

**AGENDA**  
**January 11, 2012 at 10:30 AM**  
(Revised 1/10/12 at 9:00 AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approval of minutes for December 14, 2011 regular meeting
- V. Executive Director's Report
  - A. Northern Expansion**
    - 1. Slip B Adam "Ted" Gisclair Roadway, Phase II (Picciola & Associates)
    - 2. Slip B 1871 LF Dredge & Slip C Dredge (Picciola & Associates)
  - B. Airport Projects**
    - 1. Parallel Taxiway "A" South Paving
    - 2. PAPI System
    - 3. Hangar & Foundation
  - C. FEMA Projects**
    - 1. Bathhouse
    - 2. Beach Repair Project
  - D. Port Security and Grant Projects**
    - 1. Telecommunication Infrastructure Project (2007)
    - 2. Camera Networking Improvements (2008)
    - 3. Multi-Agency Emergency Response/Operations Building (2009)
    - 4. Radar Video Surveillance (2009)
  - E. Other Port Projects**
    - 1. Martin Slip #1 Bulkhead Repairs
    - 2. Airport Maintenance Shop
    - 3. Nerby Collins Marina Bulkhead Repair
  - F. LA 1 Highway Improvements Report**
  - G. Fourchon Oilman's Association Update**
  - H. Gulf of Mexico Updates**
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the request from Rotorcraft for Trailer/RV site at Airport
    - 2. Consider 2012 South Lafourche Levee District board nominations
    - 3. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Between GLPC and SLEC/ROR/LA 1 Coalition/GEST
    - 4. Consider approving the request from Allport Services to consent to a Leasehold Mortgage
  - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
    - 1. Review permit applications from the Apache Corporation(2)
  - C. Construction & Development Committee
    - 1. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for Fuel Supplier
    - 2. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for Construction Materials Supplier
  - D. Finance Committee
    - 1. Consider payment of December invoices and recognize expenditures over \$10,000
    - 2. Consider approving the out of state travel request
- VII. Possible Executive Session
  - A. Discuss pending litigation defined as "*Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. Caillouet Land Corporation, Suit No.78781 in Division B of the 17<sup>th</sup> JDC-Parish of Lafourche (regarding Pass Fourchon Dredge)*"
  - B. Discuss the potential claim under Oil Pollution Act of 1990
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment

Attachment

- A. The pending litigation more specifically defined as "*Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. Caillouet Land Corporation, Suit No.78781 in Division B of the 17<sup>th</sup> JDC-Parish of Lafourche (regarding Pass Fourchon Dredge)*" may be discussed in an executive session.
- B. The potential claim under Oil Pollution Act of 1990

# **OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION**

## **January 11, 2012**

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 10:30 AM.

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., and Ervin Bruce

ABSENT: Jimmy Guidry

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the minutes for December 14, 2011 regular meeting.

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

Northern Expansion – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the Slip B Adam “Ted” Gisclair Roadway, Phase II project is complete and we are currently in the lien period. He stated that next month we should have the clear lien certificate and the final pay request for the meeting. Engineer Picciola stated that the preconstruction meeting with Pine Bluff was held last week for the Slip B 1871 LF Dredge & Slip C Dredge project. Pine Bluff has started mobilizing equipment on site and plan to begin dredging by the end of the month. They will start along Slip B bulkhead sweep dredging then will move to Slip C. Chiasson stated that the plan is to dredge approximately 4,000 ft down Slip C channel.

Airport Projects – Joe Wheeler reported that all the sand is in place except for the runway connection areas for the Parallel Taxiway “A” South Paving. They are working on compaction and moving in rock soon. GT Services will be on site next week to install the equipment to upgrade the PAPI System. The contractor for the Small Hangar & Foundation project is expected to start driving piles by the end of this week. Wheeler reported that there have been 1153 Airport operations for December and the end of year totals 13,535 which is up from 2010. Chiasson stated that we will attempt to separate for future reports the fixed-wing operations from the helicopter operations. Wheeler stated there are approximately 700 helicopter operations a month but we will sort that information with the FBO.

