

**AGENDA**  
**October 10, 2012 at 10:30 AM**  
**Administration Building in Galliano, LA**  
*(Revised 10/9/12 at 9:30 AM)*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for September 12, 2012 regular meeting and September 26, 2012 special meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion**
    - 1. Slip C Additional Dredging/Slip A Dredging (Picciola & Associates)
    - 2. Guidry Brothers Site Development (Picciola & Associates)
  - B. Airport Projects**
    - 1. Parallel Taxiway "A" South Paving (LPA/Baker)
    - 2. Glide Slope (LPA/Baker)
    - 3. Airport Master Plan Update (LPA/Baker)
    - 4. Runway Sealcoat & Remarking (LPA/Baker)
  - C. FEMA Projects**
    - 1. Bathhouse (J. Wayne Plaisance)
    - 2. Beach Repair Project (Picciola & Associates)
    - 3. Debris Fence Repair (Picciola & Associates)
  - D. Port Security and Grant Projects**
    - 1. Multi-Agency Emergency Response/Operations Building (2009)
  - E. Other Port Projects**
    - 1. Nerby Collins Steel Bulkhead Repair (J. Wayne Plaisance)
    - 2. Assumption of Maintenance Study (URS)
    - 3. Mooring Dolphins Phase 3 (Angelette-Picciola)
  - F. Update on LA 1 project**
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the request from Chouest Shorebase to lease a section of Adam "Ted" Gisclair Road
    - 2. Consider approving the request from Shull Autin to lease one hangar space at the Airport
    - 3. Consider approving the request from GAO FBO Services to amend the lease premises
    - 4. Consider approving the Amendment of Lease with Guidry Bros for Site GLF622
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1. Review permit applications by Paul Dufrene
  - C. Construction & Development Committee
    - 1. Consider accepting quotes for the Supplemental Flotation Canal Bucket Dredge
    - 2. Consider approving the Change Order 2 from Mike Hooks for the Slip C Additional Hydraulic Dredging project
    - 3. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Byron Talbot for the Guidry Development Site
    - 4. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from LA Contracting for the Parallel Taxiway South Paving/VIH Connector project
    - 5. Consider accepting the Clear Lien Certificate from Capstone Builders for the Airport Maintenance Shop
    - 6. Consider approving the DOTD Sponsorship Agreement – Airport Generators for the Localizer/Glide Slope
    - 7. Consider adopting the DOTD Resolution for the Aviation Priority Program for Capital Improvement
    - 8. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate from Kostmayer for the Nerby Collins Marina Steel Bulkhead project
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider approving payment of September invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2. Consider approving September Financial Statement
    - 3. Consider approving the out of state travel requests
- VII. Any other business
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Possible Executive Session
  - A. Discuss potential litigation with Gator Equipment Rentals of Fourchon, LLC and Travelers Insurance regarding June 7, 2012 damage to Fourchon Bridge
  - B. Discuss the *"In Re: Oil Spill By the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010"* Eastern District of Louisiana Civil Action No. 10-md-2179
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 10, 2012**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 10:30 AM at the Administrative Building in Galliano, LA.

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 Jr., Jimmy Guidry, and Ervin Bruce

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the minutes for September 12, 2012 regular meeting and September 26, 2012 special meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the contractor Mike Hooks continues to dredge in Slip C for the Additional Hydraulic Dredging project and is now pumping spoil to the west side of Slip C for future development. There is a change order later on agenda for additional work to remove the plug along Flotation Canal. Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the contractor is currently installing utilities for the Guidry Bros Site Development project. They have completed the water tank and sewer tank foundations, crane pads, and they are bringing in limestone in some areas. There is a change order for 5 additional days due to Hurricane Isaac.

Airport Projects - Airport Manager Joe Wheeler reported that the Parallel Taxiway "A" South Paving/VIH Connector is substantially complete and on agenda for approval. Melancon questioned when the taxiway will be operational, which Wheeler replied within 30 days. Wheeler reported that Thales ATM is currently manufacturing the Glide Slope antenna. The LPA Group is close to completing the modeling for the glide slope to submit to FAA for an airspace approach study procedure for the ILS into the S.L. Leonard Miller Jr. Airport. Wheeler reported that the LPA Group is currently working on the layout for the Airport Master Plan Update which includes future development and usage. Once reviewed by the Port Commission it will be submitted to FAA for approval which should take less than 90 days. The pre-bid meeting was held yesterday for the Runway Sealcoat & Remarkings project. There was one contractor that inspected the work area. This project is funded by DOTD of \$200,000 and includes sealcoat for the runway with alternates to do the taxiway and heliport. The bid opening is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>. He stated that once this project begins construction there will be a few days that the runway will be shutdown to complete the work. The operations at the Airport for September total 1972 operations with 1327 helicopter and 645 fixed wing. Vizier questioned the parking for these operations, which Wheeler replied that the parking is coordinated with the FBO and if the Port approves the request later on the agenda there will be enough parking with additional space available in the future. Vizier questioned the accommodations for people on standby waiting for flights, which Wheeler replied there is place but that is some issues we are having with our terminal building. We are looking at expanding the terminal building. Gisclair questioned if Transocean is still doing crew changes at the Airport, which Wheeler replied no it was for a short period of time. He stated now PHI is doing crew changes for Energy21 at the Airport. He is not sure if this is a long term plan or not. Gisclair stated that he didn't see that Transocean came back and wasn't sure if there was a problem or not. Wheeler stated that it may be a combination of things between the logistics of it with PHI having a base in Fourchon and Houma it may have been more practical for them to land there.

