

OFFICIAL PROCEEDING
OF
SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 08, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of the South Lafourche Levee District met in a regular session at its regular meeting place, 17904 Highway 3235, Galliano, Louisiana, on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m., pursuant to the provisions of a notice of regular session duly promulgated and posted in accordance with the law.

The regular meeting for the month of September was called to order by President Ronald Callais. He directed the secretary to call roll.

Board members present: Ronald Callais
 Clarence "CJ" Marts, Jr.
 Roy Gisclair
 Ernest J. "E.J." Gremillion
 Monty Vegas
 Lula Auenson
 Robert "Bobby" Eymard, Sr.

Board members absent: Bob Faulk
 Mitch Danos

Also present were: Executive Secretary and General Manager Windell Curole; Administrative Assistant 5 Mary Punch; Clerical Assistant Amy Randazzo; Levee Maintenance Superintendent Jimmy Badeaux; Engineering Personnel Joe Picciola, Ben Hodson, Neil Angelette, and John Plaisance; Attorney Bryce Autin; Petroleum Consultant Lee Bloch, Roland Diaz of Allain-LeBreton Co.; USACE Joey Wagner, Maude Johnson, and Bill Foret; Dr. Roy Dokka of LSU Center for Geoinformatics; NRCS Garret Thomassie; Eugene Chauvin of LL&G; Dwayne Bourgeois of North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District; and news media.

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the August 10, 2009 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion of Lula Auenson and seconded by Bobby Eymard.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ALBL MEETING – DECEMBER 2-3, 2009

President Ronald Callais announced the December Conference that would be held at the Hilton in New Orleans and asked each member to inform Mary Punch of their intent to attend.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

GARRET THOMASSIEE – VEGETATIVE COVER ON LEVEES

Garret Thomassie representing NRCS' Golden Meadow Plant Materials Center reported to the board on vegetative work in local marshes that the NRCS is conducting in Mississippi and Louisiana. Mr. Thomassie stated that they have working on the Fourchon ridge where there are salinity problems in the soil. He was contacted by General Manager Windell Curole to find a grass that would be good for the levees. Areas that they are looking into would include a grass, or mixture of grasses that would take root fast, be drought tolerant and a manageable height to maintain. Mr. Thomassie named various grasses that would be used in an experiment to see how well they held. One grass they feel would do well is Bahia. Mr. Curole added that Bahia only grows to about one foot in height, and while it is difficult to cut, the

roots are very strong. We may use this on A-East where we are having trouble getting grass to grow. Mr. Curole explained that we are packing the levees tight per Corps regulations. Because of the packed soil, we're having trouble getting grass to grow. These are some options we are looking into.

Mr. Curole mentioned that Garret is also working on the Floating Island project on our levee. Garret explained what the floating island is and how it works. The mat is 6-inches thick. They use three species of grass plantings in the mats. These have been placed against levee, but now we are planning place the mats 20 ft. away from levee to see if area in between will fill in with grass. The 4' x 8' mats float, but become weighted down as they collect organic materials from the water. Grass is planted through the holes of the mats. We are looking at using the mats in the most vulnerable areas. A lengthy discussion pursued.

DR. ROY DOKKA – ELEVATIONS FINDINGS

Dr. Roy Dokka of LSU showed an impressive presentation of a flyover of our levee system showing the current elevations. Dr. Dokka stated that he would have the flyover available for the SLLD to place on its website.

Dwayne Bourgeois of NLCLDD is working on an appeal of the DFIRMS and will meet with Neil Angelette tomorrow. He stated that the deadline to appeal the DFIRM is fast approaching. We need to meet with Parish President Charlotte Randolph soon. Mr. Bourgeois stated that they may make a formal appeal and would like the SLLD to go together with North Lafourche in making that appeal.

Dr. Dokka added that after much protesting, the head of FEMA will be meeting with Cameron Parish tomorrow. He encouraged us to continue to voice our concerns.

Mr. Curole recommended the board authorize President Ronald Callais to move forward with the appeal, if necessary.

On a motion of Bobby Eymard, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously carried, the board authorized President Ronald Callais to move forward with an appeal to DFIRM if he believes will be beneficial.

