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## CHIASSON TABBED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PORT AUTHORITIES

Longtime Greater Lafourche Port Commission (GLPC) Executive Director **Chett Chiasson** has become the newest American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) Chairman of the Board.

The announcement was made during the opening ceremonies of the 113th AAPA Annual Convention in Boston in early November.

In his role, Chiasson and the board he chairs will be charged with representing more than 130 public port authorities in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean, and Latin America.

Chiasson, who previously served on the AAPA Board of Directors and most recently as Vice Chair, said that it is an honor to follow in the footsteps of those who came before him, such as outgoing Chair Paul Anderson.

Anderson is the President and CEO of Port Tampa Bay.

"Having the opportunity to be involved with such an amazing and talented group of port leaders is humbling to say the least,"

Chiasson said. "Individuals like Paul and others involved in AAPA are held in high regard, and for good reason, as they play an active role in shaping maritime policy that keeps our port community vibrant and on solid footing each and every day."

During his acceptance speech after being formally elected by his board colleagues and the organization's general membership, Chiasson said, "While our individual stories may differ, they also have a lot of overlap. I intend to continue to be part of and help enhance what AAPA is doing to tell our stories as a national industry to Capitol Hill, the Administration, and anyone who will listen."

Chiasson has been with GLPC for 19 years, having been the Executive Director since 2010.

With the support of a nine-member elected Board of Commissioners, Chiasson has played an important leadership role in working to protect Port Fourchon and Louisiana's surrounding coast. He, with the help of the Board, have also worked to stress the importance of servicing the ever-expanding energy industry for local, state, and national economies, alongside U.S. energy security.

"I want to express my sincerest gratitude to my own board for their guidance and faith in me," Chiasson said. "They truly are an asset to their community and are the driving force behind all the amazing things we do in Port Fourchon day in and day out."

Chiasson's two-year term as AAPA Chairman of the Board has commenced, and he will serve in this role until 2026.



# STATE OF THE PORT



## UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE AS WE ENTER 2025

BY CHETT CHIASSON, GLPC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Let me begin by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of our Board of Commissioners and staff at the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.

While I reflect on the last few years, I realize that our upward trajectory and rebound following COVID-19 and Hurricane Ida has been nothing short of remarkable.

We certainly had our fair share of trying times, but when I think back on things in greater detail, what caused some of the most personal anguish was having to forego celebrating our 60th anniversary in 2020.

COVID-19 caused tons of disruptions and heartache for many out there, and we certainly were no different.

Fortunately, we get to make good on our 65th anniversary as an agency and port in 2025.

Many individuals have played a pivotal role in helping us reach this important milestone, so this is definitely a celebration year we look forward to!

So, what's going on at the GLPC/Port Fourchon, and what's on the horizon?

Well, like I said, we will be celebrating our 65th anniversary in 2025.

Be on the lookout for more information about this in the coming months, as this will be an opportunity

not only to include our community but our tenants and users in some festivities.

However, we have lots of things happening outside of recognizing this milestone.

Among them are the continued construction of the elevated highway in Golden Meadow, which will eventually connect to our current elevated highway in Leeville.

state's first wind turbine located in Port Fourchon.

Dredging activities are currently ongoing in our port and more construction-related projects are slated to begin soon.

While our port continues to serve in its role as an offshore energy leader, other opportunities are beginning to come to fruition that I feel confident will provide our children and our grandchildren with an abundance of jobs in the years to come.

The prominence and importance of our port cannot be understated or underestimated as we field inquiries, sign new leases, and participate in tours and interviews on a regular basis.

Thanks to the foresight of our founders and steady guidance provided by our Board of Commissioners, I am happy to report that our fiscal position is as strong as ever.

Furthermore, I have no reason to believe this will change any time soon.

In closing, I wish all of you a blessed remainder of your holiday season and am excited for what's to come in 2025 and beyond!

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We are also keeping an eye on the completion of the airport bridge and connector road project that is expected to be brought online in the middle portion of 2025.

Additionally, we are continuing to develop and build our Coastal Wetlands Park and will soon have the

# COMMISSIONER SPOTLIGHT: TED SAVOIE



When it comes to serving his community, Larose native Ted Savoie has a long history of answering the call.

This extends to the Board of Commissioners where Savoie has filled in several times on an interim basis, including his recent stint that will end at the start of 2025.

Savoie was sworn into office as an interim port commissioner for the Greater Lafourche Port Commission in August of this year, following the unfortunate passing of long-time Commissioner Larry Griffin.

Mr. Ted, as he is affectionately referred to by many who know him, is married to the former Jane Callahan, and has four children, five grandchildren, and one step grandchild.

The list of involvement and volunteerism efforts for Savoie is wide and vast. In fact, Savoie served as the very first President of the South Lafourche Chamber of Commerce.

Savoie was also named the Grand Marshall of the French Food Festival in 2014 and has volunteered for the Larose Civic Center throughout the years.

