

## **Greater Lafourche Port Commission**

Port Fourchon + South Lafourche Leonard Miller, Jr. Airport

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## AGENDA April 14, 2010 at 10:30 AM

Notice Posted: April 13, 2010 at 9:00 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for March 10, 2010 regular meeting and March 24, 2010 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

## C. FEMA Projects

- 1) Bathhouse
- 2) Beach Stabilization

## D. Port Security and Grant Projects

- 1) Communications Tower
- 2) LA 1 Project Command and Control System Phase I MDA
- 3) Phase II Maritime Domain Awareness Camera Networking Improvements

#### E. Other Port Projects

- 1) Martin Terminal Slip #1 Repairs (EDA Grant)
- 2) Corps Jetty Repair
- 3) L&L Dock#15 Bulkhead Repairs

## F. LA 1 Highway Improvements

## VI. Committee Reports

#### A. Executive Committee

- 1) Consider approving the request from Chris Moran for termination of lease site GLF300
- 2) Consider approving the request from Expert Riser to assign lease to Grand Isle Shipyard for Site GLF609
- 3) Consider approving the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government for the Storm Harbor Marina Project
- 4) Consider adopting the resolution to adopt administrative procedures in compliance with the Rehabilitation Act and authorizing Executive Director to execute documents required for the CDBG Storm Harbor Marina Project
- 5) Consider 2010 Fourchon Beach Public Access Agreement
- 6) Consider termination of Fourchon Seafood lease sites

#### B. Permits & Waterways Committee

1) Review permit application from Apache Corporation

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#### C. Construction & Development Committee

- 1) Consider approving Change Order No. 2 from Coastal Dredging for the Slip B Dredging Project Phases 3 & 4
- 2) Consider approving the Clear Lien Certificate from Luhr Bros. for the Breakwater Repairs
- 3) Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Adesta for the Communication Tower project

#### D. Finance Committee

- 1) Consider payment of March invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
- 2) Adopt the millage rate for the tax year 2010
- 3) Consider approving 2009 Pre-Audited Financial Statements
- 4) Consider approving the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
- 5) Consider approving the out of state travel requests
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Possible Executive Session
  - A. Discuss pending litigation defined as "<u>Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. James Construction LLC, et al, Suit No.105161 in Division E of the 17<sup>th</sup> JDC-Parish of Lafourche"</u>
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

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#### Attachment

A. The pending litigation more specifically defined as "<u>Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. James Construction LLC, et al.</u> Suit No. 105161 in Division E of the 17<sup>th</sup> JDC-Parish of Lafourche" may be discussed in an executive session.

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION April 14, 2010

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 10:30AM.

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

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

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the minutes for March 10, 2010 regular meeting and March 24, 2010 special meeting.

#### **Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Engineer John Plaisance reported that the contractor is substantially complete as of March 3, 2010 for Slip B Dredging, Phases 3 & 4. A change order is later on the agenda to approve final quantities which includes the additional dredging and deducts the liquidated damages of \$67,500. The contractor is working on the few touch up areas on the bulkhead which was damaged during the project which will be reported on at the next meeting. Engineer Larry Picciola reported that all the sheets and bumpers have been installed for Slip B East Bulkhead, Phase #4. The contractor has driven 282 piles and have 5 of the 14 deadman in place. The contractor will hold off on the remaining deadman and will start driving more timber piles to maintain a distance between the piles and deadman. Also, the 18 pairs of sheets that had painting problems will be repaired when the contractor comes in to do touch up painting. Project completion date is June 26<sup>th</sup>. Engineer Picciola stated that the drainage portion is complete for Slip B Asphalt Dudley Bernard Road, Phase 2. The contractor should return at the beginning of May to complete the asphalt portion of the project. The scheduled completion date is July 17<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Airport Projects</u> – Airport Manager, Jason Duet reported that the contractor has completed the installation of the Localizer/DME project. FAA has done their final inspection of the system and should be on line by June 3<sup>rd</sup> which is when FAA does their next publication. He reported that the contractor is on site this week working on the Approach Lighting project. He stated that within 6 to 8 weeks the project should be completed.