Mr. Curole thanked Dr. Dokka for his research and work on the elevations for our levee system stating that our work is based on the information that Dr. Dokka provides.

President Callais added that in placing the flyover on our website, it will open the eyes of the people of south Lafourche to the false sense of safety they've had. Most people don't realize just how much water is on the other side of the levees. Hopefully this will make them more aware of the need to evacuate during storms.

Mr. Roland Diaz addressed the board over concerns with ruts on the levee in Section D-North. Mr. Curole explained that the ruts were made by surveyors hired by the Corps. The Corps was notified of this and has taken action to correct the problem. The surveyors are repairing the ruts at their expense.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

CATFISH LAKE – SMALL DREDGE PROJECT (CIAP)

Mr. Curole stated that the Parish is moving fwd with the small dredge project in Catfish Lake. After a delay with the funds, they are now advertising and should have a contractor on site in a couple of months

NORTH WEST LITTLE LAKE – LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT PROJECT

This is another CIAP project which involves the moving of material. A permit request is proceeding through the process.

MAP OF LEVEE ELEVATIONS; PROJECT ELEVATION MAP

Mr. Curole provided a map of elevations to board members. This map shows the general elevations we are currently dealing with. The lower areas have good marsh and ridges with spoil banks. We are concentrating on getting the highest elevations where there is open water.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mr. Curole presented a slide show presentation with pictures of Hurricane Betsy, Hurricane Gustav, damage to levees by Corps subcontractors and Donaldsonville to the Gulf.

D-FIRM REPORT

Reported earlier by Dwayne Bourgeois of North Lafourche Levee District.

DONALDSONVILLE TO THE GULF – ROE REQUEST FROM CORPS

A right-of-entry request has been made by the Corps. It is recommended this request be granted.

On a motion of Bobby Eymard, seconded by Roy Gisclair and unanimously carried, the board approved to grant a right-of-entry to the Corps for the Donaldsonville to the Gulf project.

POSTRETIREMENT – OPEB TRUST

Mr. Curole presented a report from the auditor and explained that the new laws require the District to take in consideration that we will be paying health and life benefits for future retirees. The law expects us to show these amounts in our books as funds set aside. At present, the SLLD only has one retiree that it is paying partial premiums. We will take a wait and see approach until we hear how the State wants to handle this.

ENGINEERING REPORT

OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS

No one was in attendance from the Office of Public Works.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Program Manager Joey Wagner reported the following:

C-North :

We are a little over 50% complete with the raising of C-North.

We need a decision now on the ramp vs. gate issue. DOTD is not willing to agree to placing a ramp over the highway because of height issues. We need to have a meeting with all parties to make a decision soon.

Mr. Curole added that DOTD feels they do not have the right-of-way to build to Corps height. We will meet and try to make a decision on which way to go. Hesco baskets will continue to be used to close the LA 24 gap until something permanent is in place.

Our goal is to have the entire system closed by hurricane season 2010.

\$29M Supplemental

The Corps thanked SLLD crew for grouting the rocks at the Golden Meadow pump station. They checked it out and it really looks nice.

The Corps will put in an additional wall approximately 10 ft behind first wall in Golden Meadow. Environmentalists required us to present several alternatives to the sheet piles. This has caused some delays, but we plan to have the wall in place by next hurricane season.

Crawfish Farm Wall

Construction of a 750 ft sheet pile wall is schedule for completion in March 2010. It will raise the protection to 13.5 ft elevation.

Critical Structures

Technical analyses are coming in now for the eight critical structures that we've been reviewing since last year. We will continue to work with Neil Angelette on critical areas of the levee system. Mr. Curole added that the most critical are the LOOP gate and the Larose floodwall structures. This was stressed in a letter written to Mr. Wagner by Mr. Curole.

Hurricane Repairs

Hurricane Gustav and Ike repairs are complete. The Corps is now waiting on the cost-share agreement.

