

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 at 10:30AM
Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345
(Posted: February 7, 2025 at 4:28PM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Election of Officers
- V. Approve minutes for January 8, 2025 meeting
- VI. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion
 - 1. Northern Expansion Slip D Bulkhead (*GIS Engineering*)
 - B. Airport Projects
 - 1. Aircraft Operations
 - 2. Airport Connector Road and Bridge (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 3. FBO Terminal (*GIS Engineering*)
 - 4. Fuel System Rehabilitation (*GIS Engineering*)
 - C. Other Projects
 - 1. Hurricane IDA Repair Projects
 - a. Breakwater Repairs (*Angelette Design*)
 - b. Fourchon Beach (*Angelette Design*)
 - c. Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina Dredge (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - d. Airport Hangar Replacement (*GIS Engineering*)
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving Edward Wisner Donation Fourchon Island Lease Amendment for access corridor
 - 2. Consider approving the agreement with State Lands for dredge pipe access to the beach
 - 3. Consider approving declaring the Ford Explorer's partition cage as surplus and donating it to the Golden Meadow Police Department
 - 4. Consider approving the request from Golden Meadow Police Department for officer assistance
 - 5. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafourche Parish Water District for a waterline off Minor Cheramie Sr. Road
 - 6. Consider approving the request from Triton Diving Services aka Helix Alliance for lease extension of site GLF290
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1. Review permits from the Chevron Pipe Line and Power, Lafourche Parish Government, and Bayou Boullion Operating(2)
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Dynamic Group for the Slip D Bulkhead project
 - 2. Consider accepting the clear lien certificate from Huey Stockstill for the Airport Road asphalt leveling
 - 3. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Rigid Constructors for the Breakwater Repairs project
 - 4. Consider approving Change Order No. 4 from Coastal Dredging for the Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina Dredge project
 - 5. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 from Freetown Builders for the Airport Hangar project
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of January 2025 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$25,000
 - 2. Consider approving the January 2025 preliminary unaudited financial statements
 - 3. Consider approving out of state travel requests
- IX. Any Other Business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 12, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 10:30AM at the Administration Office 16829 East Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345.

President Cheramie called the meeting to order then Secretary M. Callais called roll.

ATTENDED: Harris Cheramie Jr., Thomas Pitre III, Jimmy Lafont, Rodney Gisclair Sr., Reggie Ledet, Chad Callais, John Melancon, Jr., Mike Callais, and Kris Callais

ABSENT: None

President Cheramie stated he has enjoyed being President for the past 6 years. He enjoyed working with this administration and board, which has been the best of the 24 years he has been a board member. President Cheramie opened the floor for nominations for President. Gisclair nominated John Melancon for President. With no other nominations, the roll call ballot vote resulted in 9 votes for Melancon. Melancon thanked Cheramie for his service and stated during Cheramie's time of being President we went through some difficult times Covid, Hurricane Ida, and our first snowstorm. He was there helping every step of the way. President Melancon nominated Kris Callais for Vice President. With no other nominations, the roll call ballot vote resulted in 9 votes for K. Callais. Ledet nominated Chuckie Cheramie for Secretary. With no other nominations, the roll call ballot vote resulted in 9 votes for Cheramie. Pitre nominated Rodney Gisclair for Treasurer. With no other nominations, the roll call ballot vote resulted in 9 votes for Gisclair.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the minutes for January 8, 2025 meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Chett Chiasson first congratulated the new executive board and thanked the former executive board. He looks forward to working with you during the next several years.

Northern Expansion – Engineer John Plaisance reported contractor Dynamic Group has been making good progress installing the steel sheet piles for the Slip D Bulkhead project. They plan to start driving concrete piles next week. There is a deduct change order of \$229,758.69 for shorter piles as a result of the test pile program.

Airport Projects – Deputy Port Director Davie Breaux reported the aircraft operations for the month of January were 1,429, with 7,509 passengers, and 18,688 vehicles. Chiasson stated that our airport was an overflow airport for the Superbowl and there were 8 jets that stayed and fueled planes here. Cheramie stated he spoke with one of the pilots who was very satisfied with our services. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. Sealevel Construction finished asphalt and drainage work. They have finished painting on the lift span. They continue to work slowly on the machinery. Engineer John Plaisance reported on the FBO Terminal project being constructed by B.E.T. Construction. The contractor has poured the pile caps and is working on framing for the beams and conduits. Engineer John Plaisance reported the fuel tanks have been delivered for the Fuel System Rehabilitation. The construction work continues to move along and we expect completion by next month.

