## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LOUISIANA CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES CORPORATION MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012

A meeting of the Board of the Louisiana Correctional Facilities Corporation ("LCFC") was duly called and held Monday, March 12, 2012 in the Fifth Floor Main Conference Room of Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre, L.L.P., Four United Plaza, 8555 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809-7000, pursuant to due notice having been given according to Louisiana Public Meetings Law.

The following members were present:

Mr. Tommy Head Mr. Ted Riser Mr. Whalen Gibbs, Jr.

The following members were absent:

Secretary James LeBlanc Mr. Richard Crain

Also present:

- Mr. Tom C. Bickham, III Undersecretary, Department of Public Safety & Corrections
- Mr. Billy Breland, Maintenance and Corrections Director Department of Public Safety & Corrections
- Mr. Matt Kern, Esq. Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrére & Denégre L.L.P.
- Ms. Patti Dunbar Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrére & Denégre L.L.P.
- Mr. John Mayeaux Sisung Securities
- Mr. Watson Barger The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company

# Item 1 – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tommy Head. Mr. Head noted that a quorum was present and that the Board could conduct its business.

# Item 2 – Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting from December 14, 2011

Motion was made for the approval of minutes from the Board meeting of December 14, 2011 by Mr. Gibbs. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Riser and the Motion passed by unanimous vote.

### Item 3 – Update on LCFC Finances (review of bank statements)

Mr. Barger went through the bank statements from December 31, 2011, January 31, 2012 and February 29, 2012 and explained the various accounts and balances.

### Item 4 – Update on projects for Department of Public Safety and Corrections

Mr. Gibbs stated that Secretary LeBlanc would not be able to attend this meeting as he was still at the State Capitol for the opening of the legislative session. He went on to state that Forcht-Wade Correctional Center and J. Levy Dabadie Correctional Center would be closing in the future and that the Avoyelles Correctional Center will be sold and privatized, all due to budget cuts. Mr. Bickham stated that if this legislation passes, the effective date for the sale and privatization of Avoyelles would be January 1, 2013. Mr. Breland updated the lift station status. Mr. Gibbs then asked to add an item to the agenda regarding the approval of an update of an old appraisal for the Avoyelles prison because 330 beds were added to the facility, which adds to its value. Mr. Riser moved that the agenda be amended to discuss this matter. The Motion was seconded by Gibbs and the Motion passed by unanimous vote. There were no other comments from the meeting attendees.

# <u>Item 4a – Authorizing and paying for an update to the appraisal of the Avoyelles</u> property

Motion was made by Mr. Riser to approve and pay for an update to the appraisal of the Avoyelles property for approximately \$6,000. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Gibbs and the Motion passed by unanimous vote.

# Item 5 – Update on oil and gas exploration on LCFC owned property

Mr. Head informed the board that Mr. Gates, an attorney LCFC had hired for oil and gas research, had died. He is therefore starting over with this process. He has an oil and gas attorney in Monroe in mind and will pursue that. He went on to state that he received a phone call from a company in Shreveport which wanted to lease 90 acres in Winn Parish for oil & gas purposes. LCFC owns approximately 1,000 acres in Winn Parish. This company was offering \$100/acre and 3/16ths. Mr. Head informed this company that he thought it was worth more than that and that because LCFC was a quasi-state entity, he thought LCFC could get 25%. The company was supposed to get back to Mr. Head but did not do so. Mr. Head discussed this matter with Mr. Crain who informed him that the \$100/acre was an average price in the area. Mr. Head called the company back and they stated that they were still somewhat interested. Mr. Head asked the board for ideas as to how to proceed. It appears that LCFC only owns 90 acres for minerals. There will be another board meeting before deciding how to proceed with this offer.

## <u>Item 6 – Approval of reimbursement of expenses incurred by Board members for</u> <u>travel expenses</u>

Motion was made by Mr. Gibbs for the approval of reimbursement of expenses incurred by Board Members, Mr. Head and Mr. Riser. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Riser and the Motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### <u>Item 7 – Approval of legal fees submitted by Jones Walker, et al (JW Invoice No.</u> 579851 dated January 20, 2012) as previously forwarded to Tommy Head for approval

Mr. Head stated that he had reviewed the invoice submitted by Jones Walker and found it to be in order. Motion was made for the approval of legal fees submitted by Jones Walker, et al by Mr. Riser. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gibbs and the Motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### Item 8 - Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Board

There was no other business to transact. Motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Gibbs. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Riser and the Motion passed by unanimous vote.