FEMA Projects – Engineer John Plaisance reported that the Bathhouse contractor continues to work on the project. They did begin sheeting the roof and walls. They are running a little behind time due to Isaac but plan to be complete by end of this year. Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the post Isaac survey is completed for the Beach Repair Project. They are currently revising the plans and specs and should be ready for bid in the next few weeks. Executive Director Chiasson stated that we do have a meeting with FEMA tomorrow to inspect the beach site. Engineer Picciola reported that on October 1<sup>st</sup> the notice to proceed was issued for the Debris Fence Repair project. The contractor plans to move in next week.

Port Security and Grant Projects – April Danos reported that the Multi-Agency EOC Building is being advertised. The mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2012 with the bid opening scheduled on November 7, 2012.

Other Port Projects – Engineer John Plaisance reported that the Nerby Collins Steel Bulkhead Repair project is substantially complete and later on the agenda for approval. There are a few punch list items for the contractor to do such as paint, repair, and remove equipment off site. Vizier questioned if the new section inside the marina will have tires, which Chiasson replied no, that section is very shallow and not used to tie up against. William Evans with URS reported on the Assumption of Maintenance Study. He stated that we received good news on September 24<sup>th</sup> by a letter from Corps of Engineer's headquarters in Washington DC indicating approval for the New Orleans District office to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Port for assistance in preparation of this study. We have sent the District office a brief summary of the project and plan to meet on October 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss in detail the scope of items and possible cost. One good thing that came from the Corps letter is that they indicated that operation and maintenance funding is available to assist in this report. He stated the Picciola & Associates did make progress on shoaling rates with 85% completion of report. They are adding other finishing touches to that report and it may have 3 alternatives with one involving the dredging material disposal area. Melancon requested to attend the meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>, which Evans welcomed his attendance. Engineer Neil Angelette reported that the preconstruction meeting was on Monday for the Mooring Dolphins Phase 3 project. All contracts have been signed and the notice to proceed will be issued for October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The contractor plans to start in November and be complete late spring. Chiasson informed the board that SBL Construction started the Highway Embankment work today.

Update on LA 1 project - Henri Boulet, LA 1 Coalition reported that last month he was able to testify at a recent congressional briefing about the need for investing in securing Louisiana Highway 1, and was able to speak about federal policy challenges that Louisiana runs into for large infrastructure and restoration projects. He continues to monitor developments of the BP's settlement with the federal government, as it relates to our congressional delegation's desire, and the LA 1 Coalition's desire to guide penalty funds through the Restore Act process. Providing you an update on our toll system's replacement ATPM, the replacement unit is expected to be delivered by the manufacturer to the State in late October, and it should go-live by 11/8/2012. The second ATPM is anticipated to go-live by mid-January 2013. A substantial barrier is being designed for the median to protect the island from over-width loads. It will be in place before the installation of the ATPM. Some enhanced signing has been done for messaging of oversize loads and more signing is being developed. The state intends to allow loads not exceeding 10 feet wide to pass through the cash lane. If they are over 10 feet wide and up to 13 feet wide they can pass through the left "Geauxpass Lane". Loads over 13 feet will be coordinated with State Police to pass in the northbound lane. The collection rate is currently above 97%. The overall Geauxpass toll tag traffic percentage remains steady with a slight uptick of 1%. We continue to see a decrease in violation transactions. Recent months of Geauxpass toll tag sales were: 1767 in July, 689 in August, and 570 in September.

Moving on to Phase II of the LA 1 project in regards to acquiring the final 3 right of ways from the three southern-most property owners, DOTD has sent them agreements but have not received responses yet. Last week the design consultant was working on Phase 2's electrical design. This was the last task

scope that had to be completed before the consultant, HNTB, and the state negotiate the hours of work/pay for designing the whole segment. DOTD believes they are still about 1 month away from issuing a Notice to Proceed for engineering services for all three segments. Finally, on other area highway improvements, both the Bayou Lafourche Bridge at Larose and Houma's Prospect Street are now scheduled to be open by the end of this month.

