. The Breakwater Repairs bid by Luhr Bros is on the agenda for approval. He stated that FEMA had a meeting with the state applicant liaison James Lee Whitt regarding the Beach Stabilization project. FEMA finally decided to give a full repair of the beach damages therefore we will be expecting a project worksheet which will also include mitigation efforts to halt any further damages on the beach. Director Falgout stated this is fantastic news that Chett has been working very hard with FEMA to get a great project and the money we need to do an even larger project toward Bay Champagne. Mr. Chiasson reported that the Ditch Sweeping project is complete.

Port Projects – Mr. Chiasson reported that Angelette-Picciola is working on the design plans for the Martin Terminal Slip #1 Repairs. A request for proposals has been sent out to do the survey work to determine the soil conditions before moving forward. He reported that bids were received on September

30<sup>th</sup> for the overlay of LA 3090. The bids have been submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for their review which should take 60 to 90 days. We are hoping it will only take 60 days to review so the contractor can begin work before the end of the year.

Mr. Davie Breaux reported on the upcoming Highway Embankment Stabilization projects. He has identified 2 locations which are Golden Meadow south a few areas in need of rip rap and the other area is Golden Meadow north in Cut Off. DOTD will provide the equipment and we will purchase the stone and provide Harbor Police traffic control. Commissioner Lafont stated that there is one location near Bayou Louis Street in need of stone, which Mr. Breaux stated that we already placed some stone in that area. Commissioner Melancon questioned if there is enough money to do this project, which Mr. Breaux responded yes. There is approximately \$44,000 in Capital Outlay funds available with the additional funds allocated in the budget. Mr. Breaux stated that the Fourchon Seafood Site Repairs will be discussed under the Executive Committee.

Mrs. April Danos reported that the preliminary budget for the Communications Tower is estimated higher than what was anticipated therefore they are reviewing the project to try to cut cost. She stated that the request for proposals for the LA 1 Project - Command and Control with AVMS project with DOTD is being advertised.

LA 1 Highway Improvements – Mr. Henri Boulet reported on the percentage completion of Phase 1A (Fourchon to Leeville) of the LA 1 Project as of September 30<sup>th</sup> was 33.5%, and the percentage of time elapsed was 49%. 24 hour operations at the LA 1 Customer Service Center in Golden Meadow will continue until all area kiosks are tested, in place, and functioning. As I stated last month, kiosks have been delivered to the Crescent City Connection Division in New Orleans. They are currently having alarm system programs installed on them which will alert the Crescent City Connection when they are low on paper or the machine malfunctions. This is all being done so the merchants will not have to face problems with them. They are hoping to deliver them to the merchant locations very soon. Concerning job openings at the Customer Service Center, there are currently two positions as Accounting Specialist II open. Interested applicants can call the Human Resource Department of the Crescent City Connection Division at (504) 376-8108 if they would like to know the steps on the civil service website they need to go through to apply. The Crescent City Connection Division is trying to get approval for a Special Entrance Rate compensation for these positions which would raise the rate of pay, as they are having problems filling the positions now.

At the last meeting I was requested by a commissioner to ask DOTD about any studies relative to the Leeville businesses, LA DOTD Secretary William D. Ankner did provide me with updated information. He said “The Department of Transportation and Development has listened to the concerns of those Leeville businesses affected by the new LA 1 Bridge, and as a result, we are taking steps toward mitigating those effects. We are in the process of installing a sign to inform drivers about the businesses located just past the bridge’s approach. We are also open to discussing the installation of logo signs for those businesses. I believe that on the whole, the LA 1 project is providing tremendous economic benefits for the region, and that signs like this can assist your businesses.”

Concerning Phase 2 R/O/W acquisitions, DOTD is still reviewing the appraisals, and has not yet moved ahead with offers to property owners. While working on the appraisals for this project, the consultants had a difficult time finding comparables in the area, which took longer than expected. The offers to property owners are forthcoming. Concerning the geotechnical work, Ardaman & Associates, Inc., was recently selected by the DOTD to do this work. A few contractual steps are required before the Notice to Proceed can be issued. I am hopeful that they may be mobilized and in the field within the next two to three months.

Concerning Phase II construction funding, the LA 1 Coalition submitted a grant application to the US Department of Transportation’s TIGER Discretionary Grant Program requesting \$300 million for the 8.3 miles of needed 2-lane elevated highway between Golden Meadow and Leeville last month. The U.S. Department of Transportation announced that \$56.6 billion in applications were received for \$1.5 billion in multi-modal discretionary grants to be given out next year. By law, the department has until February 17, 2010 to announce the grant recipients, but the Secretary has stated that the target for

announcing the winners will be in January 2010. 1,400 projects were submitted from around the country. From Louisiana alone, 27 projects were submitted requesting \$1.4 billion. The Coalition is currently working on other funding opportunities within our state government.

