



TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 17, 2009
8026 Main Street
Houma, Louisiana 70360
Dan Davis, President Presiding**

Present: Andrew Blanchard, Dan Davis, Charles Giglio, Don Hingle, and Edward Rome
Absent: Chris Erny and Ray Sick
Staff: David Rabalais, Director, Natalie Lapeyrouse, Secretary
Engineer: Larry Dupre-T. Baker Smith, John Bourg - Shaw Coastal, Phil Schexnayder- GSE and Larry Picciola, Angelette -Picciola
Legal: Ken Watkins
Guests: James Miller- CZM, Clay Naquin and David Freeman- Synergy Industries
Media: Kathrine Schmidt- Courier

I. WELCOME AND INVOCATION

- President, Dan Davis, called the meeting to order. David Rabalais led with the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Natalie Lapeyrouse called role. A quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 20, 2009 meeting minutes were approved on motion by Edward Rome and seconded by Andrew Blanchard. No oppositions. Motion carried.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Reconciliation of finances from checking account, Lamp account and TPCG pay select invoices was reviewed and approved for the month of January 2009 on a motion by Charles Giglio and seconded by Don Hingle. No opposition. Motion passed.

IV. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Larry Picciola reported that Facility Planning and Control has concurred to award the LaShip bulkhead project. A resolution will be passed authorizing the Port Commission to award the bid and enter into a contract with F. Miller Construction Co. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled after the paperwork is signed and construction will begin shortly after that. Larry also presented a copy of the permit and a contract for legal review. It is a standard FP&C construction contract.
- David Rabalais reported on the LaShip Dry Dock. DOTD has approved the plans and the port is waiting on an official letter from DOTD. Due to an increase in costs, more money will be needed before the project is sent out to bid. LaShip is responsible for any additional money needed. David will send the resolution that



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was passed last month back to the commission for re-approval when all the money is accounted for the project to change the date.

- David Rabalais reported on the ThomaSea Dry Dock Project. The state made minor comments on the drawings and specifications for the project. The comments will be addressed. There are currently 2 banks interested in bidding on the \$1 million loan for this project.
- David Rabalais reported on the Performance Energy Dry Dock Project. The application has been sent in to DOTD and is awaiting approval for funding.
- David Rabalais reported that the LRA projects have been taken over by the Parish. They will be the fiscal agent and administrator.
- David Rabalais reported on the status of the Port's HWY 57 structure permit. It is still with DNR under review. There is still no confirmation that LUMCON will take over the structures, but the documents have been prepared and should be mailed shortly. The CZM has requested that the culverts remain open if the project is dismantled.

V. PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Clay Naquin, representing Synergy Industries, reported that Synergy is interested in releasing 19.31 acres of property from their lease. They currently only need 15 acres and are requesting the port to look into the possibilities of advertising that the 19.1 acres is now available for lease. Ken Watkins will research the possibility and legality of relinquishing their property if the port has a commitment from another tenant to lease the property. The 15 acre section of property currently has a road and 3 sets of cluster piles for mooring vessels.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- David Rabalais presented the updated spreadsheet on the Downtown Marina.
- Natalie Lapeyrouse reported on the Downtown Marina Study Group. The Study group has met and is currently discussing changing the rates from a flat rate to a linear footage rate. The sprinkler system will be repaired and new flowers planted for the spring.
- David Rabalais discussed the status of FEMA and the damage from the hurricanes. The Port has received a check in the amount of \$7,910.36 for repayment of the generator rented from Hurricane Gustav.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A motion by Don Hingle and seconded by Edward Rome approved a resolution for the award of the base bid, alternate no. 1 and alternate no.2 for the LaShip Bulkhead project titled "LaShip bulkhead and site Improvements" to F. Miller Construction, LLC in the amount of \$20,555,530.00 and the authorization to enter into a contract with F. Miller Construction, LLC and granting the Port President, Dan Davis to sign all necessary documents required for the execution of this contract on behalf of the Terrebonne Port Commission. No opposition. Motion Passed.
- A motion by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by Don Hingle approved a resolution declaring the entire HWY 57 monitoring system, description and location supplied for the record, owned by the Terrebonne Port Commission as surplus and no longer needed for its intended purpose:



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Robinson Canal Telemetry Platform 29° 20' 4" N, 90° 38' 59" W

Lake Quitman Telemetry Platform 29° 19' 30" N, 90° 39' 34" W

Hwy. 57 Telemetry Platform 29° 18' 38" N, 90° 39' 48" W

Water Control Structure 29° 18' 9" N, 90° 40' 11" W

No opposition. Motion Passed. Ken Watkins stated that it is a statutory requirement to declare public property as surplus before getting rid of it.

- A motion by Edward Rome and seconded by Andrew Blanchard approved a resolution approving a cooperative endeavor agreement with Lumcon for the HWY 57 structures pending the outcome of the surplus resolution and granting signature authority to the Port President, Dan Davis. No opposition. Motion Passed. Ken Watkins stated that the Port is prohibited from donating public property to another public entity, so it must be done with a cooperative endeavor. The Port will not release these structures unless Lumcon assumes all liability and holds the Port harmless. All previously collected data in the Port's possession will also be turned over to Lumcon.
- A motion by Don Hingle and seconded by Edward Rome approved the payment of an invoice from Picciola and Associates pertaining to engineering fees for LaShip Dry Dock. No opposition. Motion Passed. The invoices is:
 - Picciola & Associates, Inc #1006-0801-2/09 –for the LaShip Dry Dock project in the amount of \$5,359.44
- A motion by Charles Giglio and seconded by Edward Rome approved the additional duties and compensation for the Port's Executive Secretary as Financial Director with a salary of \$36,000 per year. No opposition. Motion Passed.

VIII STAFF REPORT

- David reported on a presentation given on the Port to the Council. Chris Erny and Dan Davis were in attendance.
- The America's Wetland Foundation will be hosting an event to draw attention to coastal erosion. The event will start at the Port of New Orleans on Saturday May 30, 2009 and convene at the Downtown Marina on Sunday May 21, 2009 for a festival. A request was made to the council for Parish participation and sponsorship.
- David Rabalais presented the commission with the FY 2010 appropriations requests that were sent to the federal delegation. The Port is requesting \$6 million for the HNC maintenance dredging and \$2.5 million for Port Security. Dan Davis requested David Rabalais to look into having the Intracoastal dredged. David Rabalais will contact the Corps to see if it is under federal jurisdiction or not. Don Hingle suggested that the Port contact the businesses along the GIWW and see what the Port can do to help.
- David Rabalais reported that the gates on Main Port Court are no longer needed and will be taken down. The Parish will store them in their yard. David has suggested that the Parish adopt the Port's road as a parish road so that the Sheriff's department can have jurisdiction to control speeders.
- David Rabalais presented a letter that was sent to the Parish President requesting the road get hard surfaced by funding from CDBG grant money allocated to the parish because of Hurricane Gustav.
- A motion by Edward Rome and seconded by a unanimous vote deviated from the agenda to add on a resolution requesting a share of the money associated with the \$65,000,000.00 in CDBG money the parish will receive in the economic development and infrastructure category for hard surfacing Main Port Court. The resolution was



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passed on a motion by Don Hingle and seconded by Charles Giglio. No opposition. Motion Passed.

- A motion by Don Hingle and seconded by Edward Rome voted to deviate back to the original agenda. No opposition. Motion Passed.
- David Rabalais presented an invitation to Louisiana Oil and Gas Associations' Industry Series- State of the Oil and Gas Industry. David Rabalais and Dan Davis will attend the event.
- David Rabalais presented an invitation to the PAL annual conference on April 22-24, 2009. The conference will be held in Morgan City.
- David Rabalais reported that a deadline for agenda items will be the Wednesday before the meeting. Items requested after that date will be considered as an add-on item to the agenda.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion for adjournment made by Don Hingle and seconded by Andrew Blanchard. No opposition. Motion carried.