GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION **BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025 at 10:30AM

Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off. LA 70345

(Revised: October 14, 2025 at 8:30AM)

- Call to Order I.
- II. **Opening Prayer**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call IV
- Approve minutes for September 10, 2025 meetings ٧.
- VI. **Executive Director's Report**
 - A. Northern Expansion
 - 1. Northern Expansion Slip D Bulkhead (GIS Engineering)
 - B. Airport Projects
 - **Aircraft Operations** 1.
 - 2. Airport Connector Road and Bridge (Picciola & Associates)
 - New Executive Terminal (GIS Engineering)
 - Airport Fuel System Rehabilitation (GIS Engineering)
 - Airport Hangar Replacement (GIS Engineering)
 - C. Other Projects
 - 1. Breakwater Repairs (Angelette Design)
 - Fourchon Beach (Angelette Design)
 - Fourchon Pavilion Bulkhead (Picciola & Associates)
 - Coastal Wetlands Park (Duplantis Design Group)

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

- 1. Consider approving the agreements with USACE for Section 203 Port Fourchon Belle Pass Channel Deepening Phase 2
- 2. Consider approving the lease request from Utility Lines Construction Services (ULCS) for site at the SL Industrial Park
- 3. Consider the termination of lease with GDE Tiger Fluids for site GLF344
- 4. Consider approving a letter of no objection to Chevron for the removal of pipelines
- 5. Consider approving extending lease with Louisiana Land and Exploration for property around the Public Boat Launch
- B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1. Review permit from Columbia Gulf Transmission
- C. Construction & Development Committee

 - Consider approving the Airport 2026 2030 Capital Improvements Plan
 Consider accepting the clear lien certificate from Volute for the Fuel System Rehabilitation
 - 3. Consider approving Change Order No. 3 from Freetown Builders for the Airport Hangar Replacement
 - 4. Consider approving the Substantial Completion Certificate Freetown Builders for the Airport Hangar Replacement
 - 5. Consider approving the Change Order No. 2 from Rigid Constructors for the Breakwater Repair project
- D. Finance Committee
 - Consider approving payment of September 2025 invoices and recognize expenditures over
 - 2. Consider approving September 2025 unaudited financial statements
 - 3. Consider approving the out-of-state travel requests
- IX. Any Other Business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION October 15, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 10:30AM at the Administration Office 16829 East Main Street, Cut Off, LA 70345.

President Melancon called the meeting to order. M. Callais recited an opening prayer and Pitre called roll.

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

ABSENT: Harris Cheramie, Jr.

Upon motion by Lafont second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved minutes for September 10, 2025 meeting.

Executive Director's Report

<u>Northern Expansion</u> – Engineer John Plaisance reported Dynamic Group continues to drive concrete piles and pour concrete for deadman for the Slip D Bulkhead project.

<u>Airport Projects</u> – Davie Breaux reported aircraft operations for the month of September were 1400, with 8229 passengers, and 19,872 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. The machinery is nearing completion and has passed testing. Sealevel will schedule for crane barge and equipment to return to site in preparation for the delivery of machinery. Executive Director Chett Chiasson stated based on the history of bridges, we will plan to have backup of the selective parts and components for spare. Engineer John Plaisance reported on the New Executive Terminal, B.E.T. Construction completed the roof install and is currently working on the interior framing and insulation. Engineer John Plaisance reported Volute completed pouring the concrete and has installed the fuel dispenser for the Airport Fuel System Rehabilitation project. Engineer John Plaisance reported Freetown Builders is currently completing all punch list items and the additional work requested by the last change order for the Airport Hangar Replacement.

