

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025 at 10:30AM
Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345
(Revised: December 9, 2025 at 9:15AM)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Opening Prayer
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Approve minutes for November 13, 2025 meetings
- 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. New Executive Terminal (*GIS Engineering*)
 - 4. Airport Hangar Replacement (*GIS Engineering*)
 - C. Other Projects
 - 1. Breakwater Repairs (*Angelette Design*)
 - 2. Fourchon Beach (*Angelette Design*)
 - 3. Fourchon Pavilion Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 4. Coastal Wetlands Park (*Duplantis Design Group*)
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the request from Chevron to extend the lease at Nerby Collins Marina
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1. Update on the Corps of Engineers
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider accepting the Clear Lien Certificate from Freetown Builders for the Airport Hangar Replacement project
 - 2. Consider accepting the Clear Lien Certificate from Rigid Constructors for the Breakwater Repair project
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of November 2025 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$25,000
 - 2. Consider approving November 2025 unaudited financial statements
 - 3. Consider approving the out-of-state travel request
 - 4. Consider approving the 2026 Budget
- IX. Any Other Business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
December 10, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, December 10, 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 Secretary Cheramie called roll.

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

ABSENT: None

Upon motion by M. Callais second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved minutes for November 13, 2025 meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer John Plaisance reported Dynamic Group is close to completion for the Slip D Bulkhead project. They are now working on tie-rods, walers, bumper pipe and stone installation. We expect completion in the next several weeks.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported aircraft operations for the month of November were 1422, with 8540 passengers, and 18,845 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. Sealevel received all the machinery, and they are currently aligning machinery on the top of the bridge. He stated the next milestone will be to move the lift span in place. Executive Director Chett Chiasson questioned the contract time, which Picciola replied the time as slipped more, and we expect completion mid to late summer. Engineer John Plaisance reported on the New Executive Terminal. B.E.T. Construction has installed all windows except for one sliding glass door. They are also installing the insulation and drywall on the interior of the building and expect completion in March 2026. Engineer John Plaisance reported Freetown Builders is complete and the clear lien has been received for the Airport Hangar Replacement project.

Other Projects – Engineer Neil Angelette reported Rigid Constructors is complete and we received the clear lien certificate for the Breakwater Repairs project. Engineer Neil Angelette reported Onshore Construction is 40% complete on the Fourchon Beach project and we expect completion late spring. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Low Land Construction is on site and has installed 100 linear feet of sheet piles for the Fourchon Pavilion Bulkhead. Engineer Brent Bergeron reported Grand Isle Shipyard will drive the test pile tomorrow for the Coastal Wetlands Park Improvements. Afterward, they will begin forming the foundation in the new year. The shop drawings for the additional stairs are being reviewed and once approved will be released.

President Melancon opened the floor for any public comment, there were none.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met on November 25th and December 8th in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, Cheramie, M. Callais, and Lafont.

Upon motion by C. Callais second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the request from Chevron Pipe Line Company to extend the lease at Nerby Collins Marina for 3 years or until a bridge is constructed.

Permits & Waterways Committee – The committee met on November 25th and December 8th in Cut Off. Present were K. Callais, Cheramie, C. Callais, and Melancon.

Chairman K. Callais presented the update on the US Army Corps of Engineers in regards to the Belle Pass Channel Deepening. Chiasson stated yesterday we received notice that the Assistant Secretary of the Corps completed their review of the Letter Report. They are hoping to have everything finalized, signed, and sent back to the District Office for Colonel Autin to sign a Finding of No Significant Impact before Christmas. He stated last week he attended the Mississippi River Commission meeting with General Kimberly Peeples and Colonel Scotty Autin to discuss lessons learned from the last feasibility report. Moving forward with this next 50' feasibility report, to work together and make sure we get the report finalized and to the Corps to be in the WRDA Bill 2028. Chiasson reported that the Corps is on site with a tug and barge to repair the Belle Pass East Jetty. They will be there for the next several months in Belle Pass.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met on November 25th and December 8th in Cut Off. Present were Ledet, K. Callais, Pitre, and Melancon.

Upon motion by Ledet second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate from Freetown Builders for the Airport Hangar Replacement project.

Upon motion by Ledet second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate from Rigid Constructors for the Breakwater Repair project.

Finance Committee - The committee met on November 25th and December 8th 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 approved payment of November 2025 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$25,000 which totaled \$4,186,208.15. The vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 abstain by C. Callais.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the November 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 request from John Crochet and Scott Bynum to attend the Maritime Security East Conference in Virginia February 3rd – 6th.

Chairman Gisclair presented for the board's consideration the 2026 Budget. Miranda Parker presented the highlights as follows: Port anticipates revenues of \$31.8M. From there we deduct the direct cost of \$13.1M for landowner and depreciation. Gross profit of \$18.75M less expenses of \$23.2M, equals \$4.44M operating loss, plus \$14.3M of non-operating revenue, equals a net income of \$9.8M.

Parker then continued with the 2026 beginning cash of \$87.9M, plus net income of \$9.8M, plus depreciation expense of \$10.16M, less capital assets of \$2.57M, less capital projects of \$41.5M, plus a decrease in unearned deferred revenues of \$22,500 equals ending cash of \$63.85M, less retained earnings in future capital of \$45.9M for Fourchon Island equals ending cash of \$17.89M. Parker stated the overall operating budget is \$36,333,321, capital budget is \$44,123,537 and non-operating budget is \$30,527,843 which totals the 2026 Budget of \$110,984,701. Chiasson explained we have a very conservative budget by example of last year's budget which was \$116M but the actual ending will be \$69M. We always leave room for changes, and some projects don't always work out. He thanked all the employees for the work throughout the budget process. Upon motion by Gisclair second by Ledet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the 2026 Budget of \$110,984,701.

President Melancon opened the floor for any other business. Chiasson recognized two employees: John Crochet is an honoree for the Best of Lafourche: Forty under Forty awards dinner tonight and Thad Angelloz has been chosen to participate in the 2026 class for Leadership Louisiana.

President Melancon opened the floor for any public comment. Chief Mike Kinler announced that the Harbor Police are participating in the Safe Ride Home Program this holiday season from now until January 2nd. He stated our goal is to have zero accidents or fatalities due to drunk drivers

so please call 985-396-3911 for a free ride home with no questions asked in the 10th Ward. Each board member and Director Chiasson wished the public a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Pitre, the board adjourned the meeting at 10:58AM.

ATTEST:



John Melancon Jr., President



Harris Cheramie Jr. Secretary