

AGENDA  
December 9, 2009 at 10:30 AM  
(Revised December 8, 2009 at 10:25 AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for November 12, 2009 regular meeting and November 24, 2009 special 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)
    - 3) Slip B Asphalt Dudley Bernard Road, Phase 2 (Angelette-Picciola)
  - B. Airport Projects**
    - 1) Localizer/DME (LPA Group)
    - 2) Approach Lighting
    - 3) Airport Drainage Canal
    - 4) Pump Station Upgrade
    - 5) Airport Road Asphalt Repair
  - C. FEMA Projects**
    - 1) Bathhouse
    - 2) Breakwater Repairs
    - 3) Beach Stabilization
  - D. Port Projects**
    - 1) Martin Terminal Slip #1 Repairs (EDA Grant)
    - 2) LA 3090
    - 3) Highway Embankment Stabilization
    - 4) Communications Tower
    - 5) LA 1 Project - Command and Control with AVMS
  - E. LA 1 Highway Improvements**
  - F. Coastal Issues**
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee**
    - 1) Consider approving GLPC Safety Awards Policy
    - 2) Consider approving request from C-Port to revise Landlord Agreement
    - 3) Consider approving request from Port Fourchon Marina regarding rental credit
    - 4) Consider approving the request from the South Lafourche Levee District regarding Locks
    - 5) Consider approving the request from Fourchon Seafood to terminate lease sites 106-S and 106-D and extension for cleanup of site 107
    - 6) Consider approving the request from Byron Cheramie to lease property at the S.L. Industrial Park
    - 7) Consider approving the request from Tram Aviation to lease property at the S.L. Leonard Miller Jr. Airport
    - 8) Consider approving the request from Orgeron Investments to relocate RFR at the S.L. Leonard Miller Jr. Airport
    - 9) Consider approving the request from ERA Helicopters to lease site SLA101 at the S.L. Leonard Miller Jr. Airport
    - 10) Consider approving the request from VIH Cougar Helicopters to park R/V at the SL Industrial Park
    - 11) Consider approving the amendments to leases GLF615 Cal Dive, GLF616 Allport Services, GLF611 Tiger Tanks, and GLF617 Expert Riser regarding insurance, improvement rent, and revised property dimensions
    - 12) Consider adopting the resolution recognizing Director Ted Falgout for his 31 years of service to the Port Commission
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee**
    - 1) Review permit applications from Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Plains Pipeline, and Caillouet Land Corporation
    - 2) Report on the Belle Pass Lighting System

C. Construction & Development Committee

- 1) Consider accepting the Clear Lien Certificate from Sibley & Associates for the Debris Removal project
- 2) Consider awarding the lowest bidder the Approach Lighting project
- 3) Consider awarding the lowest bidder the Slip B Phase 3 –Dudley Bernard Asphalt Roadway Project

D. Finance Committee

- 1) Consider payment of November invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
- 2) Consider approving November Financial Statements
- 3) Consider approving the 2010 Budget
- 4) Consider out of state travel request

VII. Any other business

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Adjournment

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**  
December 9, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 10:30AM.

President Griffin called the meeting to order and Vice President Vizier called roll.

**ATTENDED:** Chuckie Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, and Ervin Bruce

**ABSENT:** Perry Gisclair, John Melancon

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the minutes for November 12, 2009 regular meeting and November 24, 2009 special meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Engineer John Plaisance reported that Coastal Dredging is on site for the Slip B Dredging project. He stated that the contractor is progressing well and should be complete in January. Mr. Breaux reported that Slip B 1100' Bulkhead is progressing well and over 300 ft. of sheet piles have been installed. Mr. Breaux stated that bids were received for Slip B Dudley Bernard Roadway. Huey Stockstill is the apparent low bidder and it is on the agenda to award.