Mr. Breaux reported that the Parish excavator sweeping the Airport Drainage Canal has approximately 3500 ft. remaining. The Parish dozer was on site last week dressing the spoil material along the canal. Commissioner Melancon questioned how long this project has been going on, which Mr. Breaux estimated 5 months. Commissioner Melancon questioned the total footage complete, which Mr. Breaux replied the total project is approximately 5 miles and about 3 miles are complete. Mr. Breaux stated that contractor Dolphin Services has materials on order for the Pump Station Upgrade project to replace one pump. The contractor should be on site within the next few weeks. Commissioner Gisclair stated that the Parish questioned the plans for the old pump, which Mr. Breaux replied that all the parts are mostly worn out but if they are interested in it just let him know. Commissioner Melancon stated that when we do our surplus equipment this year we can add the pump to the list and let the Parish know it is on the list. Mr. Breaux stated that construction has begun on Lear Drive which is the new access road to Tram Aviation site at the Airport. He stated that the low quote was from SBL Construction to do the base of the road and the Port will top with limestone from our semi-annual construction quotes.

FEMA Projects – Director Chiasson stated that we should have the Parish permit soon for the construction of the Bathhouse. We submitted to the Parish the project worksheet signed by FEMA setting the project as a repair. He stated that contractor Gen-Con has started ordering the materials and we are just waiting the Parish permit to begin construction. Commissioner Melancon question how much time has been spent on the bathhouse, which Director Chiasson stated that it has been a considerable amount of time since Gustav. Director Chiasson stated that the seawall servitude with the Caillouet Land Corporation is on hold pending the agreement with the Parish for a right of way swap agreement. He stated that we are continuing to work with FEMA for a finalized Beach Stabilization project worksheet. He stated that since time has elapsed he recommends holding off until after hurricane season to begin the geotube project. We expect to move forward with the project in November.

Port Security and Grant Projects – Mrs. Danos reported that the contractor and surveyor were on site yesterday for the Communications Tower project. She expects to have the building permit this week for Low Land to begin site clearing and installing the fence. There is a change order later on the agenda for an additional 19 days due to the time extension from Sabre Towers for materials. She reported that the monitors should be delivered this week for the LA 1 Project - Command and Control System Phase I MDA. If delivered on time, next week they will work on configurations of the monitors and start final testing. Mrs. Danos reported that she is currently negotiating a service contract with American Integration Contractors to design Phase II Maritime Domain Awareness.

Other Projects – Director Chiasson reported that he met with Engineer Larry Picciola this morning and the design should be finalized by next week for the Martin Terminal Slip #1 Repairs. He reported that yesterday he attended the Corp of Engineers inspection of the Jetty Repair project. The project should be complete by the end of this week weather permitted. Mr. Breaux reported that L&L Dock#15 is currently doing bulkhead repairs. The contractor L&R Construction is almost complete installing the sheets.

LA 1 Highway Improvements – Henri Boulet, LA 1 Coalition Director reported that the percentage of completion of Phase 1A of the LA 1 Project as of March 31<sup>st</sup> was 45.9%, with 61% of the contract elapsed. Mr. David Miller, DOTD's Director of Toll Facilities informed Mr. Boulet that the Customer Service Center hours will be seasonally extended beginning next weekend, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, till 9pm on Friday nights and from 5am until 1pm on Saturdays. As well, he is pricing and seeking agency approval for an outdoor, drive-by cash kiosk for the facility, similar to what banks offer as a drive through ATM. Mr. Miller also informed me that they are projecting installation of the additional credit card kiosk in Port Fourchon and Leeville at the end of this month. Moving on to Phase 2, DOTD informed me that out of 21 right of way ownerships within the Phase II project area, 4 have been acquired, 16 are being negotiated, and 1 is on hold pending map revisions. Concerning the Geotechnical Field Work that will be done, Ardaman & Associates anticipates being in the field within the next two weeks to drill the land base borings. Drill Boat is about 50% complete; the mast and body are done. Construction will soon begin on the CPT (Cone Petrometer Testing) boat. The Geoprobe, which is mounted on the end of the cone itself, is scheduled for a June 1<sup>st</sup> delivery.