Finally, the LA 1 Coalition submitted officials comments to the US Minerals Management Service on September 20<sup>th</sup> in support of the proposed 2010-2015 5-year Oil and Gas Leasing Plan which calls for 31 lease sales in the Gulf during this 5 year period.

Commissioner Gisclair stated that he understands that there are additional request for kiosk machines in Grand Isle and at Chris Moran's place in Fourchon. He stated that there is also a request from a business in Leeville, Griffin's Marina, to consider putting a kiosk machine there since there is competition for business. Mr. Boulet stated that he did speak to the project manager and this location is being reviewed. Commissioner Vizier questioned how many landowners are involved between Leeville and Golden Meadow, which Mr. Boulet replied that there are 14 property owners which include 2 large companies Apache and ConoccoPhillips. Commissioner Collins question how far from LA 1 will the new highway pass, which Mr. Boulet replied that some areas are half a mile away from LA 1. Commissioner Griffin questioned when the cameras will be installed for the vehicles that are crossing into incoming traffic to avoid the toll, which Mr. Boulet stated that they have been ordered but not sure when they will be installed. Commissioner Melancon questioned the progress of Phase I, which Mr. Boulet stated that the contractor has begun to catch up this month since they passed the curve. DOTD still feels that the contractor will be complete by September 2011. Commissioner Cheramie stated that the Leeville area is trying to bring in a public launch to increase business and requested the help from the LA 1 Coalition and DOTD. Mr. Boulet stated that he has already submitted an official letter from the LA 1 Coalition to Parish President Randolph asking her to consider spending a portion of the \$33 million in block grant money on a public boat launch in Leeville.

Coastal Issues – Director Falgout stated that as mentioned earlier we were successful in getting additional funding from FEMA to do the beach project. He stated at previous meetings the board gave us direction to move forward with getting land rights to construct the project. We have had meetings with the Beachfront Development District and Parish President to discuss the involvement of each agency for this project. There is also a meeting today with the same parties at the Governor's office to discuss the beach and lay out a strategy for the Port, Parish Government, State, and the Beachfront Development District on how to proceed to have coastal restoration projects constructed to protect the port and the public access to the beach. The State Attorney General's office and the State Land office are also invited to attend this meeting.

Director Falgout stated that on Sunday, prior to the President coming to New Orleans on Monday, there will be high ranking meetings taking place by the Environmental Protection Agency and others that are part of the Oceans policy. The Governor's office will tour the coast and stop in Fourchon for a luncheon and presentation. The board is invited to attend. Director Falgout stated that the long distance pipeline delivery project is a major project to bring sediments from the Mississippi River across the Barataria Basin ultimately into Lafourche. They have refined some engineering and it looks like the cost will be far more than anticipated. At the request of Lafourche and Terrebonne Parish, they are reviewing alternatives such as taking material out of Little Lake to do Terrebonne and Lafourche Parish and using the Mississippi River sediments to do Plaquemines Parish. We are involved in helping direct that project otherwise we would have seen all sediments go to Plaquemines Parish.

Director Falgout stated that there was a Davis Pond scoping meeting last week. The structure has excess capacity now that it is fully operational to deliver more freshwater. There's clearly winners and losers when adding freshwater into the basin. There are clear benefits to the public by marsh restoration capabilities, increasing freshwater habitat, combating salt water intrusion but the downside is the impacts to the fisheries with the oyster fishermen being the most impacted. All benefits and impacts were brought forth at this meeting which will be analyzed in a feasibility study. The study should be complete by 2011.

Commissioner Melancon concerned about the performance of the Davis Pond structure, which Director Falgout stated that it is performing in a manner to meet the constraints of management proposed

20 years ago. At the time, it was decided to manage the structure by creating an imaginary salinity line in the basin moving 10 to 12 miles south. Unfortunately in the 20 years before the project was completed in 2002, much of the marsh deteriorated in the basin turning into open water which is now more difficult for salinity levels to be effective. It is hard to manage the salinity levels with an imaginary line with wind conditions and weather. Congress has realized that and authorized the Corps to revisit the management of the structure to determine how to maximize the economic benefits. Further discussion followed regarding past structural problems and the current operations of the structure.