Airport Projects – Mr. Jason Duet, Airport Manager, reported that the FCC licensing as been received for the Localizer/DME project. He will be scheduling the flight and ground inspection with the contractor and FAA to be up and running by May. He stated that bids for the Approach Lighting project were received on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The low bidder was RMD Holdings in the amount of \$394,206 which is within the DOTD Navigational Aid Program budget. The excavator for the Airport Drainage Canal sweeping is continuing to work and should be complete in a few months. Mr. Breaux reported that the revised plans for the Pump Station Upgrade are complete and will be advertised by the end of this month. He stated that the Airport Road Asphalt Repair project has been completed by Huey Stockstill and payment of \$63,572.00 is up for approval today.

Commissioner Cheramie stated that during the week there were fighter jets in the area and questioned if they landed at the airport, which Mr. Duet replied that they were doing an exercise and did not land.

FEMA Projects – Mr. Chett Chiasson reported that we received fire marshal approval for the Bathhouse. Picciola & Associates is finalizing the plans and will begin advertising by the end of this month. He stated that Luhr Bros is on site for the Breakwater Repairs project and should be done by the end of next week. He reported that the FEMA project worksheet for the Beach Stabilization project has been written and being reviewed by FEMA. We should receive it next week for our review. He stated that we are expecting \$5 million for the geotube project and \$5 million for an additional section across Bay Champagne.

Port Projects – Mr. Chiasson reported that the engineer should receive the geotechnical report this week to begin the design for the Martin Terminal Slip #1 Repairs. He stated that Barriere Contractors did some patching work on LA 3090 last week to prepare to do the overlay beginning January 5<sup>th</sup>. The overlay is expected to be complete in 7 days.

Mr. Breaux reported that the Port has completed placing rip rap in the section of Golden Meadow for the Highway Embankment Stabilization project. He stated that today we will work on the other sections from Golden Meadow north working toward Cut Off.

Mrs. Danos reported that the Communications Tower notice is on advertisement. There is a mandatory pre-bid conference scheduled for Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The LA 1 Project - Command and Control with AVMS is also on advertisement and we expect to receive proposals on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

LA 1 Highway Improvements – Director Falgout reported that the percentage of completion of Phase 1A of the LA 1 Project as of November 30<sup>th</sup> was 37.6%, and the percentage of time elapsed was 54%. Four credit-debit card kiosk machines are now functioning at sites in Larose, Galliano, Golden Meadow and Leeville. Press releases are being sent out later this week announcing these available pre-payment sites. Two separate “cash or credit machines” are scheduled to be installed in the Golden Meadow Customer Service Center to serve the few nighttime visitors. DOTD has noticed a trend of more “single-trip” tolls being paid in advance over the internet at [geauxpass.com](http://geauxpass.com), resulting in less customers stopping in at the customer service center.

Concerning some initial computer glitches with the toll system erroneously mailing out notices to paid customers, as of 5:00 pm yesterday 4,294 notices have been remedied and dismissed. Concerning the camera ordered by DOTD to catch any violators who attempt to run the toll, the camera has been shipped to the DOTD and should be installed soon. The Customer Service Center supervisor asked Henri to announce that there is still one position as Accounting Specialist II open. Applicants don't have to have a college degree to apply for this job and a special entrance wage rate has been approved by the civil service board. He reported that on to Phase 2 work, DOTD's Real Estate Department mailed out the first property offer Monday. More offers are scheduled for mailing later this month and in January. By law DOTD is required to give 90 days for the offers to be replied to.

