

GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026 at 10:30AM
Administration Office · 16829 East Main St · Cut Off, LA 70345
(Posted: May 8, 2026 at 2:55pm)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Opening Prayer
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Approve minutes for April 8, 2026 and May 5, 2026 meetings
- VI. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Northern Expansion
 - 1. Northern Expansion Slip D Sweep Dredging (*GIS Engineering*)
 - B. Airport Projects
 - 1. Aircraft Operations
 - 2. Airport Connector Road and Bridge (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 3. New Executive Terminal (*GIS Engineering*)
 - C. Other Projects
 - 1. Fourchon Beach (*Angelette Design*)
 - 2. Fourchon Pavilion Bulkhead (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 3. Flotation Canal Shoreline Protection (*Picciola & Associates*)
 - 4. Coastal Wetlands Park (*Duplantis Design Group*)
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1. Consider approving the lease request from Rich Deberry for site GLF204
 - 2. Consider approving the lease request from T&M Food Catering for site at the Airport
 - 3. Consider declaring the items are surplus and no longer needed for public purpose and ready to advertise for sale
 - 4. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Golden Meadow Fourchon Tarpon Rodeo
 - 5. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Fourchon Energy Association
 - 6. Consider approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the CCA Louisiana Foundation
 - 7. Consider approving the hiring of summer employees
 - B. Permits & Waterways Committee
 - 1. Review permit from the Lafourche Parish Government
 - C. Construction & Development Committee
 - 1. Consider accepting Clear Lien Certificate from Low Land Construction for Fourchon Pavilion Bulkhead project
 - 2. Consider approving Change Order No. 2 from Grand Isle Shipyard for the Coastal Wetlands Park Improvements
 - 3. Consider approving a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with CPRA for TE-0171 Port Fourchon Marsh Creation project
 - D. Finance Committee
 - 1. Consider approving payment of April 2026 invoices and recognize expenditures over \$25,000
 - 2. Consider approving April 2026 preliminary unaudited financial statements
 - 3. Adopt the 2026 ad valorem millage rate
 - 4. Consider approving the 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
MAY 13, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 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 Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved minutes for April 8, 2026 and May 5, 2026 meetings.

Executive Director's Report

Northern Expansion – Engineer John Plaisance reported the bids for the Slip D Sweep Dredging project were rejected and we will be working with the administration to re-advertise. Melancon questioned when we will readvertise, which Deputy Port Director Davie Breaux replied re-advertise in June, and open bids in July with construction starting in October. Plaisance stated at the time of our bid opening there was a larger dredge job bidding in Terrebonne Parish which may be why we received only one bid at the high amount.

Airport Projects – Davie Breaux reported aircraft operations for the month of April were 1613, with 9042 passengers, and 21,123 vehicles. Engineer Joe Picciola reported on the Airport Connector Road and Bridge project. Sealevel Construction completed the concrete approaches on LA 1 and LA 308. They are currently working on guard rails. They are also working on timber fenders, electrical, and mechanical equipment. There are some vessel traffic delays during the day while they continue to work on the lift span. The updated schedule for completion is July 3rd. Melancon stated when we do the bridge dedication to notify Matthew Cheramie. Engineer John Plaisance reported B.E.T. Construction is progressing on the interior of the Airport Terminal with flooring and walls. The expected completion is in June.

Other Projects – Engineer Neil Angelette reported Onshore Materials is 70% complete on the Fourchon Beach project. The completion date is September 18th however they should be complete mid-summer. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Low Land Construction completed the Fourchon Pavilion Bulkhead project and we are in receipt of the clear lien certificate. Engineer Joe Picciola reported Rigid Constructors has been conducting the surveys and plans to be on site at the end of the month for the Flotation Canal Shoreline Protection project. Ashley Webre reported Grand Isle Shipyard has a change order for the Coastal Wetlands Park Improvements for additional days to June 19th. The project is moving forward but running behind schedule.

President Melancon opened the floor for any public comment. Elliot Day announced his candidacy for Lafourche Parish President.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee - The committee met on April 22nd in Cut Off. Present were Melancon, Cheramie, Lafont, and M. Callais. They also met May 11th in Cut Off with Melancon absent.

Upon motion by C. Callais second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the lease request from Rich Deberry for site GLF204.

Upon motion Cheramie second by Pitre, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the lease request from T&M Food Catering for site at the Airport.

Upon motion by M. Callais second by C. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously declared the items are surplus and no longer needed for public purpose and ready to advertise for sale. Cheramie questioned where these items can be viewed, which Breaux replied they can be viewed on the lease site along 17th Street in Port Fourchon.

Upon motion by Ledet second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Golden Meadow Fourchon Tarpon Rodeo July 2nd to 4th for access to the event and in-kind services for Fourchon Pavilion usage and Harbor Police security.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Fourchon Energy Association for June 25th to 27th for access to the event and in-kind services for Fourchon Pavilion usage and Harbor Police security.