Concerning securing the \$4 million needed for design of the Phase II segment, we will be meeting with the LA Secretary of Economic Development concerning a program his office will be overseeing relative to the \$80 million of uncommitted CDBG funds left over from the LRA. We are awaiting the legislature's approval of the transfer of funds to his office to schedule the meeting.

Concerning construction funding for Phase II, in following recommendations of some of our Coalition members Senior Level Washington Government Affairs Representatives on a creative, legislative mechanism to acquire the construction funds we need, they encouraged me to expand the Coalition's support throughout other GOM coastal states and be inclusive of significant trade groups. This would better position us for broad support of a funding mechanism in a future energy bill, transportation bill, defense bill, or a combination of these.

On other large bridge projects in the area, the Contractor working on the new Caminada Bay Bridge completed necessary dredging and the test pile program. The fabrications of the 36" X 36" thick pre-

stressed concrete pilings, which will be driven 150 to 160 feet down are underway. The Contractor is scheduled to begin the pile driving operations by the end of April. Finally, the new Bayou Lafourche Bridge in Larose is now 15% complete.

Commissioner Gisclair questioned where the remaining right of ways to be acquired by DOTD, which Mr. Boulet replied that this involves the landowners that are closer to Golden Meadow which may have several family members that need to agree to sign. The larger landowners are ConocoPhillips and Apache Corporation which are moving forward and only waiting map revisions since it is crossing the Bollinger Canal with the elevated structure. Commissioner Gisclair questioned the percentage of the landowners, which Mr. Boulet replied the larger landowners are only 3 of 21 so you are looking at 18 smaller strips that have to be acquired. There are 4 that have been acquired so the remaining 14 probably have extended families involved. Commissioner Vizier asked Mr. Boulet's opinion of lowering or removing the toll for Grand Isle, which Mr. Boulet replied that the bill was sent back to the legislative committee last night however he heard the radio announce that it would get forwarded this year. He stated the Rep. Gisclair passed it through committee for only Grand Isle town owned vehicles but when it was brought to the House floor he added free passage for all people of Grand Isle which was voted down 71-23. He stated the Rep. Downs stated that more work would have to be done before that would be considered and first you would have to check with bond holders. He stated before you let someone out of the tolls it needs to be determined where that burden will be shifted. It is the state's financial responsibility to meet the toll debt service. The bill is heading back to committee right now. We don't want everyone else's tolls to go up because one group is free.

Commissioner Melancon questioned the numerous pipelines in a certain area and if DOTD resolved that issue, which Mr. Boulet replied that the plans were shifted slightly to avoid impact of the majority of the pipelines which will save millions.