Concerning the Geotechnical work, meetings with the contractor Ardaman & Associates, Inc. have finalized the terms for the firm to build the expensive, specialized equipment needed to complete the soil probing through the Phase 2 R/O/W. This equipment has to be made. This is the work DOTD asked the Lafourche Parish Council (“LPC”) and the Port Commission to help pay for, as it is critical to the Design Build Proposers in order to submit construction proposals that could come as a result of a successful TIGER grant the Coalition submitted to the Federal DOT. Without Parish and Port assist in this component we will not get tiger grant funding. Somewhat encouraging beyond our TIGER Grant submittal is that the President spoke earlier this week of utilizing some of the not-used bailout funds to fund job creation, and specifically he mentioned job creation through highway construction. Parish \$1.2 million and Port \$50,000 enabled us to get to this point. Director Falgout recognized Parish President Charlotte Randolph to explain the LPC request for the Port's contribution. Mrs. Randolph thanked the board for their contribution last year and for it to hopefully continue for one more year. She stated that the total Parish contribution for this project is \$3.5 million over 3 years. The LPC approved \$1.2 million for the first year, however, the cooperative endeavor agreement with DOTD was written for \$1.25 million and that is when they approached the Port for the additional \$50,000. She is asking the Port to participate for one more year contributing \$50,000 and the commitment will end after that with the Parish contributing the final \$1 million next year. Director Falgout stated that we enjoy our working relationship and the cooperation with the Parish to have this project move forward.

Coastal Issues – Director Falgout stated that the Attorney General's office issued to the Caillouet Land Corporation (“CLC”) a request for removal of the pilings on the bed of Pass Fourchon. A number of piles were removed including the piles on the access road. He stated that today, Mr. Al Danos along with a gentleman from the Wildlife Federation is addressing the Coastal Protection Restoration Authority to explain the concept of a state seashore all the way from Belle Pass toward Elmer's Island. The Davis Pond Advisory Committee is meeting today to adopt the management plan. The project can now deliver more water through the system. The feasibility study being conducted will determine if the project can deliver additional benefits and what is necessary to do that. Commissioner Collins questioned if a person can remove a log off of the beach if it is on CLC property, which Director Falgout replied that if it is on CLC property that person would have to get permission from CLC. Director Falgout reported that the contractor for the Corps Jetty Repair Project is far behind the anticipated completion time. He reported that yesterday the contractor was putting sand in the wrong area which was

stopped by Port employees contacting the Corps. We will update the board as this unfolds. He reported that December 23<sup>rd</sup> will be when the rocks are delivered and the contractor is supposed to be complete by January 12<sup>th</sup>. This project is managed by the Corps of Engineers.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee – Chairman Griffin reported that the committee met on November 24, 2009 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present was Jimmy Lafont. Larry Griffin, John Melancon, and Wilbert Collins were absent. The committee also met on December 7, 2009 at the Administration Building in Galliano with John Melancon absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the revised GLPC Safety Awards Policy to allow administrative employees to receive a safety bonus in a monetary or non-monetary format. The previous policy only allowed a non-monetary bonus. Commissioner Lafont questioned that since we are out of civil service why our pay scale follows the civil service scale, which Mr. Rome replied that we use the GLPC pay scale which was evaluated with local market salaries and resulted in us using the civil service minimum salaries as a guideline.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved the request from C-Port to revise the Landlord Agreement to secure funding for improvements on sites GLF607 and GLF608 allowing the bonds to be marketed to the public.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the request from Port Fourchon Marina, Inc. to credit lease rentals for site GLF103-1994 in the amount of \$20,000.00 due to hurricane damage on wharves.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved the request by the South Lafourche Levee District regarding a 3 year commitment of \$124,405.44 per year to assist with the manned lock system.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration the request from Fourchon Seafood to terminate lease sites 106-S and 106-D and extension for cleanup of site 107. Mr. Autin stated that Community Bank is no longer involved with these lease sites since the loans were paid in full and mortgages were cancelled. He stated that Fourchon Seafood is requesting termination immediately. The rentals have been paid through December. Mr. Breaux stated that the recommendation is to allow termination as soon as they are finished with the clean up on both sites and it is satisfactory to the board. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved a 15 day extension for the clean up of site GLF107 and resolved to terminate sites GLF106-S and GLF106-D as soon as the sites are cleaned, bringing them in accord with the provisions of the respective leases.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the request from Byron Cheramie to lease 186 acres of property at the S.L. Industrial Park for the purpose of making hay. The rental will be \$2 per acre per year. Mr. Duet stated that this will allow the maintenance personnel to do other work on airport property.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the request from Tram Aviation to lease 1.71 acres of property at the S.L. Leonard Miller Jr. Airport to construct a hangar.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration the request from Orgeron Investments to relocate Right of First Refusal at the S.L. Leonard Miller Jr. Airport. Mr. Duet stated that he spoke to Mr. Orgeron who had no problem with moving and will wait to send in his request. No action was taken by the board.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the request by ERA Helicopters to lease 10.21 acres of property (former Evergreen site) at the S.L. Leonard Miller Jr. Airport.

