

AGENDA
June 10, 2009 at 10:30 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for May 13, 2009 regular meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion**
 - 1) Slip B West Bulkhead, Phase #3 (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 - 2) Slip B Dredging, Phases 3 & 4 (J. Wayne Plaisance)
 - 3) Slip B East Bulkhead, Phase #4, Part I and II (Angelette-Picciola)
 - B. Airport Projects**
 - 1) North Taxiway Paving (LPA Group)
 - 2) Localizer (LPA Group)
 - 3) DME (LPA Group)
 - 4) Game fence
 - C. FEMA Projects**
 - 1) Port Security Cameras
 - 2) Debris Removal and Monitoring
 - 3) Wharf Repairs at Front Marina & Public Boat Launch
 - 4) Bathhouse
 - 5) Beach Stabilization
 - 6) Breakwater repairs
 - 7) Elevator at Operations Center
 - 8) Ditch Sweeping
 - 9) Nerby Collins Marina
 - D. Port Project**
 - 1) Martin Terminal Slip #1 Repairs (EDA Grant)
 - 2) Breakwater Extension (NOAA Grant)
 - 3) Port Security Vessel
 - 4) Fourchon Bridge
 - 5) Fourchon Seafood Site Repairs
 - 6) Communications Tower
 - 7) LA 1 Project - Command and Control with AVMS
 - 8) Mobile Communications Trailer
 - E. LA 1 Highway Improvements**
 - F. Coastal Issues**
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee**
 - 1) Consider request from Allport Services to lease site GLF616
 - 2) Consider request from Express Weld for a landlord agreement
 - 3) Consider proposed CLC Seawall and Construction and Maintenance Servitudes
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee**
 - 1) Review permit applications from Swift Energy Operating, James Samples and Chevron USA
 - C. Construction & Development Committee**
 - 1) Consider DOTD resolution to advertise for Dredging of Slip B Phases 3 & 4
 - 2) Consider DOTD resolution certifying compliance with the public bid laws for 1100 Bulkhead project in Slip B
 - 3) Consider Substantial Completion Certificate from Phylway for the North Taxiway Paving project
 - 4) Consider Change Order from Mid South Computers for the Port Security Camera repairs
 - 5) Consider Substantial Completion Certificate from Mid South Computers for the Port Security Camera repairs
 - D. Finance Committee**
 - 1) Consider payment of May invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
 - 2) Consider approving January 2009 – May 2009 Financial Statements
 - 3) Consider delinquent rental status of Kajun Truck Plaza lease site GLF200
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
June 10, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 10:30AM following the public hearing.

President Griffin called the meeting to order and Secretary Collins 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 May 13, 2009 regular meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer John Plaisance reported that James Construction is progressing well and is scheduled to be complete in early July for Slip B West Bulkhead, Phase #3. Engineer Plaisance reported that he has received comments back from DOTD and will submit the changes necessary to begin advertising for Slip B Dredging, Phases 3 & 4. Mr. Breaux questioned the wedge against the sheets and holes along the bulkhead, which Plaisance replied that there are holes for the water to drain the property during construction and the concern was that the lightweight aggregate will move also. He stated that he plans on placing larger rocks in that area to keep the materials in place. Commissioner Cheramie questioned the 6 inch concrete washer plate used to hold tie rods if the cost was added to James Construction invoice, which Plaisance replied that he is reviewing a change order for approximately \$6,000. This will be presented at the next meeting. All the concrete washer plates have been repaired.

Engineer Larry Picciola reported that Low Land is progressing well for Slip B 700 LF Bulkhead, Phase #4, Part I. Contractor has excavated material behind the bulkhead to prepare for the lightweight aggregate. All deadmen are in place and will soon begin installing the tie rods. Engineer Picciola reported that the pre-construction meeting for Phase II the 1100 LF Bulkhead is scheduled for June 16th.

Mr. Breaux stated that C-Port is currently dredging their 3 slips along Flotation Canal and placing spoil material in the Mitigation Part C area. Director Falgout questioned how long the dredge will be there, which Mr. Breaux replied approximately 3 weeks. Director Falgout questioned who is directing where the spoil is placed, which Mr. Breaux stated that he met with C-Port personnel and went over the guidelines of our permit. He stated that C-Port has staked out the area and they are aware of the elevations that are needed. Director Falgout stated that it is important to have natural drainage out to Flotation Canal and not build too high of an elevation up against the levee. Mr. Breaux will monitor the dredging work.