## **Committee Reports**

<u>Executive Committee</u> - Chairman Griffin reported that the committee met on March 24, 2010 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Larry Griffin, Jimmy Lafont, John Melancon, and Wilbert Collins. The commission also met on April 12, 2010 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's consideration approving the request from Chris Moran for termination of lease site GLF300. Director Chiasson stated that he is no longer on the site and the Port does not have road access to this 10' x 200' area. He stated that in his lease contract there is no 90 day out clause however Mr. Moran wishes to terminate his lease immediately. Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Jimmy Lafont, the floor was open for discussion. Commissioner Vizier questioned if there is anything on the property, which Director Chaisson stated that it is basically a drainage ditch. Commissioner Collins stated that Mr. Breaux mentioned someone may be interested in this site, which Mr. Breaux replied that he had discussions with L&L Dock who is the lessee adjacent to this site and they would be interested in leasing the area to maintain the drainage on their site. The board then voted which resulted in all yeas to approve the termination of GLF300 effective immediately.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the request from Expert Riser to assign lease site GLF609 to Grand Isle Shipyard.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the revised Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government for the Storm Harbor Marina Project. Director Chiasson stated that the changes made specify that the Port is the owner of the project and will handle administering it.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously adopted the resolution to adopt administrative procedures in compliance with the Rehabilitation Act and authorizing Executive Director to execute documents required for the CDBG Storm Harbor Marina Project which states we will not discriminate against anyone.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's consideration the 2010 Fourchon Beach Public Access Agreement. Director Chiasson reported that this agreement with Wisner has been approved in the past to allow public access to the beach however this year there are a few changes in the document. Mr. Autin explained the changes have been negotiated between the South Lafourche Beachfront Development District (SLBDD), Wisner, and the Port Commission. There are no real issues regarding the Port's obligation except for the insurance requirement. We have contacted our underwriters yesterday morning however we have not received a reply as of yet.

Mr. Al Danos stated that he has been in contact with Wisner for the past several months to open the beach every weekend this summer. Cathy Norman with Wisner advised that they would be receptive to opening the beach. The proposed area is from the road near the Chevron facility then the first tenth of a mile will be a no stop zone heading to the west then from there it will be 3,000 ft which is more than last year. Ms. Norman assures us if we need more we would get together and discuss it. It is a good agreement and appreciated working with Mr. Autin and Ms. Norman. He stated that pending getting insurance he recommends approval of the agreement.

Ms. Norman stated that there are a few holiday weekends and any additional days will be handled on case by case basis. She stated that Taylor Engineering will be working on the beach all summer for the restoration project for the most part no heavy equipment will be there however one phase they will be taking deep soil borings which will have them closing the gate to the beach behind them from Monday through Thursday when the beach is closed. She stated that on weekends they may be out there as well. The work on the beach will be done mostly by ATV's or on foot. There will be some environmental work, surveys and soil borings.

Commissioner Vizier questioned how soon the beach could be opened, which Ms. Norman replied this weekend if the insurance is worked out. Commissioner Lafont stated that the staff asked our underwriters for an answer and we did not get one. Mr. Autin stated that he asked yesterday and tried again this morning. Commissioner Lafont stated that this is something that should be answered quickly. We are insuring a lot more than before and for it to be the first beach in the state to be insured not sure if the Port will be able to get insurance for this. This may be a deal breaker, which Ms. Norman replied this would be a deal breaker for us if Wisner is not held harmless we will not allow people on private property. Commissioner Lafont stated that he is very disappointed in our underwriters that could not give us an answer. Commissioner Melancon stated that the SLBDD and Wisner have been working these deals out and since we have no control over the SLBDD, why does the Port have to pay for the insurance. We already spend a lot of money patrolling, limestone, and restoring the beach and the access to the beach.

Ms. Norman stated that it is not just Wisner involved there is also Chevron. The road is on a lease to Chevron with multiple pipelines and they will not allow anyone on that road if they are not held harmless. She also stated that someone already sued when they were hurt on the Caillouet property at the base of the boudin revetment. We will not allow people if we get sued. It is Wisner property and we have to have insurance in place whether from the SLBDD, the Parish, or the Port. Mr. Danos stated that in the past the Port has provided the insurance without any substantial cost to the Port. If there is a cost this year and the Port doesn't want to pay for it we will have to look at another alternative.