Upon motion by K. Callais second by Ledet, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the CCA Louisiana Foundation July 31st to the legislator's rodeo sponsorship of \$5,000 for advertisement and access to the event in Grand Isle.

President Melancon presented to the board the hiring of summer employees. Breaux stated we received 11 applications for the roustabout positions. The maintenance department requested to hire a past employee, Alex Friedlander. We will now pick for the remaining positions and alternates as follows: Benjamin Bruce, Owen Gaspard, Joao Araujo, Tucker Dantin, Peyton Hebert, Camden Breaux, Terrance Pitre, Caymann Dominique, Jonah Cabrera, and Alec Savoy. Breaux stated there were 7 applications for the clerical position. The administration requested to hire a past employee, Hailey Orgeron. We will now pick the remaining position and alternates as follows: Emmie Rebstock, Ada Lefort, Annie Garcia, Caroline Griffin, Lestat Pitre, and Addison Curole. President Melancon thanked everyone for applying for these summer worker positions.

Permits & Waterways Committee – The committee met on April 22nd in Cut Off. Present were K. Callais, Cheramie, C. Callais, and Melancon. They also met May 11th in Cut Off with Melancon absent.

Chairman K. Callais presented to the board the permit from the Lafourche Parish Government.

Construction & Development Committee - The committee met on April 22nd in Cut Off. Present were K. Callais, Pitre, Melancon, with Ledet absent. They also met May 11th in Cut Off with Melancon absent.

Upon motion by Ledet second by Cheramie, with no public comment, the board unanimously accepted the Clear Lien Certificate from Low Land Construction for Fourchon Pavilion Bulkhead.

Upon motion by Ledet second by K. Callais, with no public comment, the board approved Change Order No. 2 from Grand Isle Shipyard for the Coastal Wetlands Park Improvements to add 37 additional days to the contract time. The vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 abstain by C. Callais.

Upon motion by Ledet second by Gisclair, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with CPRA for TE-0171 Port Fourchon Marsh Creation project. Bryce Autin reported this agreement with CPRA will dredge material from Belle Pass and Bayou Lafourche to build marsh. This is the first CWPPRA project for coastal restoration using our own material.

Finance Committee - The committee met on April 22nd in Cut Off. Present were Gisclair, Pitre, Melancon, and M. Callais. They also met May 11th in Cut Off with Melancon being absent.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board approved the payment of April 2026 invoices and recognized expenditures over \$25,000 which total \$3,928,013.10. The vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 abstain by C. Callais.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by Lafont, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the April 2026 preliminary unaudited financial statements.

Chairman Gisclair presented for the board to adopt the millage rate for the tax year 2026. Breaux stated the recommendation is to levy the same rate as last year 6.54 mills. Melancon requested explanation of rates, which Autin replied every 4 years there is a reassessment year of property values that increase or decrease which changes the millage rate to keep us at the same taxable income from the previous year. We are within our 4 years and will levy a lower rate than our max. Autin then read the resolution out loud: *"Be it resolved, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission millage for Operations and Maintenance of 6.54 mills. Be it Further Resolved, that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2026, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law."*

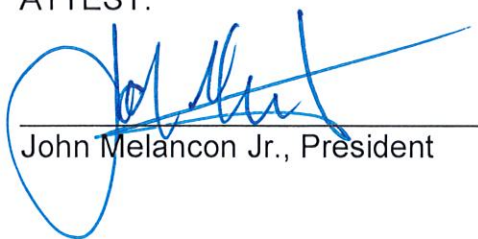
Upon motion by Gisclair to adopt the millage rate of 6.54 mills for the tax year 2026, which was second by C. Callais, with no public comment, The roll call vote resulted in 9 yeas by Cheramie, Pitre, Lafont, Gisclair, Ledet, Melancon, C. Callais, M. Callais, and K. Callais.

Upon motion by Gisclair second by M. Callais, with no public comment, the board unanimously approved the out-of-state travel requests from Chett Chiasson to attend Washington meetings in DC June 1st – 4th, Chett Chiasson and Bryce Autin to attend Gulf Ports Association and Dredging Contractors of America in Texas August 31st – September 2nd, Michael Kinler to attend International Associations of Chiefs of Police in Florida October 23rd – 28th, and Luke Adams to attend ALERRT Annual Conference in Texas November 15th – 20th.

President Melancon opened the floor for any other business. Breaux stated Chett Chiasson was not in attendance today, he is attending an AAPA meeting. Cheramie stated the importance of life jackets while at the beach and while riding in boats. K. Callais congratulated South Lafourche winning the first ever State track and field championship. Ledet wished all commercial fishermen good luck today for the opening of shrimp season.

Upon motion by Lafont second by Pitre, the board adjourned the meeting at 11:03AM.

ATTEST:



John Melancon Jr., President



Harris Cheramie Jr. Secretary