FEMA Projects – Engineer Joe Picciola reported that we did receive approval from the Parish and the Fire Marshal for the design of the Bathhouse. He is proceeding forward to finalize the plans and specs to go out for bid by the end of this month. Chiasson questioned the timeframe, which Picciola replied that it should take 3 to 4 months to construct and should be complete by the beginning of summer. Chiasson stated that we continue to work with the landowners on access agreements for the soil borings for the Beach Repair project. Gisclair questioned if we are having problems finalizing this with the landowners, which Bryce Autin replied that we were making headway prior to the holidays. There is an insurance question that is remaining which we need to get together on then it should be ready. Gisclair questioned if we will have to wait to do the borings if BP is still cleaning up the area, which Chiasson replied that as long as the area is deemed clean, we can do the borings. Once we receive the boring results, we will work on a time schedule for construction.

Port Security and Grant Projects – April Danos reported that the Telecommunication Infrastructure Project is complete pending the clear lien certificate. There are 2 other major projects associated which are the Motorola Equipment move from Leeville to our tower which will allow better communications within Fourchon for Harbor Police and also the Microwave Equipment move from the LOOP tower to our tower which will also better the communications in Port. In regards to the Camera Networking Improvements, we are doing a site walk thru today which will take 3 days. There will be some tweaking

of the cameras making sure all images are right. She expects them to be substantially complete by Friday. We are waiting for the environmental paperwork to get approved for the Multi-Agency Emergency Response/Operations Building to move forward. The architect is still working on the design of the building. There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow with the engineers for the Radar Video Surveillance to develop the scope of work to develop the RFP. Gisclair questioned if there has been inquiries on renting space on our tower, which Danos replied yes. We have had several requests however we are trying to get all of our equipment on the tower before we start renting space. We are going to implement a process that they will need to fill out an application packet which will be reviewed by our engineers and then will be presented to the board for approval.

Other Port Projects – Engineer Larry Picciola reported that contractor is progressing slowly on the Martin Slip #1 Bulkhead Repairs due to the congestion on the site. Low Land has completed all the piles for the concrete deadman on the back side. They are now moving to the corner to drive the A-frame tie-backs for deadman. All the beams were welded on the back side and they are doing the slip area now. There is approximately 100 ft of bulkhead complete along Bayou Lafourche that can be turned over to Martin to operate. We will continue to work with Martin on where the equipment is placed but they will be able to use the area to load and off load vessels. Also when we finish driving piles on the Bayou Lafourche side, we will coordinate with Martin when that area is available to use.

Engineer Joe Picciola reported that the contracts with Capstone Builders are being recorded for the Airport Maintenance Shop. A preconstruction meeting will be scheduled next week and plan to start by the end of the month. Engineer John Plaisance reported that the Nerby Collins Marina Bulkhead Repair is still on hold waiting the Court of Appeals ruling.

LA 1 Highway Improvements Report – Henri Boulet Director of LA 1 Coalition reported that the Port Fourchon to Leeville segment of the LA 1 Improvement Project is having some final signage work done by the contractor. We encourage travelers to use caution around any construction crews. Additionally, a speed study is being performed on the intersection at Port Fourchon. The district traffic engineer anticipates forwarding results of the study to DOTD Headquarters next week for review. Any speed change recommended by the district needs to be approved by DOTD's Chief Engineer.

Updating you on the implementation of a cash toll booth at the toll gantry, DOTD is continuing work on this project. The system is going to quantify the number of axles and tires of a vehicle and will tell the toll collector the rate to charge any vehicle pulling up. DOTD is working with state police on addressing how wide/high loads will pass through this area. It is anticipated about half of the loads will be too wide/high for the revised south-bound lane configuration, so they will be escorted by state police through the north-direction lanes after state police have temporarily halted the north-bound traffic. All of the wide loads permitted will pay their tolls in advance. The reworked south-bound lane configurations include the left lane for GeauxPass or pre-paid travelers to proceed through, and a right lane will host the cash toll booth. You will likely see construction work in the toll gantry area sometime in February.