Commissioner Melancon stated that the SLBDD is asking us to pay for something we don't have control over and he is not sure if we should be the one to pay for this. Commissioner Gisclair stated that in the past the only part insured was the road access, which Mr. Autin stated that the previous agreement stated access to the beach. He stated that this agreement is adding property to the west. We are speculating now what the cost would be. Commissioner Gisclair stated that if it comes in excess we need to look at the Parish if they would fund the insurance. Mr. Danos stated that he is receptive to approaching the Parish to fund any excess for insurance. Commissioner Vizier stated that last time we agreed to an amount if the insurance comes in within that limit we approved the agreement. He stated that there is a limit to what we can afford however he believes we will get the insurance. Commissioner Cheramie would like to see everyone have access to the beach however if the Port is paying for

limestone in the area, restoring the beach, rebuilding the breakwaters and now for the insurance it shouldn't be the SLBDD negotiating with Wisner it should be us directly and the Parish should contribute. He believes we should be the lead on this and not just involved.

Mr. Danos respectfully disagreed for the purpose of the SLBDD is to serve as the lead agency thereby representing the Parish and the Port and in constant contact with the Port staff and board members. The beach is the only issue we deal with by negotiating with Wisner and Caillouet in conjunction with the Port. Commissioner Melancon stated that he hopes that Mr. Danos and Ms. Norman knows we appreciate what they are doing to help the public, however he believes that we should table this issue until we have an answer from our underwriters. Director Chiasson stated that instead of tabling this we could approve the agreement pending the insurance information and have an amount limit for insurance and if it comes in above that amount we would have to come back to the board. Mr. Autin stated that this would be similar to what was done in the past putting a cap on any additional premium that the board is willing to pay. The cap could be any amount it could be zero however in the past it was limited to \$5,000. This would enable the public to have access to the beach as soon as we have the answer from the underwriters.

Commissioner Vizier stated that he is willing to have the cap at \$20,000 and if comes in higher it comes back to the board. He stated that the Port Commission pushed the Parish to develop the SLBDD and the Port recommended that Mr. Danos be on the board to represent the Port.

Ms. Norman stated that Wisner never prohibited access on the beach the issue here is vehicular access. She stated that under state law the public has a right to go on the beach but by foot. The main concern is potential lawsuits like the young women who drowned in the lake near UNO even though there are signs posted no swimming. She doesn't want that to happen on Wisner property which it can happen. It is the whole public safety side and liability side and as a landowner they need to be cautious. It has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Danos and the Port and sometimes we disagree. The use of vehicles on the beach is one thing we disagree on but after the major restoration project is complete we may not want vehicles on the beach at all but for now we want to help out with the desires of the public. Commissioner Vizier stated that since the public was allowed on the beach with patrols have there been any problems, which Ms. Norman replied that since we limited the area two years ago there have been no problems. She stated that years prior when the whole beach was open there was trespassing and trash all over. Since we limited the area it is controllable and it works for us. Commissioner Perry Gisclair made a motion to limit the insurance up to \$40,000 and if it goes over it will be brought back to the board. The motion was then seconded by Donald Vizier and was open for discussion. Commissioner Lafont stated that it is not good to throw out numbers it is unfair competition for our underwriters. The problem we are having is with our underwriters this is not the first time that we have to wait for an answer. We are not sure what the amount will be and we shouldn't be setting an amount. President Griffin made a motion to amend to hold off on approving the agreement until we have an answer from our underwriters then have a special meeting. The motion to amend was seconded by Chuckie Cheramie. The motion to amend was then voted on which resulted in all yeas. The amended motion was then voted on which resulted in all yeas.

Mr. Danos stated with that the beach will not be opened this weekend. He also reported on a few related items. He stated that the right of way swap agreement between the Parish and the Caillouet's is still moving forward. He stated that we will go to the beach this afternoon to mark the no stop zone. He also stated that the SLBDD is having a meeting tonight and invited the board. He reported that last meeting the SLBDD presented the strategic plan for Bay Champagne area which is in the packets today. He stated that at tonight's meeting the SLBDD will discuss Phase II which is the strategic plan from Pass Fourchon to Belle Pass area. He stated that also tonight they will be honoring Doug Cheramie who served as Vice President for the past two years.