Surveys

\$6.2M that was obtained from President Obama's stimulus plan is being used for surveys. The data surveys are now complete. There was a window of time that the surveys had to be complete and the Corps is deeply sorry that there was damage to the levee system. The Corps will come back after Oct. 19th once the ground is dry enough and start the next round of surveys. Stipulations made to the contractors are that they must use ATV equipment and they must go through Mr. Jimmy Badeaux for permission before going on the levee.

PROJECT ENGINEERS

LEON THERIOT LOCK PROJECT – PICCIOLA & ASSOCIATES

Program Manager Ben Hodson gave the following report:

- **Completion Phase**

The contractor is placing dredge material in the western levee and adjacent to the access roadway, coating the concrete control houses, blasting and painting the steel structure, installing the electrical systems, and compacting the limestone for the access roadway.

We anticipate substantial completion of the project in October.

- LL&G Pay Request No. 21

We recommend payment in the amount of \$208,097.50 be made to the contractor for Pay Request No. 21.

Moved by Lula Auenson, seconded by EJ Gremillion and unanimously carried, the board approved Pay Request No. 21 to contractor LL&G Construction in the amount of \$208,097.50.

- Sector Gates - Retainage

We've been holding the retainage on the gates due to problems with the hinges. The hinges were installed wrong so this caused a delay for LL&G. We are back-charging Dolphin Services for time lost with LL&G. We are still negotiating with LL&G over the final amount. LL&G proposed a price of \$48,168.43 for lost time. We have been holding the retainage of \$71,668.75. We propose to pay Dolphin the difference between the two at \$23,500.32.

Moved by Bobby Eymard, seconded by Roy Gisclair and unanimously approved, the board agreed to pay Dolphin a retainage in the amount of \$23,500.32.

- Debris Removal Contract

The debris removal is complete and the substantial completion certificates have been issued to the contractor. The monitoring contractor is in the lien period, after which a clear lien certificate will be produced and the retainage will be paid

We are awaiting word on contract price negotiations between the district's attorney and the attorney for Lemoine Industrial Group.

Attorney Bryce Autin stated that he had been in contact with the attorney for Lemoine and that he is waiting for justification of the numbers that Lemoine is requesting.

- **Pre-Position Debris Contract**

Bids were opened publically at the SLLD office August 26, 2009. The Technical Review Panel which consists of Windell Curole, Jimmy Badeaux, and Archie Chiasson, III of Piccioloa & Associates, Inc., are reviewing the proposal submitted. Once the review is complete, we will ask the permission of the board to award the contract.

On a motion of Monty Vegas, seconded by Bobby Eymard and unanimously carried, the board agreed to award the contract upon the recommendation and advice of the engineers.

- **Elevation of the South Floodgate Investigation**

We are generating computer models of the existing gates and performing engineering calculations.

Waiting for USACE approval may delay the project.

Design and construction time is limited so that the gates will be in place for next hurricane season.

Mr. Curole explained that the elevation of the floodgate is at 11.5' and the levee adjacent to the floodgate is at 16'. Since we are going to be doing the 10-year rehab on the floodgate, while it is at the shipyard, we should go ahead and increase the elevation.

We are hoping by next month to have the finalized plans and cost estimates. We recommend the board approve authorization to proceed when ready.

On a motion of Lula Auenson, seconded by Monty Vegas and unanimously carried, the board approved authorization to proceed when ready to elevate the floodgates.

J. WAYNE PLAISANCE, INC.

Engineer John Plaisance reported the following:

- **Discharge Pipe Repair PS #1**

The contractor, Blanchard Contractors, Inc., is progressing well on the discharge pipe repairs of Pump Station No. 1. The pipe in the water has been prepared. They have replaced 20' from 5 of the pipes and added anodes to the pipes. These were not anticipated, but are needed. Change Order No. 1 is to add 100 linear feet of pipe replacement at \$729.65 per linear foot and to add anodes to the five discharge pipes and accommodate change from interior diameter to exterior diameter pipe. Total price of Change Order No. 1 is \$88,632.00. This brings the contract price to \$351,368.32. We recommend approval of Change Order No. 1.

On a motion of Lula Auenson, seconded by Roy Gisclair and unanimously carried, the board approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$88,632.00.

The contractor has submitted Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$154,580.45. We recommend approval of Pay Request No. 1 be made at this time.