Other Projects - Engineer Neil Angelette reported Rigid Constructors is expected on site by the end of the month for the Breakwater Repairs project. There is a change order for an increase

in stone quantities. Engineer Neil Angelette reported the Fourchon Beach is being advertised with bid opening March 6th. Engineer Joe Picciola reported the Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina Dredge is in the lien period. The contractor is expected to return to trim down in the mitigation area. Picciola recommends approving the change order of final balancing quantities, a decrease of \$680,104.20. Engineer John Plaisance reported we continue to review the submittals from Freetown Builders for the Airport Hangar Replacement. There is a change order for an additional \$29,766.93 to accommodate the large hangar door.

President Melancon opened the floor for public comment. Gaye Cheramie and Alaina Cheramie introduced their new hydrographic surveying company Twin G Consulting, LLC. They have partnered with Rogers Surveys from New York. Lafont left the meeting.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met on January 29th and February 10th in Cut Off. Present were Cheramie, Gisclair, Lafont, and Pitre.

Upon motion by Pitre second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Edward Wisner Donation Fourchon Island Lease Amendment for access corridor.

Upon motion by C. Callais second by Cheramie, with no public comment the board unanimously approved the agreement with State Lands for dredge pipe access to the beach.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved declaring the Ford Explorer's partition cage as surplus and donating it to the Golden Meadow Police Department.

Upon motion by Pitre second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Golden Meadow Police Department for officer assistance.

Upon motion by Cheramie second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafourche Parish Water District for a waterline off Minor Cheramie Sr. Road a 50/50 cost share.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by C. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Triton Diving Services aka Helix Alliance for lease extension of site GLF290.

Permits & Waterways Committee – The committee met January 29th and February 10th in Cut Off. Present were Gisclair, Pitre, C. Callais, and Cheramie.

Cheramie presented to the board the permits from the Chevron Pipe Line and Power, Lafourche Parish Government, and Bayou Boullion Operating(2).

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met January 29th and February 10th in Cut Off. Present were K. Callais, Lafont, M. Callais and Cheramie.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Dynamic Group for the Slip D Bulkhead project a deduct of \$229,758.69.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the clear lien certificate from Huey P. Stockstill for the Airport Road asphalt leveling.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Rigid Constructors for the Breakwater Repairs project an increase of \$699,200 for stone.

Upon motion K. Callais second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 4 from Coastal Dredging for the Flotation Canal & Front Commercial Marina Dredge project a deduct of \$680,104.20 for final quantities.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Ledet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 from Freetown Builders for the Airport Hangar project an increase of \$29,766.93 and 60 additional days.

Lafont re-entered the meeting.

Finance Committee - The committee met January 29th and February 10th in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, Cheramie, K. Callais, and Ledet.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board voted to approve the payment of January 2025 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$25,000 which total \$2,718,261.10 by vote of 8 yeas and 1 abstain by C. Callais.

Upon motion by Gisclair second K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the January 2025 preliminary unaudited financial statements.

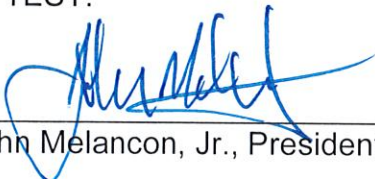
Upon motion by Gisclair second by Ledet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out of state travel requests from Chett Chiasson to testify at U.S. House of Natural Resources Committee in DC February 10th – 11th; Scott Bynum to attend the Maritime Security East in Texas March 3rd – 7th; Michael Kinler and John Crochet to attend the AAPA Security Committee & Cybersecurity Subcommittee in Florida March 12th – 14th; Kenneth Tharpe to attend Street Crimes Training in Mississippi March 23rd – 26th; John Crochet to attend the Port of Future Conference in Texas March 31st – April 4th; Chett Chiasson to attend the NOIA Annual Meeting in DC April 1st – 4th; and Chett Chiasson and board members to attend GPA Spring Meeting in Texas April 29th – May 1st.

President Melancon opened the floor for any other business. Davie Breaux reported the Port participated in the project NFL Green and the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana to build a living shoreline at the Leeville boat launch.

President Melancon opened the floor for any public comment. Cheramie stated with Mardi Gras coming up and parades in Larose and Golden Meadow please be careful, watch for the kids, and please do not drink and drive. Kris Callais stated he is the King of the Versailles parade along with his Queen Rachael Callais. The parade will run on Saturday, February 22nd leaving from the Larose Civic Center to Cut Off School. Go out and have a good time, enjoy great throws and be a part of Mardi Gras.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Pitre, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:01AM.

ATTEST:



John Melancon, Jr., President



Harris J. Cheramie, Jr., Secretary