Chairman Griffin presented for the board's consideration the termination of Fourchon Seafood lease sites. Director Chiasson stated that a letter of default was sent to Fourchon Seafood on March 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding late rental payments and the payment for site cleanup with a deadline of April 22<sup>nd</sup> to make

payments. Mr. Autin stated that he spoke with Gary Nguyen regarding the default and delinquent payments. Mr. Nguyen does wish to terminate the leases however he did not have an answer on the delinquent payments. Mr. Autin stated that we have been dealing with this for a long time and recommended that if we do not receive the delinquent payments by April 22<sup>nd</sup> we terminate the leases then move forward with collection. Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board approved terminating the lease sites on April 22<sup>nd</sup> if payment is not received and move forward with the legal collection process.

Permits & Waterways Committee - Chairman Cheramie reported that the committee met on March 24, 2010 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present were Chuckie Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, and Larry Griffin. Perry Gisclair was absent. The committee also met on April 12, 2010 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review of permit application from Apache Corporation.

Chairman Cheramie also stated that he inspected the markers in the east canal and they are all there. He reported that Director Chiasson will be sending a letter to the Grand Isle Port Commission to question when they will be placing the buoys on Jefferson Parish side of the canal.

Construction & Development Committee - Chairman Bruce reported that the committee met on March 24, 2010 at the Operations Building in Galliano. Present were Ervin Bruce, Larry Griffin, and John Melancon. Donald Vizier was absent. The committee also met on April 12, 2010 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 from Coastal Dredging Company a decrease of \$6,006.75 for the Slip B Dredging Project Phases 3 & 4.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Lafont, the board unanimously approved the Clear Lien Certificate from Luhr Bros. for the Breakwater Repairs. Commissioner Lafont questioned a barge coming northbound with rocks, which Director Chiasson stated that there were 2 projects going on the Breakwaters and the Corps Jetty Repairs. Engineer Joe Picciola stated that the contractor used all the material from the barges for the Breakwater project it may be from the Jetty Repair project.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Adesta for 19 additional days for the Communication Tower project.

<u>Finance Committee</u> - Chairman Melancon reported that the committee met on March 24, 2010 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was John Melancon, Larry Griffin, and Wilbert Collins. Jimmy Guidry was absent. The committee also met on April 12, 2010 at the Administration Building in Galliano. All members were present. The Commission then discussed items that were discussed at the committee meetings.

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

Upon motion by John Melancon to adopt the millage rate of 6.84 for the tax year 2010, was seconded by Wilbert Collins, the full resolution was read out loud, a roll call vote was taken which resulted in 9 yeas by Cheramie, Gisclair, Lafont, Vizier, Collins, Griffin, Melancon, Guidry, and Bruce.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the 2009 Pre-Audited Financial Statements.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for 2009.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests by Davie Breaux to attend the AAPA Finance Seminar in Virginia on June 7<sup>th</sup> and to attend the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

President Griffin recognized Mr. Jeff Landry. Mr. Landry addressed the board and announced his candidacy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District.

President Griffin opened the floor for any other business. Director Chiasson reminded the board that their financial disclosures are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. He then announced to the public that the Port is hosting a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 10AM to 4PM at the Galliano Administration Building. He stated that food will be served at 11am and the Hurricane Levee Band will play from 12pm to 3pm. There will be free food, music, and tours of both the Airport and Port Fourchon available.

President Griffin presented to the board to enter into an Executive Session. Mr. Autin recommended the executive session to update the board on the litigation defined as "Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. James Construction LLC, et al, Suit No.105161 in Division E of the 17th JDC-Parish of Lafourche". A two-thirds roll call vote was taken which resulted in 9 yeas by Cheramie, Gisclair, Lafont, Vizier, Collins, Melancon, Griffin, Guidry, and Bruce. The board then returned from the session.

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

ATTEST:

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