President Griffin veered from the agenda to recognize Senator Norby Chabert. Senator Chabert reported on his committee assignments. He has appointments to the Natural Resources Committee, Insurance Committee, and Judiciary B Committee. He was also appointed an interim member to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee which will be dealing with the reapportionment issue of re-drawing senate and congressional lines. He is assigned to the Select Committee on Coastal Restoration/Flood Protection and also assigned Chairman of the Select Committee on Vocational/Technical Education. Commissioner Collins questioned his position on fisheries, which Senator Chabert stated that he is 100% backing the fishermen and will do what he can to protect the local fishermen.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee – Chairman Griffin reported that the committee met on September 23, 2009 at the Operations Building in Port Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin and Jimmy Lafont. John Melancon and Wilbert Collins were absent. The committee also met on October 12, 2009 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously adopted the resolution naming Authorized Representatives, Authorizing Grant Application Submittal, and Certifying Urgent need for the Project funding put in for fisherman not to lose vessels being outside levee system.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously adopted the all in one resolution that states we will follow all necessary Rules and Regulations regarding Citizen Participation, Procurement, Anti-Displacement, Equal Opportunity, Labor Compliance, and Financial Management for participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously adopted the resolution authorizing GLPC to enter into an Agreement with CDBG, Use the State's Administrative Consultant, Authorize Executive Director to sign all documents.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved authorizing Director to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the LA Division of Administration and the CDBG Disaster Recovery Unit through the Fisheries Infrastructure Assistance Program.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the Corps of Engineers Right of Entry agreement for the maintenance dredging of Belle Pass.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the high bids for the Surplus Equipment which totaled \$7,777.49.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved the request from C-Terminal to amend lease to include additional property (200' x 80') at the end of Dudley Bernard Road to place the security guard building.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the revised Chouest Shorebase Services lease for site GLF621 which includes changes regarding force majeure and rental guarantees.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration the Fourchon Seafood lease status. Mr. Autin stated that Fourchon Seafood has 3 separate leases with the Port and 2 of these leases (106-S and 107) letters have been sent detailing repairs that were needed regarding warehouse building, fuel tanks, and debris pile. He stated that the board's 2 options are to either hold them in default for both leases giving written notice of 30 days to cure the problems or cancel their lease. Upon motion by John Melancon to hold them in default of their lease agreement for sites 106-S and 107 giving 30 days to cure

the problems in regards to the removal and/or repairs to the warehouse building, fuel tanks, and debris pile. The motion was second by Perry Gisclair and the board opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Melancon questioned if we are sending the notice to the bank as well, which Mr. Autin replied yes. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Cheramie reported that the committee met on September 23, 2009 at the Operations Building in Port Fourchon. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Larry Griffin, and Jimmy Lafont. The committee also met on October 12, 2009 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's consideration adopting Ordinance No. 72. He stated that the ordinance was presented to the committee and it was recommended to adopt the ordinance as written. He stated that this will prevent vessels from docking/mooring along private property and blocking access to the property owner. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved adopting the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 72**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING MOORING OR SITUATING OF VESSELS IN A MANNER OBSTRUCTING ACCESS TO BANKS OF BAYOU LAFOURCHE**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission that:

**SECTION 1.** The terms below shall be defined as follows:

- a. Bank – land lying between the ordinary low and the ordinary high stage of the waters of Bayou Lafourche
- b. Owner – person able to prove documentation of fee title ownership
- c. Vessel – any steamship, steamboat, tug, towboat, water craft, ship, boat or barge of any kind or description, whether foreign or domestic, regardless of whether same is self-propelled by a motor or engine

**SECTION 2.** It shall be unlawful for a Vessel to remain, after reasonable notice is given by the Owner of the adjacent Bank, situated, floated, navigated or moored outside of the navigable channel of Bayou Lafourche in a manner which obstructs reasonable Vessel access to the adjacent Bank.

**SECTION 3.** Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months in jail, or both, in the discretion of the court having jurisdiction.

This Ordinance No. 72, having been submitted in writing, having been adopted at a public meeting of said Commission, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole; the vote resulted in 9 yeas and 0 nays. The ordinance was declared adopted on October 14, 2009.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review the permit applications from the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Louisiana Delta Farms, Louisiana Delta Oil Company, LLC, and Louisiana Transportation Authority.

Construction & Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on September 23, 2009 at the Operations Building in Port Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin and Ervin Bruce. Donald Vizier and John Melancon were absent. The committee also met on October 12, 2009 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members present. 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 DOTD resolution accepting the work by James Construction Group for the Slip B Phase 3 Bulkhead State Project No. SPN 578-29-0018 (322).

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate by James Construction Group for the Slip B Phase 3 Bulkhead project.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the DOTD resolution accepting the work by Low Land Construction Company for the Slip B Phase 4 700' Bulkhead State Project No. SPN 578-29-0019 (321).



Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the DOTD resolution to advertise for Slip B Phase 3 Asphalt Dudley Bernard Road State Project No. 578-29-0017(323).