Concerning pre-construction work on Phase II, DOTD is addressing feedback from consultants on the DOTD advertisement for Phase II Design, and anticipates the advertisement to be out in February. As mentioned last month, this bid package represents up to \$12 million of additional state investment towards completing the project. Concerning construction funding for Phase II, the USDOT did not award the LA 1 Project's TIGER application to construct Segment A. The Coalition is requesting a de-briefing meeting with the USDOT officials in Washington in February to gather feedback on strong and weak points of the submission. However, an application opportunity for Segment A funding through the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program came about in early January, and the Coalition worked with LA DOTD and some private industry partners in putting together a grant submission. LA DOTD Secretary Sherri LeBas agreed to make this submission the state's top priority to the Highway Administration. I will keep you updated, however I don't want to raise anyone's expectations too high because there is only \$29 million in this program's funding for the entire nation, and we asked for \$18.4 million.

On other highway projects in the area, the new Bayou Lafourche Lift-Span Bridge at Larose is 78% complete with 87% of time elapsed. Right now completion looks like August because the ballast chain fabricated in China will arrive late. The Caminada Bay Bridge is now 91% complete, with 68% of time elapsed. A revised bridge opening date is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

President Griffin questioned if it was possible to have a study done to place a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of LA 1 and Fourchon Road LA3090. There was an incident he witnessed of a vehicle traveling on old LA 1 hesitating then crossing the intersection when an 18 wheeler coming from LA 3090 to the new bridge almost caused a wreck. The 18 wheeler had to slam on his breaks. He stated that if a 4 way stop sign was there it may help. Also he stated that traveling the new bridge coming from Fourchon to Leeville you can't make a left turn to go to Chevron. You have to continue to Leeville and get back on the highway paying the toll twice. Boulet stated that he will ask the engineer to do a study on a 4-way stop however the Chief Engineer will have to sign off on it. He will also inquire about left turns in southern Leeville to get to Chevron. He stated the federal guidelines review rear ends that would happen in a 55 mph zone but he will see what could be allowed. Chiasson reported on the Caminada Bay Bridge and the concrete material from the old Caminada Bridge. He stated that he received a call from the contractor who quoted him a price of \$1.2 million for the concrete, so he replied that we don't want it for that price. He stated that Grand Isle Mayor wanted to purchase it but couldn't come up with the money so they asked us if we wanted it. Chiasson stated that the quote is just to deliver to a site and does not include installation.

Fourchon Oilman's Association Update – Chiasson stated that he and Davie Breaux are both members of this organization and their mission is to promote oil and gas industry and raise money for schools and other organization. Breaux stated that this is a new organization formed from a group of local businessman. Their first fund raising event was a fishing rodeo last year. The recipients receiving funds of \$62,028.86 were Restore or Retreat, Children's Advocacy Center of Lafourche, Lafourche Education Foundation, Bayou Country Children's Museum, St. Mary's Nativity School, Larose Lower Elementary, Blake Terry Memorial Foundation, Fletcher Technical Community College Foundation, Larose Upper Elementary, and Vanderbilt Catholic High School. In addition to those grants, at the end of the school year they plan to give two \$4,000 scholarships to two local high schools and two \$1,000 scholarships to two community colleges or vocational technical schools. The money was put back in the community and they look forward to hosting another rodeo this year. The next fishing rodeo is scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> to July 14<sup>th</sup>. Vizier questioned if anyone can apply for these grants, which Breaux replied that you have to be a non-profit organization or school member. Chiasson specified that it could be any members or children. Breaux stated that for this first year everyone that applied received some funds. Chiasson stated that anyone can submit the application. You can go to our website to find the link to the website. Vizier questioned if applicants have to be from the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward or in Lafourche Parish, which Chiasson replied no, that it is throughout the whole community.

Gulf of Mexico Updates – Chiasson reported that there are 32 people doing cleanup work on Fourchon Beach. They continue to monitor West Timbalier and Castet Islands for oil. The Bureau of Safety Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Director Admiral Watson will visit here on January 25<sup>th</sup> which is the same day as our Fourchon Committee Meetings. He will tour the port and attend our meetings, attend the luncheon, and meet with other parish presidents afterward. We all know that the Gulf is encroaching on land and the state has a Coastal Master Plan which they are currently working on updating. There will be several public hearings and exhibits taking place which are as follows: January 23<sup>rd</sup> in New Orleans at the Lindy Boggs Conference Center, January 24<sup>th</sup> in Houma at the Civic Center, and January 25<sup>th</sup> in Lake Charles at the Civic Center. The schedule is to inform the public from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm with plan exhibits and from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm have public hearing.