Airport Projects – Jason Duet, Airport Manager reported that the North Taxiway Paving project is complete and the substantial completion certificate is on the agenda for approval. He stated that the final inspection was done yesterday with LPA Group, DOTD, and Phylway. LPA Group will compile a list of punch list items that Phylway needs to complete in 30 days to close out the project. Mr. Duet stated that the Localizer/DME installation should begin in August and be ready for aircraft users by February 2010. He reported that the contractor installing the game fence to protect the southern end of the runway should begin construction next week. Commissioner Cheramie questioned if we received the necessary insurance certificate, which Mr. Duet replied that they are in the process of sending that to us.

FEMA Projects – Chett Chiasson reported that the Port Security Camera repairs are complete and the change order and substantial certificate is on the agenda for approval. He stated that the contractor for the Debris Removal and Monitoring project has determined that there is 30,000 cubic yards of

material rather than the anticipated 45,000 cubic yards to be removed. The contractor has removed all the large items of the debris and what is left now is the dirt and vegetative matter. The contractor has requested a 30 day extension since he is unable to fill the trucks because of the weight of the vegetative matter. Director Falgout stated that by granting this extension the contractor will do a better job and there are no liquidated damages associated with this project. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont to extend the contract time by 30 days for the Debris Removal and Debris Monitoring project, which was seconded by Perry Gisclair, the floor was open for discussion. Commissioner Lafont questioned if the Port has designated this location for all future storm debris, which Director Falgout replied yes, since there is no alternative site in the port. Mr. Chiasson stated that he is working to have in place prior to storms a contract for Debris Removal and Monitoring to have the contractor ready to begin after a storm. We will still need a temporary site which is designated along the Flotation Canal. Commissioner Lafont requested that tenants be made aware of this site for future storms. Director Falgout stated that last storm there was the question of moving debris along the right of way for DOTD to pick up which we do recommend as long as it does not interfere with the power poles. DOTD will work through FEMA to remove debris along the highway right of way. Lessees that cleaned their sites on their own we did provide this site for debris. The board then voted on the motion which resulted in all yeas.

Mr. Chiasson reported that the wharves at the boat launch are complete. Maintenance is currently repairing some washout areas near the handicap wharf. He reported that the contractor has completed 5 wharves on the south side of the Front Commercial Marina and will move to repair the wharves on the north side this week. We are waiting on quotes for the demolition of the Bathhouse. Entergy is scheduled to relocate power to the pavilion next week. President Griffin questioned if bids are being advertised for the Bathhouse, which Mr. Chiasson replied no. He stated that the engineer is working on design plans, which is on hold for FEMA review of the "V" Zone and ADA regulations which may require a handicap restroom on the bottom floor which may result in design changes.

Mr. Chiasson reported that plans and specs to install geo tubes for Phase I of the Beach Stabilization project should be complete by this week. We are also working on a construction servitude with the landowners for this project. Commissioner Gisclair questioned how far material is pumped to fill the tubes, which Director Falgout stated that they could pump up to 2,000 ft., but it is more effective if done every 500 ft. to reduce the mobilization cost which we will try to do. Commissioner Gisclair questioned the location of the geo tubes, which Director Falgout replied 5,000 ft. along the beach. Commissioner Vizier questioned the servitude agreement, which Director Falgout stated that we are in discussion with Caillouet Land Corporation and Wisner. They both are interested in getting this done. Mr. Autin is meeting with the Caillouet's next week. The servitude will be a long term agreement and will provide for repair, maintenance, and/or rebuilding to keep the structure in place. Director Falgout stated that we have alternatives but hope we are able to finalize this agreement to move forward under the emergency provisions.

Mr. Chiasson reported that preliminary plans for the Breakwater repairs should be complete in two weeks. We do expect the project to cost approximately \$800,000. Director Falgout stated that during this time if we get the permit for the additional breakwaters there could possibly be the same contractor mobilizing to do the steel structures from the Voice of the Wetland's project. Mr. Chiasson reported that the contractor replacing the Elevator at Operations Center is expected to begin July 6th. The contractor for the Ditch Sweeping began work yesterday along N. J. Theriot Road. He stated that we are currently working on a plan to receive quotes for replacing the mats and rip rap at the Nerby Collins Marina on each side of the boatlift.