Commissioner Collins exited the meeting.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration the request from VIH Cougar Helicopters to park an R/V at the SL Industrial Park. Mr. Duet stated that a pilot requested to move an R/V on the site where the mobile trailers were previously placed. This would be on a month to month basis not to exceed 1 year. Upon motion by Ervin Bruce to approve the request which was second by Jimmy Guidry, the floor was open for discussion. Commissioner Cheramie stated that he is against this request because there are enough R/V sites in the area that we don't need to take business from the community. He stated that a mobile trailer would be different. Mr. Duet replied that this is a different situation in that these are individuals that are using our airport and would like a place there if not approved they will not locate anywhere else in the area. The board then voted which resulted in 4 yeas by Vizier, Griffin, Guidry, Bruce; 2 nays by Cheramie, Lafont; and 3 absent by Melancon, Gisclair, and Collins.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration the amendments to leases GLF615 Cal Dive, GLF616 Allport Services, GLF611 Tiger Tanks, and GLF617 Expert Riser regarding insurance, improvement rent, and revised property dimensions. Mr. Chiasson stated that on these sites the improvement rental for the initial quotes were considerably less than actual cost. In order to keep their leases, we gave them options with updated improvement rentals which gave them different time limits to pay off the improvements. Mr. Autin stated that these sites are behind the newly built bulkhead which changes the acres slightly and also we would like to update the insurance language which will be included in the amendments. Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously approved the amendments for lease sites GLF615, GLF616, GLF611, and GLF617.

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously adopted the resolution recognizing Director Ted Falgout for his 31 years of service to the Port Commission. The resolution read whereas Ted M. Falgout has been the Executive Director for the Greater Lafourche Port Commission for the past 31 years; has been integral to the growth of Port Fourchon and the South Lafourche Leonard Miller, Jr. Airport; has served as a noble advocate for the South Lafourche Area on issues such as highway infrastructure and coastal restoration; his work has been instrumental in the prosperity of our community; therefore, the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission commends Ted M. Falgout for his years of service to the Commission and the people of South Lafourche.

Director Falgout thanked the board. He stated that having served with 28 different commissioners over the past 31 years, it is my firm belief that this community has truly been fortunate to have had citizens that are willing to serve and focus on the best interest of the Port. This has been a huge factor in enabling our staff to stay focused on growing and sustaining the port rather than dealing with the political infighting that stymies productivity. It is very rewarding to me to have played a role in the evolution of Port Fourchon from a small fishing port with pot hole ridden clamshell roads and a shallow treacherous entrance channel; to what it is today: A Port of billions of dollars of infrastructure in place, thousands of jobs for our community, and I could go on, but I won't go through 31 years of accomplishments. If I had to select one accomplishment that I am most proud of, it would be the role that this port has played in making the rest of the country aware of what's at stake if Coastal Louisiana washes away. Believe me, the farmer in Idaho, nor the Congressman in Illinois, is not nearly as willing to spend the billions of dollars necessary to restore Coastal Louisiana, just because of the environmental or cultural devastation that is occurring. Their will to help is because they understand that Coastal Louisiana is critical to their energy supply and I am most proud of how we have developed in an environmentally responsible way and have evolved into the Poster Child of what is at stake as we lose our marshes, our roads, our levees and our communities. I feel I leave the Port in good hands and it has vast opportunities to continue to prosper. Under Chett's leadership, with the full support of the Board, and the extraordinary capabilities of our very dedicated staff, these next 30 years can truly be phenomenal. Wish you the best. President Griffin thanked Ted for his years of service and trying to make him a better commissioner. Commissioner Vizier thanked Ted also. He stated that the past commissioners were wise to hire him at a young age. He thanked him for guiding him along the way and stated that Ted always told him to be consistent in whatever you do and be aggressive.