### **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee – The Committee met on January 9, 2012 at Administration Building in Galliano. Present was Chairman Larry Griffin, Jimmy Lafont, Perry Gisclair, and Wilbert Collins.

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the request from Rotorcraft for Trailer/RV site at South Lafourche Industrial Park.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration the 2012 South Lafourche Levee District board nominations. Chiasson stated that we plan to advertise for anyone interested in the Port's nomination to the board. We will have an application available to be submitted with a resume which we will take until Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. We will make recommendations at the February meeting. We will need to approve 3 names to submit to the Governor. Lafont questioned if the Governor appoints all the members at the same time or as they are submitted by the different organizations, which Autin replied that he was not sure but will find out. No action taken.

Upon motion by Wilbert Collins and second by John Melancon, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South Louisiana Economic Council (SLEC), Restore or Retreat (ROR), LA 1 Coalition, and Gulf Economic Survival Team (GEST). Chiasson stated that this is approved yearly to be members of each organization as they help us with our mission at Port Fourchon.

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Ervin Bruce, the board unanimously approved the request from Allport Services to consent to a Leasehold Mortgage. Bryce Autin stated that this allows Allport to mortgage leasehold interest in the property to secure funds with Coastal Commerce Bank to do improvements on the site.

Permits & Waterways Committee - The committee met on January 9, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present was Chairman Chuckie Cheramie, Perry Gisclair, Jimmy Lafont, and Larry Griffin.

Chairman Cheramie presented to the board the permit applications from Apache Corporation.

Chiasson updated the board on the Belle Pass jetty lights. He stated that they are in the process of repairing them and you should see a contractor on site within the week. They have also been in the process for a few months now to fix the range light issues. The lights are fixed and were replaced with high density energy lights. Cheramie stated that with his conversation with USCG Admiral Nash that he was happy to be invited here to tour the area and if we need anything in the future to please contact him directly.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met on January 9, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present was Donald Vizier, John Melancon, Ervin Bruce, and Larry Griffin.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously awarded the lowest responsive bid for 2012 Fuel Supplier to Gaubert Oil with \$0.13 markup in Fourchon and \$0.12 markup in Galliano.

Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Perry Gisclair, the board unanimously awarded the lowest responsive bids for the semi-annual Construction Materials Supplier to Grand Isle Shipyard, Arabie Trucking, and Walker Construction.

Finance Committee - The committee met on January 9, 2012 at the Administration Building in Galliano. Present was Chairman Jimmy Guidry, John Melancon, Wilbert Collins, and Larry Griffin.

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

Upon motion by John Melancon and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel request from April Danos to attend the Port Security Fiduciary Grant Agent Workshop in California on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

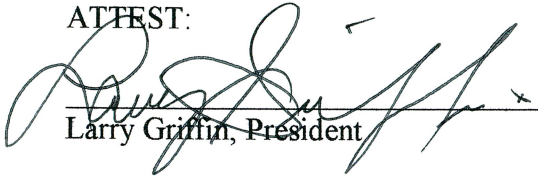
President Griffin presented to the board to possibly enter into executive session to discuss the pending litigation defined as "Greater Lafourche Port Commission vs. Caillouet Land Corporation, Suit No.78781 in Division B of the 17<sup>th</sup> JDC-Parish of Lafourche (regarding Pass Fourchon Dredge)" and discuss the potential claim under Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Perry Gisclair, a two-thirds roll call was taken which resulted in 8 yeas by Cheramie, Gisclair, Lafont,

Vizier, Collins, Griffin, Melancon, Bruce and 1 absent by Guidry. The board then exited to meet in session. The board returned from executive session with no action taken.

President Griffin opened the floor for any public comment. Cheramie stated that he was asked to report that the South Lafourche Beachfront Development District will be meeting tonight at 6:00 pm at the South Lafourche Library to discuss expropriations of beach property. He stated that all board members are welcome to attend.

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

ATTEST:

  
Larry Griffin, President

  
Wilbert Collins, Secretary