Port Project - Mr. Chiasson reported that Engineer Larry Picciola is working on different options to repair the bulkhead area for Martin Terminal Slip #1 Repairs to be funded by an EDA Grant. The plans should be complete next week for our review and to present to the Chouest organization to move forward. He reported that we are waiting permit approval for the Breakwater Extension which is estimated at \$20 million. He also contacted our Congressional Delegation to help get our NOAA Grant approved for this project. There are 800 applications worth \$3 billion for the available grant funding of

\$150 million. Director Falgout stated that there are 3 breaches between Bay Champagne and Elmer's Island in desperate need of repairs which future breakwaters could prevent.

Mr. Chiasson reported that the Port Security Vessel is under construction and expect delivery in 3 weeks. Mr. Breaux reported that Huval & Associates inspected the Fourchon Bridge and did some maintenance upgrades. The information was given to Badeaux Engineers to plan for replacement of parts to include in next year's budget. President Griffin stated that this bridge leads to Fourchon Beach which in turn leads to the same Caillouet property that they are stopping the public from entering. He stated that if we close the bridge we will stop not only the public but also Caillouet from going on the property, which Mr. Breaux replied yes. Mr. Breaux reported that Fourchon Seafood has begun site repairs and upgrades as required by the Port Commission. They started removing sheets from the building and also removed a tank. He will continue to monitor their progress.

Mr. Chiasson reported that our engineer is working on plans and specs for the 400 ft. Communications Tower. We expect to go out for bid within the next few months. Director Falgout stated that this tower will enhance our ability to communicate and tie back to Fire Central and the Port's Administration Building.

Mr. Chiasson stated that we are working on the RFP for the LA 1 Command and Control with Automated Video Management System (AVMS), which will include our multi domain awareness and Priority 5 systems. He stated that we are also working on the RFP for the Mobile Communications Trailer rental which should be complete soon to advertise next week. He stated that we have the ability to apply for stimulus funding for Port Security Grants which we will be putting together an application which is due on June 29th. This type of grant is 100% funded and could allow us to get a communications trailer of our own.

LA 1 Highway Improvements – Mr. Henri Boulet reported that Phase 1A (Fourchon to Leeville) is 33% complete of the LA 1 Project as of May 30th. Concerning Phase 2 pre-construction activities, the R/O/W acquisitions contractor received the notice to proceed on June 1st. Additionally, advertisement for the \$3.8 million of geotechnical work within the 8.3 mile R/O/W segment between Golden Meadow and Leeville is out and will close in a week. Those proposals will be evaluated and forwarded to the Secretary's Office for consideration.

Concerning the new Leeville Bridge, that structure is nearing completion and is estimated to open to traffic in early July, with tolling commencing after the Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo weekend, at the end of July. As I reported at your last meeting, the DOTD is putting together a thorough outreach program throughout Southeast Louisiana in advance of the opening of the Leeville Bridge. They have engaged services from HNTB Corporation to help assist with a well planned program. There are several upcoming meetings to explain the tolls and Geaux Pass which are scheduled on June 15th at South Lafourche High School, June 16th at Larose Civic Center, June 17th at Warren J. Harang Jr. Municipal Auditorium and June 18th at the Grand Isle Community Center. All meetings are from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Commissioner Melancon questioned if the customer service center will be ready by the opening of the bridge, which Mr. Boulet stated that a temporary building is in place until the permanent building is completed in August. Mr. Boulet introduced Mr. Robert Schmidt with HNTB to present some slides on the outreach program.

Mr. Schmidt stated that the challenge of this bridge is you will have to pay a toll to cross the bridge whereas other locations there are alternative routes. The other challenge is the wide variety of users such as people doing business in Port Fourchon and residents of Grand Isle that make frequent trips and you have the visitors that make infrequent trips. He stated the HNTB worked closely with LA 1 Coalition, DOTD, and the Crescent City Connection Toll Authority. LA 1 elevated highway will have Open Road Tolling which is 100% electronic toll collections which is a first of its kind with no toll booths and paid by pre-paid accounts. Some other highlights are it is convenient and driver-friendly, no slowing down or stopping at toll booths, tolls collected electronically by overhead equipment on the northern approach ramp near Bobby Lynn's, system deducts fee from account or matches license plate with single trip or prepaid purchase. The new GeauxPass (toll tag) will allow access to the LA 1 elevated highway, Crescent City Connection, and all future toll roads. The GeauxPass is easy to purchase, install and use. The residents of Grand Isle/Port Fourchon and non-resident commuter have discounted rates. The resident rate

