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# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Port Fourchon's importance cannot be understated, as it plays the most prominent of roles in supporting the nation's energy supply chain, thanks to being the leading service base for deepwater oil and gas activity in the Gulf of America. Through the amazing efforts of our tenants, users, and Board of Commissioners, and every level of government, this distinction will continue to be built and improved upon in the years to come.



**CHETT CHIASSON**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Port Fourchon is a multi-use deepwater port in Louisiana that serves as a vital hub for the U.S. offshore energy industry, handling 100 percent of the Gulf of America's deepwater oil and gas activity. Its strategic location and specialized infrastructure make it an indispensable asset to national energy security, supplying up to 20 percent of the nation's total oil. In addition to oil and gas operations, the port supports commercial fishing, shipping, coastal restoration, and ecotourism.

At our core, the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, operating to facilitate economic growth by creating an environment that maximizes trade and commerce. We do so with a dual focus: strengthening our economy while preserving the environment and heritage that defines our region.

As we close out 2025 and enter 2026 we are proud to build upon the many successes achieved over the past year. Notably, 2025 marked our 65th anniversary as an agency and port—a milestone that reflected decades of progress and resilience.

Among those achievements was the ushering in of a forward-thinking administration focused on the evolving roles oil and gas continue to play in our society. While our tenants and users worked tirelessly on behalf of the American people to deliver

critical energy resources, regulatory challenges and delays—including burdensome overregulation and the suspension of annual lease sales in the Gulf of America—created significant obstacles to that mission.

Today, we are encouraged by renewed momentum. Lease sales have been scheduled, and there is a firm commitment to strengthening domestic energy production across oil, gas, and LNG (liquefied natural gas).

This progress has led to what we believe will be one of the most transformative projects in the history of Lafourche Parish. Argent LNG has formally announced plans to lease more than 900 acres at Port Fourchon to construct a \$20 billion liquefied natural gas export facility. This project will allow Argent LNG to significantly scale production capacity, with construction of Phase One slated for 2028 and commercial operations anticipated by 2030.

In addition, this annual report highlights a number of major infrastructure projects nearing completion. Among the most significant is the continued construction of the elevated Louisiana Highway 1. This public-private partnership will provide uninterrupted access to the port, with the on-ramp located within the flood protection system in Golden Meadow.

To demonstrate progress on this critical project, we recently issued a final \$5 million payment—bringing total funding to \$25 million—toward the nearly half-billion-dollar elevated highway, which is expected to be completed in 2027.

Other major investments include a new airport bridge and access corridor, terminal building improvements, and bulkhead expansion. Together with the proposed Fourchon Island development, these projects represent a substantial investment in the future of our port, our parish, and our region.

We hope you find this first annual report informative and meaningful. It reflects the dedication of our board, the strength of our project portfolio, the economic impact of the port, and our commitment to maintaining a strong and stable financial position as we look ahead.

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# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission is charged with ensuring the progress and continued development of Port Fourchon and the South Lafourche Leonard Miller, Jr. Airport.

The Port Commission is comprised of nine at-large commissioners serving in lettered seats A through I. Every six years, voters in the 10th Ward of Lafourche Parish elect all nine commissioners. The commissioners then elect officers to serve three-year terms.

The following section lists the commissioners currently serving in the 2025–2030 term, including executive officers serving during the 2025–2027 period.



**JOHN  
MELANCON, JR.**  
PRESIDENT - SEAT G



**KRIS  
CALLAIS**  
VICE PRESIDENT - SEAT I



**HARRIS "CHUCKIE"  
CHERAMIE, JR.**  
SECRETARY - SEAT A



**RODNEY J.  
GISCLAIR, SR.**  
TREASURER - SEAT D



**MIKE  
CALLAIS**  
BOARD MEMBER - SEAT H



**JIMMY "T-JIM"  
LAFONT**  
BOARD MEMBER - SEAT C



**REGGIE  
LEDET**  
BOARD MEMBER - SEAT E



**CHAD  
CALLAIS**  
BOARD MEMBER - SEAT F



**THOMAS "TOM"  
PITRE III**  
BOARD MEMBER - SEAT B

# COMMUNITY GIVING



The GLPC and its Board of Commissioners continue to support the local community through meaningful partnership agreements, with funds directed toward schools and public recreational facilities throughout the 10th Ward of Lafourche Parish.

Furthermore, the board and staff of the GLPC played a significant role in giving back to the community in the aftermath of 2021's Hurricane Ida.

This included raising thousands of dollars for donation to a local nonprofit following Ida, as well as volunteering time to cook food and distribute much-needed supplies in the days after the storm.

During the GLPC's recent anniversary year, the agency hosted a number of events for its tenants as well as the community at large.

The community open house held last May was a free event that featured food and giveaway bags, along with an opportunity for members of the public to board buses for port tours throughout the day.



# ECONOMIC IMPACT

# 500

Million dollars in daily economic impact that Port Fourchon contributes to the national GDP.

# 100

Percent of the Gulf of America's domestic energy production serviced by Port Fourchon.

# 15

Percent of the nation's domestic oil supply supported by Port Fourchon.

# 11.2

Billion dollars in business sales the nation could lose during a hypothetical three-week closure of Port Fourchon.

# 9

Of the top 10 Lafourche Parish taxpayers, nine operate at and/or utilize Port Fourchon.

# 8

Billion dollars in impact to the nation's GDP during a 90-day disruption in access to Port Fourchon.

# 5

Of the top 10 Lafourche Parish employers, five operate from and/or use Port Fourchon.

# 1

The only port in the nation capable of accommodating deepwater energy activity at this scale.

# MAJOR PROJECTS

Investment in meaningful infrastructure enhancements across southern Lafourche Parish remains significant. Highlighted here are several major projects that, when combined, represent a total investment exceeding \$520 million.

The projects outlined below are 65% or more complete. Through the effective execution and coordination of grant, business, parish, GLPC, and FEMA funding, these initiatives have delivered substantial improvements and long-term benefits throughout the 10th Ward.

## AIRPORT BRIDGE & CONNECTOR ROAD PROJECT:



This bridge and connector road are expected to open in the first half of 2026, improving access to the South Lafourche Leonard J. Miller, Jr. Airport in Galliano.

## LA 1 ELEVATED HIGHWAY PROJECT:



Phase 2 will add 8.3 miles of elevated highway spanning from Golden Meadow to Leeville.

## FOURCHON BEACH REPAIRS:



Reinforcement of the beachhead at Port Fourchon to enhance and protect Fourchon Island.

## SLIP D BULKHEAD:



Construction of a new bulkhead in Port Fourchon's final inner slip.

# ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

The GLPC has been involved in numerous environmental projects over the years, with a strong focus on coastal restoration, marsh creation using dredged material, and beach erosion control. These efforts help protect the port's critical infrastructure while also benefiting the surrounding community.

One major highlight currently open to the public is the Coastal Wetlands Park. The park consists of 100 acres of purpose-built wetlands and a man-made

tidal creek suitable for kayaking, paddle boarding, recreational fishing, and bird watching.

Future plans for the Coastal Wetlands Park include an orientation hub, which is currently under construction. The hub will feature pedestal-mounted viewfinders and educational materials that provide visitors with a deeper understanding of coastal mitigation efforts and the wildlife that inhabits the surrounding marsh.





# FOURCHON