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved the DOTD sponsorship agreement and resolution for the PAPI Runway Lighting Upgrade project.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate by Phylway Construction for the Paving 'A' North Taxiway project.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration the Pre-Storm Emergency Debris Removal bid. Director Falgout stated the recommendation is to approve the bid proposal by International Equipment Distributors ("IED"). The proposals were evaluated with IED getting the highest rating for reasonable prices and quickest response in an event of a storm. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins to approve the debris removal proposal by IED, the floor was open to discussion. Commissioner Vizier questioned what happens if the company goes bankrupt, which Mr. Autin replied that we would follow the same procedure if any company the Port deals with goes bankrupt. Director Falgout stated that in that case we would use the first available contractor. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration the Pre-Storm Emergency Debris Monitoring bid. Director Falgout stated that the monitor is a requirement by FEMA to monitor the quantities and procedures of the debris removal contractor. The recommendation is to approve the bid proposal by J & S Resources ("J&S"). The proposals were evaluated with J&S getting the highest rating for reasonable prices and quickest response in an event of the storm. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Guidry to approve the monitoring proposal by J&S, the floor was open for discussion. Commissioner Gisclair questioned if the Parish selected the same contractors, which Mr. Chiasson replied no. Mr. Chiasson stated that we sent out a proposal similar to the South Lafourche Levee District ("SLLD"). The SLLD did not select the same contractors either. The technical review staff for each organization is different. The Port had Mr. Chiasson, Mr. Breaux, and Mr. Archie Chiasson with Picciola & Associates. Also the Parish and the SLLD evaluated the proposals received on different categories such as tree trimming which the Port does not have many trees. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate by Dolphin Services for the Wharf Repairs at Front Marina and Public Boat Launch.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the low bid of \$620,000 by Luhr Bros for the Breakwater Repairs.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 an increase of \$340,000 by Coastal Dredging for the Slip B Phases 3 & 4 Dredging Project for an additional 80,000 cubic yards of material.

President Griffin veered from the agenda to recognized Mr. Al Danos with the Beachfront Development District. Mr. Danos stated that they are currently working on both long term and short term goals. There is a meeting scheduled this afternoon with the state regarding long term plans. He stated that he spoke to Ms. Cathy Norman with Wisner who stated that she is receptive to opening the beach every weekend for the upcoming summer. She was very satisfied with how things went this year. Mr. Danos invited the board to the Beachfront Development meeting scheduled for next Wednesday to put a plan together to submit to Wisner. He stated that we will request the help of the Port Commission for Harbor Police patrols and maintenance of the access roads. He stated that he will keep the board updated on the plans for the beach.

Finance Committee – Chairman Melancon reported that the committee met on September 23, 2009 at the Operations Building in Port Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin and Jimmy Guidry. John Melancon and Wilbert Collins were absent. The committee also met on October 12, 2009 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all members 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 September invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the September Financial Statements.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel request by Ted Falgout to attend the America's Energy Coast Policy Forum in Washington DC on November 3, 2009.

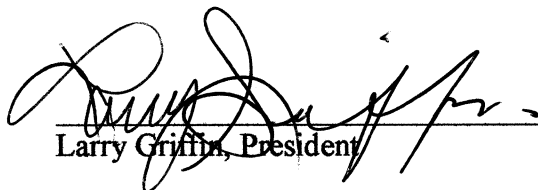
President Griffin opened the floor for any other business. Director Falgout stated that there has been some concerns regarding the capabilities of the contractor awarded the Corps Jetty Repair project. He stated that they have not yet started the project. Commissioner Cheramie stated that a barge was working in the pass. Mr. Breaux replied that he understands it is the survey crew there but will go check it out today. Mr. James Rome stated that he has included in the board's packets a Budget timeline for their review. Commissioner Vizier questioned that since we have the debris contractors will we continue to have machinery on standby ready to clear the roads after storms, which Mr. Breaux replied yes. He stated that the debris contractors are basically to haul the debris out of Fourchon as quickly as possible.

President Griffin opened the floor to Public Comment. Mr. Andrew Martin addressed the board. He stated that he has some personal concerns of rumors regarding the State Attorney General investigating the Port Commission. His concerns originate from the Port and Mr. Martin's negotiations and appraisals to purchase property for the Airport Corridor which ultimately fell through. He wanted to know if he is involved in this investigation and if he needs to seek counsel. Director Falgout replied that he is not aware of any reason for Mr. Martin to seek counsel. It is his understanding that someone alleged some things and they are being investigated to see if the claims are valid or not. They looked at a number of things and one thing was the proceedings of the appraisal process. Director Falgout stated that we have not been contacted of the results from the investigation. Commissioner Cheramie stated that he was contacted last week. Mr. Autin advised the board to not continue discussing this matter since it may be still under investigation.

Mr. Toby Terrebonne addressed the board. He stated that he and his sons are now managing the Port Fourchon Marina. They are working to improve the place in preparation for the summer time.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board adjourned the regular meeting.

ATTEST:

  
Larry Griffin, President

  
Wilbert Collins, Secretary