is \$0.50 per trip with 2-axle vehicles. The non-resident commuter rate is \$1.50 per trip with 2-axle vehicles only and a minimum of 20 trips in a continuous 60-day period. There are also several ways to pay for infrequent travelers which are single trip GeauxPass purchases available, 4 kiosks located near LA 1 Expressway (debit/credit only), Customer Service Center in Golden Meadow (24 hour cash or debit/credit kiosk), or pre-pay by phone: call 1-866-662-8987, or pre-pay from web site www.geauxpass.com. Mr. Schmidt stated that he is pleased to be a part of this unique system. He stated that there are 6 more meetings scheduled, there will be a booth at the Tarpon Rodeo, radio advertisements all in an effort to reach every user of the bridge prior to tolls being collected.

President Griffin questioned how the commuter rate will be calculated, which Mr. Schmidt stated that the first 20 trips will be charged regular rate but the 21st trip and every trip thereafter will be at the discounted rate. President Griffin questioned if the GeauxPass is permanent, which Mr. Schmidt stated that there are two types of passes: non-removable sticker which is \$12.50 + toll pre-payment or a plastic hard case (velcro can transfer from vehicle to vehicle) which is \$32 + toll pre-payment. Commissioner Lafont questioned what happens if a person passes and does not have a GeauxPass, which Mr. Schmidt stated that the toll is accessed going southbound and there is a mechanism that within 48 hrs. a person can pay the toll by phone. Commissioner Lafont questioned if it scans the license plate, which Mr. Schmidt replied yes, the systems either scans in the GeauxPass or the license plate. Commissioner Guidry questioned if there will be notification of the balance on account, which Mr. Schmidt replied no, it will automatically replenish the authorized amount from your credit/debit card. The only reporting of balance will be shown on your card statements. President Griffin questioned where to apply for the GeauxPass, which Mr. Schmidt stated that you can apply at any of the meetings by filling out the applications made available, at the customer service centers, or on the website once it is up and running which is www.geauxpass.com. Director Falgout questioned when the website will be ready, which Mr. Schmidt replied that information and details of the GeauxPass is now available on the website. He stated that the business side of collecting the tolls is still being worked on. Director Falgout stated that the frequent user (commuter) discount only applies to double axle four tire vehicles. Commissioner Cheramie disagreed with this technicality. Director Falgout stated that is how the bond agreement reads but DOTD will be doing a 6 month evaluation of electronic equipment and then evaluate the toll collections then will recommend to the LA Toll Authority if there are any changes needed. Commissioner Gisclair questioned the kiosks machines located at the different business locations if the machines will be inside or outside, which Mr. Schmidt replied inside the 4 different facilities. Commissioner Vizier questioned if a corporation can register all 20-30 trucks on 1 account, which Mr. Schmidt replied yes, will need to provide license plates of the vehicles to get sticker tags for all vehicles.

Coastal Issues – Director Falgout reported that the Bayou Lafourche dredging pre bid conference resulted in 20 prospective bidders to dredge the 6 miles of the bayou from Donaldsonville. The bid will be opened in the next few weeks. Davis Pond is operating at capacity over 10,000 cubic feet per second. The Corps awarded the project to do modifications for the guide levees which may reduce capacity during construction. Director Falgout recognized Mr. Al Danos with the Beachfront Development District (“BDD”) to update the board on Fourchon Beach. Mr. Danos stated that the summer is going well with no major problems on the beach. There were approximately 175 people this past weekend with everyone parked near the right of way. He thanked the board for allowing the Harbor Police to patrol the beach. The last correspondence from the Caillouet’s did not allow vehicle access on the beach. We asked for any flexibility but they do not want vehicles on the beach. He stated that we have maintained a good working relationship with Wisner. He will request at their next meeting to allow vehicle access from the Wisner side (Chevron gate) for the upcoming holidays and special weekends. Mr. Danos stated that they are working on a sign to post the rules of the beach. He stated that the BDD is meeting tonight and welcomed all board members to attend.