On a motion of EJ Gremillion, seconded by Bobby Eymard and unanimously carried, the board approved payment of Request No. 1 in the amount of \$154,580.45 .

LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS – LARRY PICCIOLA, INC.

Engineer Neil Angelette reported the following:

- **Section A-East – Raising to +16' (Present elevation is 13')**

Weeks Marine, Inc. is proceeding with construction on this project which is expected to be complete by the spring of 2010. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 19 for \$402,844.91.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by Bobby Eymard and unanimously carried, the board approved Pay Request No. 19 for \$402,844.91.

- **Section B-North – Raising to +12' (Present elevation is 10-11')**

Civil Construction Contractors, LLC is proceeding with this project which should be complete in 1 to 2 weeks. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 1 for \$5,933.70 and Pay Request No. 2 for \$54,105.30.

Moved by Lula Auenson, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously carried, the board approved Pay Request No. 1 for \$5,933.70 and Pay Request No. 2 for \$54,105.30.

- **Section E-South – Raising to +11.5'**

Manson Gulf has completed this project in approximately 2 weeks. We are recommending substantial completion as of August 18, 2009

Moved by Bobby Eymard, seconded by EJ Gremillion and unanimously carried, the board approved substantial completion for this project.

- **Section D-South – Raising to +13.5'**

Manson Gulf has completed the elevation improvements to +13.5' and is proceeding with the berm improvements. This project should be complete by the middle of 2010. We are recommending approval of Pay Request No. 6 for \$137,833.41.

Moved by Roy Gisclair, seconded by Lula Auenson and unanimously carried, the board approved Pay Request No. 6 for \$137,833.41.

- **Section C-North Pipeline Walls (Present elevation is 8,8 & 9')**

We are finalizing our design and are working with the pipeline companies and the Corps of Engineers for approval on this project. We anticipate starting the advertisement for bids in October and completion of the construction in May of 2010.

- **Section E-North – Raising to +13' (Present elevation is 10')**

We are proceeding with the design for this project which will involve a levee shift away from the borrow canal and additional right of ways from the farm. We met with the land owners last month to discuss the additional right of ways needed for these improvements. We have completed the borrow canal surveys and are finalizing the levee surveys for this design.

- **Section C-South – Raising to +12'**

Phylway Construction, LLC has completed this project and we are waiting on the clear lien certificate to pay the retainage.

LEGAL, PERMITS, AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of Chairman Mitch Danos, General Manager Windell Curole announced that there were seven permit requests received for review and that none interfered with the levee.

One permit from Plains Pipeline may go through our property at Hackberry Bay. Mr. Bloch will look into it for us.

On a motion of Roy Gisclair, seconded by Bobby Eymard and unanimously carried, the board approved Letters of No Objection for the following requests:

1. MANTI OPERATING COMPANY

CUP NO: P20090908

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA, Lat 29° 28' 46", Long 90° 20' 19"W; POE AT Exxon Fee Well No 001; Lat 29° 28' 05"N, Long 90° 26' 05"W; Section 001, 002, 003, 004; T19S-R20E; Section 033, 035, 036; T18S-R20E; on Pointe-Aux-Chenes WMA (PACWMA); Approximately 7.8 miles southwest of Cut Off, LA.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed wheel washing of a total of approximately 600' of access route and hydraulic dredging of a total of approximately 11,800' of access route and slip resulting in a total of 121,730 cubic yards of displaced native material. Project includes four spoil replacement areas conducive to marsh creation as per LDWF recommendation totaling approximately 113,174 cubic yards of beneficially used dredged material and will have no significant impacts to vegetated wetlands. Project also includes the installation of a 57' x 217' drilling barge with 8 associated 3-pile clusters. Upon successful completion of well, a 7' x 16' well head protector will subsequently be installed. *Approximately 65 total acres of non-vegetated water bottoms may be impacted as well as a result of this proposed activity.