Savoie graduated from Larose Cut Off High School and attended Delgado Trade School, which eventually led him to the maritime industry.

Savoie has been involved in the maritime industry since 1961 and worked in a number of maritime

related roles before ultimately founding Central Gulf Towing LLC with Larbow Cheramie and John Trosclair in 1980.

Although he has slowed things down a bit in his later years, Savoie is still an active member of the 10th Ward community where he lives.

Savoie said that it has been an honor and privilege to work alongside his brethren to create and maintain opportunities for the local community, particularly as it relates to Port Fourchon and the 10th Ward.

Newly elected Chad Callais will begin his tenure and take his place at Seat F following Savoie's departure. Be on the lookout for a Commissioner Spotlight on Callais in the next GLPC newsletter.

*Port Commissioners are elected to six-year terms and serve the community of the Tenth Ward of Lafourche Parish at large. The Tenth Ward is comprised of the area of Lafourche Parish south of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to the Gulf of Mexico.*

## IMPORTANT VISITORS:

The GLPC had the honor of welcoming Louisiana's Cajun Bayou to its monthly Board Meeting in June.

LCBT President and CEO Cody Gray was joined by Sales and Marketing Manager Ian Wallis and Board President Monique Crochet.

Gray formerly presented the 2023 Spirit of the Bayou Award to the GLPC for its efforts in promoting tourism in our area.

We'd like to once again thank LCBT for all the amazing work they do highlighting our little slice of heaven in south Louisiana.

Success in making our parish the very best it can be can only happen with great partnerships like we have organizations like the LCBT.





## ARGENT LNG ANNOUNCES LONG-TERM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 20 MTPA FACILITY AT PORT FOURCHON

Argent LNG is pleased to announce the signing of a long-term lease agreement with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, securing 144 acres of prime land at Port Fourchon. This strategic agreement paves the way for the development of a state-of-the-art liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facility with a projected capacity of up to 20 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) pending a waterway suitability assessment and overall Federal approval.

Port Fourchon, known for its strategic location and robust infrastructure, will serve as the ideal site for Argent LNG's ambitious project. The 144-acre lease agreement underscores Argent LNG's commitment to advancing the LNG industry and supporting global energy demands with a focus on sustainability and efficiency.

### Key Highlights:

**1. Strategic Location:** Port Fourchon is a critical hub for the energy industry, offering unparalleled access to global markets and established infrastructure, making it the perfect location for Argent LNG's development.

**2. State-of-the-Art Facility:** Upon receiving Federal approval, the planned up to 20 MTPA LNG facility will incorporate the latest in liquefaction technology, ensuring high efficiency and low carbon intensity, aligning with global efforts towards cleaner energy solutions.

**3. Economic Impact:** The development of this facility is expected to bring significant economic benefits to the region, including job creation and increased local investment, further cementing Port Fourchon's role as a vital energy hub.

#### Quotes:

##### **Jonathan Bass, CEO of Argent LNG:**

"We are thrilled to partner with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to develop our LNG facility at Port Fourchon. This lease agreement marks a significant milestone in our journey to provide reliable and sustainable energy solutions. We are committed to leveraging the unique advantages of this location to meet the growing global demand for LNG."

**Chett Chiasson, Executive Director of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission:** "We are excited to

welcome Argent LNG to Port Fourchon. This project aligns with our mission to support and enhance the energy industry while bringing economic growth to our community. We look forward to a successful partnership and the positive impact this development will have on our region."

**About Argent LNG:** Argent LNG is a forward-thinking energy company focused on the production and distribution of liquefied natural gas (LNG). With a commitment to sustainability and innovation, Argent LNG aims to meet the world's growing energy needs while reducing environmental impact.

**About Greater Lafourche Port Commission:** The Greater Lafourche Port Commission is dedicated to the economic development of Port Fourchon and the surrounding region. The Commission strives to provide exceptional service and infrastructure to support the needs of the energy industry and enhance the local economy and environment.

For more information, please visit [www.argentlng.com](http://www.argentlng.com).

# GLPC TAKES HOME AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES

The Port Fourchon Coastal Wetlands Park was honored by the American Association of Port Authorities in late October for Excellence in Environmental Practices (Small Ports).

Only two of these awards are given, as they recognize programs or projects that improve environmental quality in a number of ways, including port beautification and natural resource restoration.

The Coastal Wetlands Park is a one-of-a-kind project where dredged materials from an adjacent slip filled an area of more than 100 acres.

The open water footprint was transformed and becomes complete with a meandering tidal creek and wharf, the



perfect spot for someone to launch a kayak or non-motorized boat and enjoy an immersive experience in an actual mitigation area.

Future plans for the Coastal Wetlands Park call for a two-story orientation hub that will feature self-focusing viewfinders and learning boards.

On hand to receive the award were Commissioners Mike Callais, Rodney Gisclair, Reggie Ledet, and Tom Pitre.



# INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS PROGRESSING NICELY



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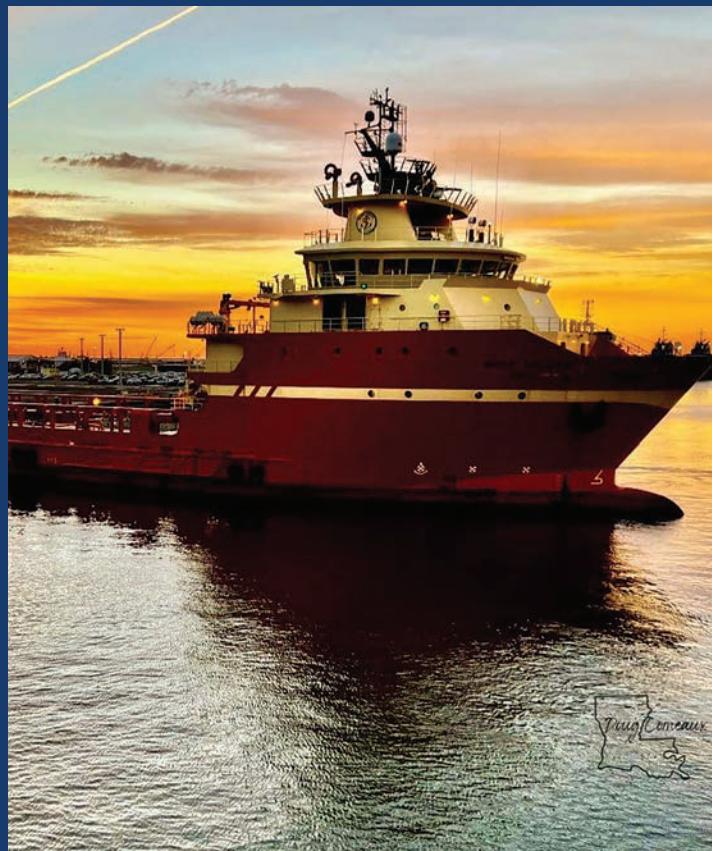
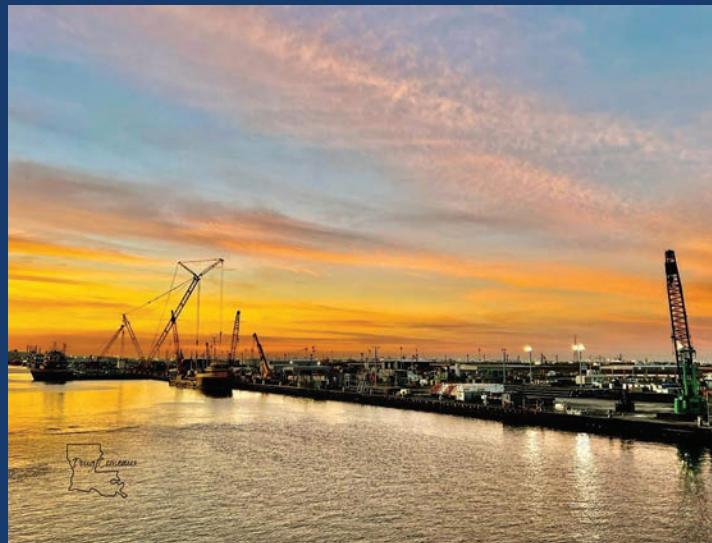
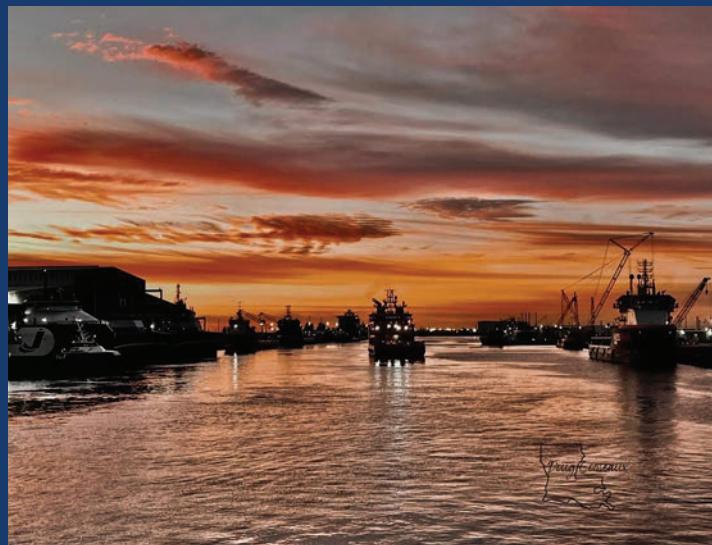
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Reggie Ledet – Board Member, Seat E

Ted Savoie – Interim Board Member, Seat F (Term will end at the conclusion of 2024)

Chad Callais – Board Member, Seat F (Term will commence at the beginning of 2025)

Kris Callais – Board Member, Seat I