Commissioner Cheramie questioned the expenses of Harbor Police overtime to patrol the beach, which Chief Callais reported that we had budgeted for day patrol and night patrol on the beach but since it is not open to vehicle traffic we discontinued all night patrols which cut expenses in half. Commissioner Vizier questioned if the Harbor Police are responding to trespassers going beyond the

pilings, which Chief Callais reported that they are responding but not writing anyone up. They are just making sure no one goes on the beach with their vehicle. Director Falgout stated that pedestrians are allowed on the beach just no vehicles. Mr. Danos stated that the 175 people that were on the beach were all clustered in one area because it is too far to walk with ice chest and other belongings. We need to push to get vehicles on the beach so that the public can spread out like last year.

Director Falgout stated that he will arrange a meeting with the Corps for the Caminada Headlands Restoration project which would be a major beach restoration effort between Elmer's Island and Belle Pass. We will make sure the Corps understands the Parish's intention for the beach that it is not only a coastal restoration effort but is for multiple uses. Further discussion followed regarding beach access.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - Chairman Griffin reported that the committee met on May 27, 2009 at the Operations Building in Port Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin, John Melancon, and Jimmy Lafont. Wilbert Collins was absent. The committee also met on June 8, 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 request from Allport Services to lease site GLF616.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the request from Express Weld, LLC for a landlord agreement.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's consideration the proposed Caillouet Land Corp. Seawall and Construction and Maintenance Servitudes. Mr. Autin reported that he plans to meet with the Caillouet's next week and will update the board at the next meeting. No action taken.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Cheramie reported that the committee met on May 27, 2009 at the Operations Building in Port Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin, Chuckie Cheramie, and Jimmy Lafont. Perry Gisclair was absent. The committee also met on June 8, 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 review permit applications from Swift Energy, James Samples, and Chevron USA.

Construction & Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on May 27, 2009 at the Operations Building in Port Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Ervin Bruce and Donald Vizier. The committee also met on June 8, 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 Wilbert Collins and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the DOTD resolution to advertise for Dredging of Slip B Phases 3 & 4.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the DOTD resolution certifying compliance with the public bid laws for the Slip B 1100 LF Bulkhead project.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated May 11, 2009 from Phylway for the North Taxiway Paving project.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Change Order in the amount of \$24,950.39 and the additional 28 days from Mid-South Computer Networking, Inc. for the Port Security Camera repairs.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated May 15, 2009 from Mid-South Computer Networking, Inc. for the Port Security Camera repairs.

Finance Committee - Chairman Melancon reported that the committee met on May 27, 2009 at the Operations Building in Port Fourchon. Present were Larry Griffin, John Melancon, and Jimmy Guidry. Wilbert Collins was absent. The committee also met on June 8, 2009 at the Administration Building in

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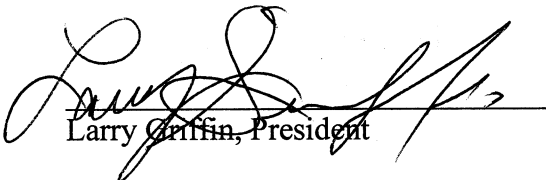
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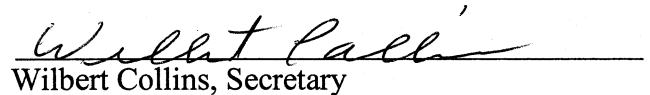
Chairman Melancon reported that Kajun Truck Plaza has cured their delinquent rental status by payment delivered yesterday; therefore, no action is necessary.

President Griffin opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Douglas Cheramie questioned Mr. Boulet why the toll money for the LA 1 Coalition is going through the Crescent City Connection ("CCC")? He is concerned that the CCC is several million dollars in the red. They are spending more than they are collecting and worried that it will affect our area and tolls in the future. Mr. Boulet replied that by state statute the CCC Authority is working closely with the LA Treasury office and all funds deposited by the CCC in the state account by law has been used to retire bond debts. The monies are kept separate from what they collect from their bridge or LA 1 as required by state law put in place by the LA Transportation Authority which is all stated in the bond documents. The reason that the CCC was utilized is because of the tolling system mechanism in place and the state did not want to duplicate something that was already in place. CCC has no authority to spend this money and it is monitored by the State Treasury's office. Commissioner Vizier questioned who is paying the workers at the customer service center, which Mr. Boulet reported that DOTD is paying from their operating revenue account all workers associated with this project. All of the funds collected from the tolls will only go toward paying off the bond.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Ervin Bruce, the board adjourned the regular meeting.

ATTEST:


Larry Griffin, President


Wilbert Collins, Secretary