2. PLAINS PIPELINE, LP

CUP NO: P20090826

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Section 21 T22S R24E; POB of project: Lat 29° 10' 49.9"N / Long. 90° 04' 46.58"W, POE of project: Lat 29° 40' 36.60"N / Long 89° 58' 40.31"W.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed anomaly repairs, lines lowering and bulkhead removal along the route of an existing 18" pipeline (~180,000'). Approximately 166,046' cubic yards of native material will be displaced and used as backfill. No additional dredge or fill is required for this project. *Approximately 4.16 acres of marsh and 47.3 acres of non-vegetated water bottoms may be impacted as a result of the proposed project. This project is on productive oyster seed grounds and on/near oyster lease.

3. LOUISIANA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

CUP: P2009828

LOCATION: Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29° 14' 51"N, Long 90° 12' 31"W; Section 23 T12S-R22E; Section 26 T12S-R22E

DESCRIPTION: Proposed removal of 2567' of steel bridge superstructure, 39'x59'x6' concrete piers, electrical and mechanical system associated with the movable bridge, vertical lift towers and 492' of wooden fenders system. Proposed project includes the removal of Pier 1 (west pier) to a -16' NGVD. Potential accretion of water bottom of the -16 MGVD is anticipated to alleviate any hazard of obstruction by leaving the pier footing in place and will be monitored for 18 months. If accretion levels do not reach the intended elevation goal, coordination for additional removal of the pier footing will be necessary. The temporary obstructions of the levels do not reach the intended elevation goal, coordination for additional removal of the pier footing will be necessary. The temporary obstruction of the west pier footing will be marked with the buoy in accordance with US Coast Guard regulations. Pier 2 (east pier) will be removed to an elevation of +4 NGVD or the top of the concrete cap, currently filled with standing water, and will be used as a fill area for concrete blocks and rubble generator from the bridge removal. The existing wooden fender system at both piers will be removed to the existing ground elevation. All work is included within the recently acquired LADOTD right of way and no additional construction servitudes or right of way is necessary for this project. *No impacts to wetlands habitats should result from the proposed activity.

NAME CHANGE for the following permits:**4. PRUDENT ENERGY LLC****CUP NO: P20071879****LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Located in Section 9 of T20S-R23E**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed wheel washing of a proposed well slip adjacent to an access canal which is being permitted (P20071683) in order to install and maintain a drill barge, platform and appurtenant structures to drill the Harrison, et al Location No. 2 as shown on the attached plats. Approximately 4,550 cubic yards of material will be displaced for the 435 linear feet of wheel washing required.**5. PRUDENT ENERGY LLC****CUP NO: P20071683****LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Approximately 8.5 miles easterly from Golden Meadow, LA. Section 10, T20S-R23E. POB Section "1" Wheelwashing: Lat. 29° 22' 12"N, Long. 90° 09' 13"W; Section "2" Wheeling: Lat. 29° 22' 16"N, Long. 90° 08' 44"W; Section "3" Wheelwashing: Lat. 29° 22' 15"N, Long. 90° 08' 23"W; Section "4" Wheelwashing: Lat. 29° 21' 54"N, Long. 90° 07' 16"W; POE Section "1" Wheelwashing: Lat. 29° 22' 15"N, Long. 90° 08' 28"W; Section "3" Wheelwashing: Lat. 29° 21' 52"N, Long. 90° 07' 11"W.**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed wheelwashing of portions of an existing canal, Palmetto Bayou, across Round Lake and a well slip (160' x 425') to install and maintain a drill barge (12' x 50' x 185') and appurtenant structures (7' x 21') in order to drill the Harrison, et al Location No. 1. Approximately 61,364 cubic yards of excavation material will be displayed by wheelwashing (8,258 linear feet). No additional dredge or fill are required for this project. Approximately 13.5 acres of non-vegetated waterbottoms may be impacted as a result of this project.**6. PRUDENT ENERGY LLC****CUP NO: P20081024****LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA; Lat 29° 22' 09"N / Long -90° 08' 12"W; S4T20S R23E**DESCRIPTION:** Requesting permission to temporarily remove 7 piles and an existing gate in Section 4 of T20S-R23E. Any wheel washing for access will be done under previously permitted P20071683. The piles and gate will be temporarily removed to allow access to the drilling rig to drill two previously permitted wells (P20071683 and P20071879). Once the work is complete, and the rig leaves the field, the piles and gate will be restored to pre project condition. The draft of the work boat will be 6'.**7. LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNEMENT****CUP NO: P20090683****LOCATION:** Lafourche Parish, LA, Section 34, 35, T17S-R22E; (POB) Lat. 29° 34' 9.75"N, Long -90° 11' 55.86"W; (POE) Lat 29° 33' 25.84"N, Long -90° 12' 52.54"W. Additional coordinates for containment dykes as well as the borrow pits location have been provided**DESCRIPTION:** Proposed dredge, fill placement and terraced planting for marsh creation and enhancement on the northwest shore of Little Lake. A 2100' x 600' borrow pit will be excavated 12.5' below the mud line of Little Lake, generating 240,000 cubic yards of fill. The fill will be hydraulically pumped into surrounding low marsh and open water areas to create approximately 46 acres and nourish approximately 111ares of marsh. Marsh buggies will track across access routes depicted on the plats and in the open areas prior to filling. A total of 18 containment dikes will be installed in the broken marsh area to contain fill. The material will be excavated from adjacent areas and those areas will be refilled with the hydraulically pumped material. Two rows of plants will be planted along the shoreline of Little Lake, one at MHW and one at the mean water level. *Approximately 111 acres of wetland and 77 acres of wetland and