President Griffin veered from the agenda and recognized the US Coast Guard. Captain Scott Paradis and Lt. Commander Mark McManus awarded Ted Falgout with a Coast Guard Certificate of Merit. The Coast Guard cited Mr. Falgout for "outstanding dedication and support of Coast Guard missions" during the recent storm seasons and crediting him with "fostering positive partnerships with government agencies, maritime industry, and public interest groups while continuing to 'do the right thing' for the citizens of South Louisiana." Lieutenant Commander Mark McManus read the citation while Captain of the Port Scott Paradis of USCG Morgan City presented Falgout with the Certificate of Merit.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Cheramie reported that the committee met on November 24, 2009 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Perry Gisclair, and Jimmy Lafont. Larry Griffin was absent. The committee also met on December 7, 2009 at the Administration Building in Galliano with Perry Gisclair absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Cheramie presented to the board the permit applications by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, and Plains Pipeline. The CLC application was pulled to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Chief Callais reported that a letter was sent to the USCG for the Belle Pass Lighting System concerns to get better lighting to the entrance and channel markers. He will be scheduling a meeting with the USCG to discuss further. Commissioner Lafont questioned how many complaints we have on the lighting of the channel, which Chief Callais replied there are a few but not many. Commissioner Lafont questioned if it is unlawful to have lights on when vessels are docked, which Chief Callais replied that moored vessels should have running lights off, however, we don't have anything to charge them with but could call USCG if there is a problem.

Construction & Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on November 24, 2009 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present were Ervin Bruce and Donald Vizier. Larry Griffin and John Melancon were absent. The committee also met on December 7, 2009 at the Administration Building in Galliano with John Melancon absent. Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate dated November 9, 2009 from Sibley & Associates for the Debris Removal project.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Donald Vizier, the board unanimously awarded the low bid by RMD Holdings, Inc. in the amount of \$394,206.00 for the Approach Lighting project.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously awarded the low bid by Huey Stockstill, Inc. Base Bid \$1,018,825.40 and Alternate No. 1 \$139,670.00 for the Slip B Phase 3, Dudley Bernard Asphalt Roadway Project.

Finance Committee - Commissioner Guidry reported that the committee met on November 24, 2009 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present was Jimmy Guidry. Larry Griffin, John Melancon, and Wilbert Collins were absent. The committee also met on December 7, 2009 at the Administration Building in Galliano with John Melancon absent. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved payment of November invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the November financial statements.

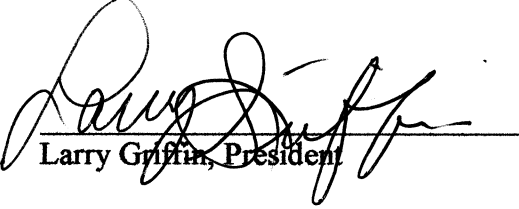
Commissioner Guidry presented for the board's approval the 2010 Budget. Mr. James Rome discussed highlights from the budget. The income statement projections are revenue income of \$19.6 million, operating profit of \$2.9 million, non-operating of \$21 million for a total net income of \$24.6 million. The cash flow projections are to start the year with \$31.5 million with the year ending at \$13.8 million which equates to \$16.6 million total operating budget. The capital budget is \$45.5 million and the non-operating budget is \$15.5 million. The total 2010 GLPC Budget is \$77,744,878.00. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the 2010

Budget of \$77.7 million. Director Falgout commented that his first year at the Port the budget was \$200,000.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel request by Chett Chiasson to attend the Gulf Ports Association event on February 24<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

  
Larry Griffin, President

  
Wilbert Collins, Secretary