Gisclair questioned who is paying for the 24 hour bridge details and toll collectors, which Boulet replied that DOTD pays for these services and this is not being paid from any toll revenues. He stated by law every penny of the toll revenue has to go toward the bond.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee - The Committee met on September 26, 2012 at Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Larry Griffin, Wilbert Collins, Jimmy Lafont, and Perry Gisclair. They also met on October 8, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all present.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board approved the request from Chouest Shorebase Services to lease a section of Adam "Ted" Gisclair Road which will be included in Lease Site 624. The vote resulted in 7 yeas, 1 abstain by Gisclair, and 1 absent by Melancon.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously approved the request from Shull Autin with Tailwind Holdings, LLC to lease one hangar space at the Airport.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the request from GAO FBO Services to amend the lease premises by removing the new hangar premises and add additional parking area.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the Amendment of Lease with Guidry Bros for Site GLF622 to include language regarding the construction of improvements.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met on September 26, 2012 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Chuckie Cheramie, Jimmy Lafont, Larry Griffin, and Perry Gisclair. They also met on October 8, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all present.

Chairman Cheramie presented for the board's review the permit application from Paul Dufrene.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met on September 26, 2012 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Ervin Bruce, Donald Vizier, John Melancon, and Larry Griffin. They also met on October 8, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all present.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously awarded the quote to Berry Bros for the Supplemental Flotation Canal Bucket Dredge in the amount of \$18,000 mobilization and \$1.25 per cubic yard.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 from Mike Hooks an increase of \$209,858.00 for additional dredging of plug along Flotation Canal at Slip C.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Byron E. Talbot Contractors for 5 additional calendar days for the Guidry Bros Site Development project.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated September 25, 2012 from LA Contracting Enterprise for the Parallel Taxiway South Paving/VIH Connector project.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate from Capstone Builders for the Airport Maintenance Shop.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the DOTD Sponsorship Agreement for the Airport Generators for the Localizer/Glide Slope.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously adopted the DOTD resolution for the Aviation Priority Program for Capital Improvements.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated October 5, 2012 from Kostmayer for the Nerby Collins Marina Steel Bulkhead project.

Finance Committee - The committee met on September 26, 2012 at the Operations Building in Fourchon. Present was Chairman Jimmy Guidry, Wilbert Collins, John Melancon and Larry Griffin. They also met on October 8, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano with all present.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the payment of September invoices and recognized expenditures over \$10,000.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved September Financial Statement.

Upon motion by Jimmy Guidry and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Chett Chiasson to attend the Congressional Delegation and Agency Meetings in Washington, DC on January 30, 2013 and Chett Chiasson, Davie Breaux, and Jon Callais to attend the AAPA Special Workshop on Hurricane Preparation and Response in Florida on December 5, 2012.

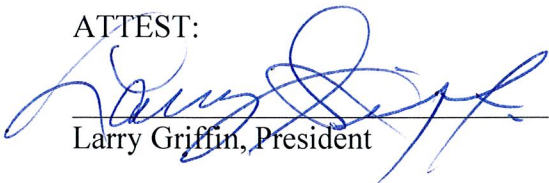
President Griffin opened the floor for public comment. Buddy Cantrell announced his candidacy for Port Commission Seat A. Lafont informed the mariners that the USCG has decided to grant medical waivers to mariners. He stated that this is big. He stated that with the help of the Port he did testify to Congress and thanked Congressman Landry who spearheaded this effort. This will help mariners that are renewing their licenses.

Chiasson stated that Senator Mary Landrieu will be coming in on Saturday and will bring Senator Ron Wyden from Oregon. He stated depending on the election, Senator Wyden will be either the ranking member or chairman of the Energy Natural Resources Committee. Chiasson stated that the Committee Meeting in Fourchon on October 24<sup>th</sup> is cancelled because the board will be attending the Annual AAPA Convention in Alabama. Mr. Evans with URS stated that in regards to the Assumption of Maintenance Study he wanted to make note that normally the Corps letter that we received would take over a year to be received which is very impressive that the Corps responded so quickly and also the original letter of request sent to the Corps did not request any funding assistance that offer was on their own merit of possible availability of funding from the Corps for this study.

President Griffin presented to the board to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation with Gator Equipment Rentals of Fourchon, LLC and Travelers Insurance regarding June 7, 2012 damage to Fourchon Bridge and discuss the "In Re: Oil Spill By the Oil Rig 'Deepwater Horizon' in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010" Eastern District of Louisiana Civil Action No. 10-md-2179. Upon motion by John Melancon to enter into executive session which was second by Perry Gisclair, the two-thirds roll call vote resulted in 9 yeas. The board then exited to meet in session. The board returned from executive session with no action taken.

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

ATTEST:

  
Larry Griffin, President

  
Wilbert Collins, Secretary