77 acres of non-vegetated water bottom may be directly impacted by the proposed work.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Recordation of Property from the State:

Board Attorney Bryce Autin reported that the property transferred to SLLD from Lafourche Basin Levee District has been recorded.

Mr. Autin stated that he has been working with the engineers and is being brought up to date on all the SLLD projects.

Mr. Lee Bloch stated that he had provided Mr. Autin with property descriptions. Per Mr. Curole's request, Mr. Bloch checked into property on the west side of levee system. An area acquired from Atchafalaya has been sold, but we may have a claim to the mineral rights. Mr. Bloch recommended the board move forward with this research into the mineral rights.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

INVOICES

Chairman Roy Gisclair announced that the Finance Committee had reviewed the invoices. He advised that the invoices were in order and recommended they be paid.

On a motion of Roy Gisclair, seconded by Clarence Marts and unanimously carried, the board approved the payment of the invoices as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE – GENERAL MANAGER

Chairman Monty Vegas reminded the board that the when negotiating his contract, travel for General Manager Windell Curole would be reviewed. The committee recommends that whenever Mr. Curole travels outside the district, he would be paid a travel rate equal to the states rate.

Moved by Monty Vegas, seconded by EJ Gremillion and unanimously carried, the board agreed to compensate General Manager Windell Curole at the State's mileage rate whenever he travels outside the district.

NEW WORK SCHEDULE FOR FIELD EMPLOYEES

The SLLD employees have requested to work a 40 hour work week with four 10 hour days during daylight savings time. We see no problem with this as long as the work is being done. There is always someone on call every day of the week so someone is available if needed. If it becomes a problem, the employees will go back to the 5 day a week work schedule.

President Callais reminded the board that they were still reviewing the possibility of opting out of Civil Service. He stated that Mary Punch had put together a report and requested she get a copy to each of the board members.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Curole stated that we received a grant of \$15M in the 2008 Surplus, and \$5M in the 2009 Surplus. We have not received any of this money from the state at this point, and our funds are low. We have spent over \$19 over the past three years for levee improvements. A large amount was from the 1% sales tax. At this time we cannot afford to do any new projects. Once the \$20M is in, we'll have to decide to spend this money, using Corps standards or our own less expensive engineered projects.

Lula questioned if anything was in place to prevent boats and barges from tying up to the pilings by the floodgates during storms to avoid damage of property. Mr. Curole stated that the Port Commission is in charge of that, but we can meet with them to discuss further.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Bobby Eymard questioned whether someone would be on the lock 24/7 to direct traffic? Mr. Curole stated that we do anticipate having someone on at all times. We will review the training for working the lock.

With no further business to discuss, the board unanimously adjourned the meeting.

/s/Ronald Callais, President

/s/Windell A. Curole, Executive Secretary