Other Projects – Engineer Neil Angelette reported Rigid Constructors is currently in the lien period for the Breakwater Repairs. There is a balancing change order for an additional 446 tons an increase of \$82,064. Engineer Neil Angelette reported Onshore Construction is 20% complete on the Fourchon Beach. Chiasson stated the \$19M Fourchon Beach project being funded by FEMA, the Lafourche Parish Government \$2M, and CPRA \$2M. Engineer Joe Picciola reported the preconstruction meeting with Low Land Construction was held for the Fourchon Pavilion Bulkhead. The contractor has started ordering material and notice to proceed has been issued for November 10th to be complete by February 2026. Breaux reported the preconstruction meeting with Grand Isle Shipyard was held for the Coastal Wetlands Park. The contractor has started to order materials and the notice to proceed has been issued for November 15th.

President Melancon opened the floor for any public comment. Allison Atkinson with CSRS Disaster Services presented an update on FEMA projects. IDA recovery is nearing completion with 28 obligated projects out of 32. The last 4 projects are more challenging but making progress. There are 13 projects that are closed. We continue to work with GOHSEP answering questions from FEMA and working through closeouts. She then acknowledged the hard work and professionalism of the Port's staff: Davie, Serena, and Bryce. Chiasson thanked her and CSRS for their services during this process looking at \$30M of obligated funds of the \$40M of

damages from IDA which was a Cat 5 storm causing challenges for us as well as other organizations and individuals in our parish.

Committee Reports

<u>Executive Committee</u> - The committee met on September 24th and October 13th in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, Cheramie, M. Callais, and Lafont.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the agreements with USACE for Section 203 Port Fourchon Belle Pass Channel Deepening Phase 2 – 50' report.

Upon motion by C. Callais second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the lease request from Utility Lines Construction Services (ULCS) for site at the SL Industrial Park.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Ledet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the termination of lease with GDE Tiger Fluids for site GLF344 effective August 1st.

Upon motion by Pitre second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved a letter of no objection to Chevron for the removal of pipelines on Fourchon Island.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by C. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved extending lease with Louisiana Land and Exploration for property around the Public Boat Launch.

<u>Permits & Waterways Committee</u> – The committee met on September 24th and October 13th in Cut Off. Present were K. Callais, Cheramie, C. Callais, and Melancon.

Kris Callais presented for the board's review the permit from Columbia Gulf Transmission.

<u>Construction & Development Committee</u> - The committee met on September 24th and October 13th in Cut Off. Present were Ledet, K. Callais, Pitre, and Melancon.

Upon motion by C. Callais second by Ledet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the DOTD Airport 2026 – 2030 Capital Improvements Plan.

Upon motion by Ledet second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the clear lien certificate from Volute for the Fuel System Rehabilitation.

Upon motion by C. Callais second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 3 from Freetown Builders for the Airport Hangar Replacement an increase of \$4,842.79 and 2 additional days to the contract time.

Upon motion by Ledet second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Substantial Completion Certificate dated September 19, 2025 from Freetown Builders for the Airport Hangar Replacement.

Upon motion by C. Callais second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 from Rigid Constructors for the Breakwater Repair project an increase of \$82,064 and 13 additional days to the contract time.

<u>Finance Committee</u> - The committee met on September 24th and October 13th in Cut Off. Present were Gisclair, M. Callais, Pitre, and Melancon.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board voted to approve the payment of September 2025 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$25,000 totaled \$6,063,334.09 which resulted in 7 yeas, 1 absent by Cheramie, and 1 abstain by C. Callais

Upon motion by Gisclair second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the September 2025 unaudited financial statements.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by C. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out-of-state travel requests from Mitchell Hohensee and Brandon France to attend the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy in Mississippi October 26th to 31st; Chett Chiasson to attend Washington meetings in DC November 17th to 20th; and John Crochet and Scott Bynum to attend the CentralSquare ENGAGE Conference in Washington DC March 15th to 19th.

President Melancon opened the floor for any public comment. Mr. Fitz-Robert Aaron with Marine Labs Data Systems reported that they have dispatched equipment in Belle Pass to collect data October 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes 2

and work with different ports in the maritime industry. He is available after the meeting to discuss. Gisclair announced that October being cancer awareness month.

Upon motion by Lafont second by M. Callais, the board adjourned the meeting at 10:57AM.

ATTEST:

John Melancon Jr., President

Harris Cheramie Jr. Secretary